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Robert J. Garvey, Sheriff  
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205 Rocky Hill Road  
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Re: Facility Inspection - Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction, Northampton

Dear Sheriff Garvey:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, as well as Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities; 105 CMR 480.000: Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII); 105 CMR 590.000: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (State Sanitary Code Chapter X); the 1999 Food Code; 105 CMR 520.000 Labeling; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; I conducted an inspection of the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction on December 4, 2014 accompanied by Captain Robert Hodgen, Compliance Officer and Lieutenant David Murphy, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 4 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

**Entrance Area**

*Men's Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Women's Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**Compliance Hall**

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**Men's Staff Locker Room**

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Shower rusted

**Medical***Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Exam Room*

No Violations Noted

**Special Management Unit****A Block***Showers*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Officer's Control Area*

No Violations Noted

**B Block***Showers*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor cracked in upper showers

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Officer's Control Area*

No Violations Noted

**House***Officer's Control Area*

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 100°F

**Unit 1***Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Lower/Upper Showers*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 2***Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Lower/Upper Showers*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 3***Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Lower/Upper Showers*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 4***Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Lower Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Upper Shower*  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Cove base cracked

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 5***Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Lower Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Upper Shower*

Unable to Inspect-In Use

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 6***Cells*

No Violations Noted

Officer's Control Area

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Lower Shower*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Floor tile damaged in lower shower

*Upper Shower*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 7**

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Lower Shower*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor tile cracked

*Upper Shower*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 8**

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Lower Shower*

105 CMR 451.123\*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor tile damaged in lower shower

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Upper Shower*

105 CMR 451.123\*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor tile damaged in lower shower

Maintenance: Cove base cracked

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

**Main Kitchen**

*Walk-in Coolers # 2 & 3*

No Violations Noted

*Walk-in Freezer # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Deep Freezer # 6*

No Violations Noted

*Pot Room*

No Violations Noted

*Barrel Room*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Dining Room*

No Violations Noted

*Dry Storage*

No Violations Noted

**Laundry**

*Inmate Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**Modular**

**Control**

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**North**

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Plumbing chase behind toilets has rotted wall studs, floor joists, and sill plate

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Hole in floor behind toilets # 1 & 2 covered with plywood

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Toilet # 2 damaged

105 CMR 451.124

Water Supply: Insufficient water supply in quantity and pressure at sink # 3

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

*Utility Sink*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Plywood covering hole in floor

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor cracked in shower # 2

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Shower walls cracked in shower # 3, 5, and 7

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall board in shower # 8 not properly secured

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor cracked at each shower divider support

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling warped over mop buckets

*Day Room*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 2*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 3*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles cracked

*Room # 4*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 6*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 7*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 8*

105 CMR 451.330

Room Temperature: No heat

*Room # 9*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 10*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles cracked

**South**

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor worn and not cleanable

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Urinal # 1 damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall corner cracked at toilet # 1

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Hole in wall around flusher at toilet # 4

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Hole in floor in the plumbing chase behind shower wall

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Plumbing chase behind showers has rotted wall studs, floor joists, and sill plate

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wallboard in plumbing chase behind showers has mold growth

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wallboard in showers not moisture proof, walls bulging

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vents rusted

*Day Room*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 2*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusted

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wallboard divider broken

*Room # 3*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wallboard divider broken

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Hole in wall

*Room # 4*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wallboard divider broken

<i>Room # 5</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wallboard divider broken
<i>Room # 6</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Gap between wall and ceiling at window
<i>Room # 7</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 8</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 9</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 10</i>	No Violations Noted
<b>Culinary Art Kitchen</b> FC 6-501.16 FC 5-202.12(A)	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Wet mop stored in bucket Plumbing System, Design: Handwashing sinks water temperature recorded at 100°F
<i>Traulsen Cooler</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>True Freezer</i>	No Violations Noted
<b><u>Lower Level Housing</u></b>	
<i>Laundry</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Control</i>	Unable to Inspect - Locked
<b>Unit 1</b>	No Violations Noted
<b>Unit 2</b>	No Violations Noted
<b><u>Minimum Housing</u></b>	
<i>Main Utility Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Day Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchen</i>	No Violations Noted

**A Block***Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on floors in showers

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in showers

**B Block***Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Showers*

No Violations Noted

**C Block***Showers*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls dirty

**D Block***Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Showers*

No Violations Noted

**E Block***Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**F Block***Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor dirty

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls dirty

**Laundry**

No Violations Noted

**Main Building Gym**



*Inmate Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Workout Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Women's Staff Locker Room*

No Violations Noted

*Weight Room*

No Violations Noted

**Sallyport**

No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 252 at the time of inspection.
2. Heating contractor on sight repairing heat in Modular, North, Room 8.
3. The structural integrity of the North Showers in the Modular building has been compromised. The wall studs, floor joists, and sill are rotted and mold growth was observed due to exposure to moisture. These structural members should be removed and replaced with moisture resistant materials and the mold cleaned. The health and safety of the inmates is at risk due to structural rot and exposure to mold. The Department would like to see a detailed plan addressing the structural deficiencies, including the timeframe for repair, attached to your Plan of Correction. This area needs immediate attention.

This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice, indicating the specific corrective steps to be taken, a timetable for such steps, and the date by which correction will be achieved. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at [www.mass.gov/dph/dcs](http://www.mass.gov/dph/dcs) and click on "Correctional Facilities" (available in both PDF and RTF formats).

To review the Food Establishment regulations please visit the Food Protection website at [www.mass.gov/dph/fpp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp) and click on "Food Protection Regulations". Then under "Retail" click "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments" and "1999 Food Code".

This inspection report is signed and certified under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Sincerely,  
  
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Assistant Director, CSP, BEH

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