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May 7, 2010

Robert J. Garvey, Sheriff
Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction
205 Rocky Hill Road
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Facility Inspection

Dear Sheriff Garvey:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, and Department of Public Health 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; 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 May 3, 2010 accompanied by Captain Robert Hodgen. Violations noted are listed below (* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports).

ENTRANCE AREA

No Violations Noted

MEDICAL

No Violations Noted

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT

A block

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Broken floor tile, outside upper shower

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Missing floor tile, by lower closet

B block

No Violations Noted

HOUSE

Unit # 1

No Violations Noted

Unit # 2

No Violations Noted

Unit # 3

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor tile missing in cell # C17

Showers

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Shower dirty, lower tier

Unit # 4

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Damaged cove molding, lower tier

Unit # 5

No Violations Noted

Unit # 6

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Dusty intake vent in cell # C57

Unit # 7

No Violations Noted

Unit # 8

No Violations Noted

MAIN KITCHEN

FC-5-202.12(A)

FC 5-501.111

Handwashing Facility: Water at handsink was 142⁰F

Areas Enclosures: Dumpster area dirty

LAUNDRY

No Violations Noted

FEMALE BLOCK**UNIT #1**

No Violations Noted

UNIT # 2

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Dusty intake vent in cell # C5 and C6

SALLYPORT

No Violations Noted

MINIMUM SECURITY**A Block**

No Violations Noted

B Block

No Violations Noted

C Block

Bath Room

105 CMR 451.130*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, floor drain dirty

D Block

Bath Room

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor damaged

Rooms

No Violations Noted

E Block

No Violations Noted

Rooms

No Violations Noted

F Block

No Violations Noted

Rooms

No Violations Noted

REGIONAL LOCKUP

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

- Common towels are being used as bathmats in House Units 7 and 8. This practice is not advised due to the possibility of cross contamination

This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please indicate next to each entry on the inspection report a plan of correction. Said plan of correction must be submitted within ten working days of receiving this report and should detail the specific steps that will be taken and the date of expected compliance. The plan of correction should be 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 and click on "Community Sanitation Regulations" (available in both PDF and RTF formats).

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

Sincerely,

Peter Wheeler
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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