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Douglas Bower, Superintendent
 MASAC in Plymouth
 Myles Standish State Forest
 Plymouth, MA 02360 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – MASAC in Plymouth

Dear Superintendent Bower:

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 2013 Food Code; 105 CMR 500.000 Good Manufacturing Practices for Food; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; the Department’s Community Sanitation Program (CSP) conducted an inspection of the MASAC in Plymouth on December 7, 2021 accompanied by Adam Lattanzio, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 35 repeat violations.

Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Gale
 Environmental Analyst, CSP, BEH

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HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

Exterior Trailer – Main Entrance

105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Floor surface not easily cleanable, plywood material

Central Control

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Control

No Violations Noted

Operations Area

Safety Director

No Violations Noted

Office of Investigations

No Violations Noted

Shift Supervisor's Office

No Violations Noted

Break Room

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.130

105 CMR 451.123

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink faucet leaking
Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

Male Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall damaged

Medication Room

No Violations Noted

Medical Office

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged

Medical Treatment Room

105 CMR 451.109*

Toilet and Handwash Facilities: Toilet and handwash facilities not adequately and conveniently located

Mail/Property Clerk

No Violations Noted

A Dorm

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Patient Snack Room

105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged
<i>Staff Break Room</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Day Room 1</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged
<i>Day Room 2</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged
<i>Bathroom Area</i>	
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged above toilet # 1
105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 3 and 8 out-of-order
<i>Shower Area</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Toxic/Caustic Closet</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged
<i>Patient Rooms</i>	
105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, all rooms double-bunked
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged in all rooms
105 CMR 451.141*	Screens: Window screen missing in all rooms
105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Window damaged in room # 135
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling light damaged in room # 116 and 123
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing on light fixture in room # 135 and 144

B Dorm

<i>Patient Snack Room</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Recreation Room</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Hallway</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room # 201</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged
<i>Storage Room # 202</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged
<i>Day Room # 249</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged
105 CMR 451.141	Screens: Security screen damaged
<i>Toxic/Caustic Room</i>	
	No Violations Noted

Bathroom Area

105 CMR 451.130
105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, slop sink leaking
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 1 out-of-order

Shower Area

105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Drain flies observed in shower # 5
Maintenance: Wall tile damaged outside shower # 2
Maintenance: Window frame damaged outside showers

Patient Rooms

105 CMR 451.320*
105 CMR 451.141*
105 CMR 451.353*
105 CMR 451.350
105 CMR 451.104
105 CMR 451.104

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, all rooms double-bunked
Screens: Window screen missing in all the rooms
Interior Maintenance: Radiators damaged in all rooms
Structural Maintenance: Window damaged in room # 242
Beds: Bed not in good repair, bed frame damaged in cell # 221
Beds: Bed not in good repair, bed support springs damaged in cell # 245

C Dorm

West Wing

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Staff Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Staff Female Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Bathroom Area

105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.130*

Maintenance: Handwash sink countertop damaged
Maintenance: Multiple toilet stall partitions rusted
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet loose at front handwash sink # 4

105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall tile damaged under handwash sink # 1
Maintenance: Floor tile damaged in front of handwash sink # 1
Maintenance: Floor tile damaged in front of toilet stall # 4

Shower Area

105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.130
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Blue substance coating floor in shower # 5 and 9
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 1, 5, 8, and 9 leaking
Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in shower # 1

Patient Rooms

105 CMR 451.320*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, all rooms double-bunked

North Hallway

Supply Closet

No Violations Noted

Observation Room # 327, 329, and 330
No Violations Noted

Offices # 331-333
No Violations Noted

Storage # 328
No Violations Noted

Doctor's Office # 349
No Violations Noted

Blood Lab/Admissions #350
No Violations Noted

Booking Office # 347
No Violations Noted

Body Scanning Room # 344
No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Watch Rooms # 1-4
No Violations Noted

HSU

Medication Room
105 CMR 451.109*
Toilet and Handwash Facilities: Toilet and handwash facilities not adequately and conveniently located

Nursing Station
No Violations Noted

Medical Records
No Violations Noted

Director of Nursing Office
No Violations Noted

Ward Room

Doctor's Office (Provider's Office)
No Violations Noted

Shower Room (Handicapped)
No Violations Noted

Ward Bathroom # 1
No Violations Noted

Ward Bathroom # 2

No Violations Noted

M.A.T. Area

Waiting Area

No Violations Noted

Medication Distribution Room

No Violations Noted

Food Service

The following Food Code violations listed in **BOLD** were observed to be corrected on-site.

Dining Room

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Visitor's Bathroom

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet continuously running

Kitchen

Toxic/Caustic Room

No Violations Noted

Toxic/Caustic Area

FC 6-202.15(A)(3)

Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Exterior door not weathertight

Kitchen Manager's Room

No Violations Noted

Stove Area

No Violations Noted

Kettle

No Violations Noted

Oven Area

FC 4-501.11(B)*

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, Traulsen refrigerator gaskets damaged near stove

Walk-In Refrigerator

FC 6-501.12(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not properly cleaned, ceiling dirty above fans

FC 3-302.11(A)(4)

Preventing Contamination after Receiving; Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Cookies stored uncovered

Walk-In Freezer

No Violations Noted

Dry Storage
FC 6-501.11 Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods:
Facility not in good repair, light out

Central Common Area

No Violations Noted

Handwash Sink (near Dry Storage)

No Violations Noted

2-Compartment Sink Area

FC 5-205.15(B)

Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, faucet on right leaking

3-Compartment Sink Area

No Violations Noted

Dishwasher Machine Area

FC 6-301.14*

Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Sinks: No handwashing signage located at handwashing sink

FC 6-301.12

Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Facilities: No hand drying method available at handwashing sink

FC 6-301.20

Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Facilities: No waste receptacle provided for disposable towel

Exterior Buildings

Morton Building

Main Area

No Violations Noted

Freezer # 1

FC 4-501.11(A)*

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, exterior thermometer not working properly

Freezer # 2 – Storage Unit

No Violations Noted

Bunk House # 25 (Office Space)

Large Office Space

No Violations Noted

Rear Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Front Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Small Office Space

No Violations Noted

Bunk House # 24 (Office Space)

Office Cubicles

No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Building # 17 (Training Room)

105 CMR 451.109*

Toilet and Handwash Facilities: Toilet and handwash facilities not adequately and conveniently located

Laundry

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Window screen damaged

Library

No Violations Noted

Weight Room

Unable to Inspect – Closed for Demolition

Classroom Building # 23

Record Storage

No Violations Noted

Large Classroom

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Exterior door encasing rotted

Middle Classrooms

No Violations Noted

West Classroom

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Large door not rodent and weathertight

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Light shields missing

Pondside Building

Bathroom # 1

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # 2

No Violations Noted

Office Area

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in rear office space

EHSO Office

No Violations Noted

Navigator Building

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Offices

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The patient population was 40 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of inspection, the CSP recommended installing a floor covering that is more durable and easily cleanable in the Exterior Trailer near the main entrance.
3. The Medical Exam Room near Central Control and the HSU Medication Room do not have convenient handwashing facilities. Please provide a policy which states how the institution will ensure the health and safety of inmates and staff working inside these areas.
4. The Building #17 does not have convenient and permanent handwashing facilities for staff stationed in the building. The CSP observed temporary handwash stations located outside the building next to the portable toilets. The CSP remains concerned with the lack of appropriate handwashing facilities. Please provide a policy which states how the institution will maintain these temporary handwashing stations, and provide a timeline for permanent handwashing facilities to be constructed.
5. The Building # 17 does not have convenient toilet facilities for staff stationed in the building. The CSP observed 2 portable toilets outside the Building which can only be accessed by staff. The CSP remains concerned with the lack of appropriate toilet facilities. Please provide a policy which states how often the portable toilets are serviced and cleaned, as well as a policy which indicates an alternative, convenient toilet facility for the Building during months which temperatures do not permit the usage of outdoor bathrooms usage. In addition, please provide a timeline for permanent toilet facilities to be constructed.

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 and click on "Correctional Facilities" (available in both PDF and RTF formats).

To review the Food Establishment Regulations or download a copy, please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Retail food". Then under DPH Regulations and FDA Code click "Merged Food Code" or "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Food Protection Program regulations". Then under Food Processing click "105 CMR 500.000: Good Manufacturing Practices for Food".

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

Sincerely,



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