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May 8, 2015

Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff

Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department

20 Bradston Street

Boston, MA 02118

Re: Facility Inspection – Suffolk County Jail, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

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 Suffolk County Jail on March 24, 2015 accompanied by Deputy Michael Chisholm, EHSO/FS, Deputy Rich Bloom, EHSO/FS, and Marian Robertson, Community Sanitation Program. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 28 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(*\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports*)

**Entry Level**

*Front Lobby*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles dusty

*Male Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**7th Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

**Floor 6.5**

*Gym*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # 6503*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 6504*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # 6505*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # 6506*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris on floor

**6th Floor**

*Staff Bathroom 6-1 & 6-2*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom 6-3 & 6-4*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 6-1A***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 61B*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 61G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower Area*

Unable to Inspect - Occupied

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 6-1***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room*

No Violations Noted

*Second Floor Storage Room*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 617*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 618*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 711*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 712*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 27 and 35

***Unit 6-2***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 62B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 625*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 626*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # 620*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 627*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Room*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 721*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 722*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 723*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 6-3***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

FC 4-602.12(B) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty

*Meeting Room # 63B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 63C*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 63D*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dirty

*Shower # 63E*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 63F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 63G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 63H*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 63I*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 4 and 12

FC 3-501.16(B) Limitation of Growth of Organisms, Temperature and Time Control: Potentially

hazardous food not held at the proper cold holding temperature, milk stored

outside of cell # 9 and 11

*Recreational Deck*

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight

***Unit 6-4***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64B*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris in wall vent

*Slop Sink Room # 64C*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Shower # 64D*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Meeting Room # 64E*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 64F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64G*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on floors

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Shower # 64H*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Shower # 64I*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Shower curtain missing

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

FC 3-501.16(B) Limitation of Growth of Organisms, Temperature and Time Control: Potentially

hazardous food not held at the proper cold holding temperature, milk stored

outside of cell # 36

**5th Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

***Medical Area***

*Waiting Room*

No Violations Noted

*Nurses Area*

No Violations Noted

*Pharmacy # 5504*

No Violations Noted

*Omni Cell Room # 5041*

No Violations Noted

*Diabetic Room # 5044*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Locker and Bathroom # 5093*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Locker and Bathroom # 5124*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Break Room # 5033*

FC 4-602.12(B) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of toaster oven dirty

*Dental Office*

No Violations Noted

*Exam Room # 1 and Bathroom # 5032*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Exam Room # 2 and Bathroom # 5030*

No Violations Noted

*X-Ray Room*

No Violations Noted

*Medical Waste/Biohazard Storage Room # 5507*

No Violations Noted

***Medical Housing Unit***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

FC 4-602.12(B)\* Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty

*Slop Sink Room # 5511*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Shower # 5512*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5513*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5515*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5516*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked

*Room # 5518*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged

*Isolation Cell # 5514*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 5522*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 55C*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # 5523*

No Violations Noted

*Shower/Storage # 5524*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 5554*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Psychiatric Housing Unit # 5552***

*Storage # 5553*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5555*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5558*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged

*Room # 5562*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 55A*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris on floor

*Slop Sink Room # 5572*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris in sink basin

**4th Floor**

*Staff Bathroom 4-1 & 4-2*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom 4-3 & 4-4*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 4-1***

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, water fountain not functioning properly

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 41N*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 41M*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 41G (near cell # 10)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 41H (near cell # 27)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 41I*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 41J*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 41K*

No Violations Noted

*Showers (near room # 41L)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 30

***Recreational Deck 4-1 & 4-2***

No Violations Noted

***Unit 4-2***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 42B*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 42C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42E (near cell # 15)*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Shower curtain missing

*Room # 42F*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

*Shower # 42G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42H*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42I (near cell # 32)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 4-3***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 43B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43C*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Slop Sink Room # 43D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43E (near cell # 3)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Drain flies observed

*Storage Room # 43F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43H*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Shower # 43I (near cell # 20)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 33

***Unit 4-4***

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Ceiling damaged near cell # 44G

FC 2-402.11 Hygienic Practices; Hair Restraints: Food service personnel not wearing appropriate hair restraints, hair nets

FC 2-402.11 Hygienic Practices; Hair Restraints: Food service personnel not wearing appropriate hair restraints, beard guards

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 44B*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 44C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 44D (near meeting room # 44E)*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 44E*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 44G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 44H (near cell # 9)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Smoke detector head rusted

*Shower # 44I (near cell # 28)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris on floor

*Shower # 44J (near visiting rooms)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**3rd Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

**Floor 3.5**

*Office Area*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 3503*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*File Room Kitchen # 3516*

FC 4-602.12(B) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave ovens dirty

*Bathroom # 3521*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**2nd Floor**

*Staff Bathroom 2-1 & 2-2*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom 2-3 & 2-4*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Chapel*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom # 2034*

Unable to Inspect - Locked

*Female Staff Bathroom # 2035*

Unable to Inspect - Locked

*Offices*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 2-1***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 21B*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Slop Sink Room # 21C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 21D*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 21E*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 21F (near cell # 11)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 21G (near cell # 30)*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 21H*

No Violations Noted

*Shower (near room # 21H)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris on floor

*Shower # 21J*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 24

***Recreational Deck 2-1 & 2-2***

No Violations Noted

***Unit 2-2***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 22B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 22C (near slop sink room # 22D)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Slop Sink Room # 22D*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty outside of room # 22D

*Shower # 22E (near cell # 15)*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 22F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 22H (near closet # 22F)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris on floor

*Shower # 22I (near cell # 34)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged

*Shower # 22J (near cell # 32)*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on wall metal access panel

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 1

***Unit 2-3***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

FC 4-602.12(B)\* Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty

*Meeting Room # 23B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23C*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 23D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23E (near cell # 3)*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 23F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23G (near cell # 20)*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on wall metal access panel

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Shower # 23H (near cell # 18)*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on floor

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain dirty

*Shower # 23J (near closet # 23F)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 21

***Unit 2-4***

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles missing outside cells # 20, 21, 22, and 23

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 24B*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, floor drain clogged

*Slop Sink Room # 24C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower (near room # 28)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Shower # 24D*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 24E*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 24F (near cell # 9)*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on wall metal access panel

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

*Shower (near room # 312)*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 24G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 24H (near cell # 28)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 24J (near visiting rooms)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**Contact Visits**

*Female Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 1 not working

*Male Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**Entry Level (Inside)**

*Staff Cafeteria # 1066*

No Violations Noted

*Inside Administration*

No Violations Noted

*Weight Room # 1070*

No Violations Noted

*Cardio Room*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 1072*

No Violations Noted

*Water Fountain*

No Violations Noted

*Blue Shirt’s Locker Room # 1075*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Locker Room # 1076*

No Violations Noted

*Captain and Lieutenants’ Locker Room # 1077*

FC 4-601.11(c) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Non-food contact surface dirty, freezer interior dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris on bathroom floor

***Outside Administration Bathrooms***

*Female Bathroom # 1013*

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom # 1015*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 1004*

No Violations Noted

**Ground Level**

*Canteen # G10*

Unable to Inspect - Locked

***Hallway Bathrooms***

*Staff Bathroom # G5*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G6*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # G11*

No Violations Noted

*Maintenance # G12*

No Violations Noted

*Locker Room # G13*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchen Maintenance # G15*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry Room # G23*

No Violations Noted

*Office # G25*

No Violations Noted

*Towel/Linen Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Loading Dock # G26*

No Violations Noted

*Garbage Room # G37*

No Violations Noted

*Computer Room # G39*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # G43*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G44*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G46*

No Violations Noted

***Female Booking Area***

*Holding Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Male Booking Area***

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Property Room # G62*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G64*

No Violations Noted

*Intake Area*

No Violations Noted

*Male Intake Cells # G74*

No Violations Noted

*Holding Cage*

No Violations Noted

*Holding Cells*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty in cell # G71

***Back Gate Control # G80***

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G81*

No Violations Noted

***Food Service Area***

*Trash Room # G37*

No Violations Noted

*Office # G38*

No Violations Noted

*Trash Area*

No Violations Noted

*Oven and Steamer Hood Area*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Grease Hood*

No Violations Noted

*Dry Storage # G23*

FC 7-206.12\* Poisonous or Toxic Materials; Pesticides: Rodent traps not covered and tamper resistant, exposed sticky traps on floor

FC 3-304.12(A) Preventing Contamination from Utensils: Service utensils handle stored below the food and container line

*Storage Cage*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 2 faucet continually running

*Inmate Dining Area*

FC 6-501.11\* Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, baseboard tiles damaged

*Chemical Storage Cage*

FC 6-501.111(B) Maintenance and Operations; Pest Control: Flies observed around chemical storage cage

*Can Opener Table*

No Violations Noted

*Refrigerator # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Refrigerator # 2*

No Violations Noted

*Ice Machines*

FC 4-601.11(A) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty, interior of ice machine dirty

*Vegetable Chest # 3*

No Violations Noted

*Milk Chest # 4*

No Violations Noted

*Freezer # 5*

No Violations Noted

*Bread Refrigerator # 6*

No Violations Noted

*Prep Table with 2-Bay Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Tray Prep Area*

FC 4-903.11(A)(2) Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-service items not protected from contamination, utensils not stored with handles up

*Kettle Area*

No Violations Noted

*Food Prep Table (in front of milk chest # 4)*

No Violations Noted

*3-Bay Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Mechanical Warewashing Area*

FC 6-501.12(A)\* Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, standing water observed on floor

*Tray Racks*

No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 577 at the time of inspection.
2. The 5th floor X-Ray room had an expired radiologic certificate.

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](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/%7Edms/fc99-toc.html)”.

To review the Labeling 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 “General Food Regulations” click “105 CMR 520.000: Labeling.”

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan Brown

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

cc: Suzanne K. Condon, Associate Commissioner, Director, BEH

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