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November 12, 2014

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; 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 October 20, 2014 accompanied by Deputy Michael Chisholm, EHSO/FS, and Deputy Rich Bloom, EHSO/FS. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 41 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*

No Violations Noted

**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*

No Violations Noted

*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*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling dirty

*Shower # 618*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling dirty

*Shower # 711*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 712*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 22

***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*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

*Meeting Room # 627*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Room # 704*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Baseboard missing

*Shower # 721*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 722*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 723*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door frame paint peeling

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 6-3***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 63B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 63C*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 63D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 63E*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Drain flies observed

*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*

No Violations Noted

*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

*Slop Sink Room # 64C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64D*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Meeting Room # 64E*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 64F*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged outside of storage room

*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*

No Violations Noted

**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*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*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*

No Violations Noted

*Dental Office*

No Violations Noted

*Exam Room # 1 and Bathroom # 5032*

No Violations Noted

*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*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tile missing near kitchenette

*Kitchenette*

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

*Slop Sink Room # 5511*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 5512*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5513*

No Violations Noted

*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

*Kitchenette*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Sink dirty

*Shower # 55A*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 5572*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 5567

**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

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 1 and 5

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

No Violations Noted

***Unit 4-2***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

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

*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*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42H*

No Violations Noted

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

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 4-3***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

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

*Meeting Room # 43B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43C*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 43D*

No Violations Noted

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

No Violations Noted

*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)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 4-4***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

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

*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)*

No Violations Noted

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

No Violations Noted

*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*

No Violations Noted

**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*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom # 2035*

No Violations Noted

*Offices*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 2-1***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

105 CMR 451.360\* Protective Measures: Flying insects observed

*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)*

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

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

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Walls dirty

*Closet # 21H*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 21J*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall vent dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

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

No Violations Noted

***Unit 2-2***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violation Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 22B*

No Violations Noted

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

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower head leaking

*Slop Sink Room # 22D*

No Violations Noted

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

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 22F*

No Violations Noted

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

No Violations Noted

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

No Violations Noted

*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*

No Violations Noted

***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*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Slop Sink Room # 23D*

No Violations Noted

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

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty

*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

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on floor

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 2-4***

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles missing outside cells # 20-23

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 24B*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Slop Sink Room # 24C*

No Violations Noted

*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

*Closet # 24G*

No Violations Noted

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Shower # 24J (near visiting rooms)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*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* Unable to Fully Inspect – Back Area Under Construction

FC 4-204.112(A)\* Design and Construction, Functionality: No functioning thermometer in refrigerator

FC 7-206.12\* Poisonous or Toxic Materials; Pesticides: Rodent traps not covered and tamper resistant, sticky rat traps observed behind vending machines

*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*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, low water pressure

*Blue Shirt’s Locker Room # 1075*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Locker Room # 1076*

No Violations Noted

*Captain and Lieutenants’ Locker Room # 1077*

Unable to Inspect – Occupied

***Outside Administration Bathrooms***

*Female Bathroom # 1013*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty above toilets

*Male Bathroom # 1015*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 1004*

No Violations Noted

**Ground Level**

*Canteen # G10*

No Violations Noted

***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*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall dirty around hand dryer

***Female Booking Area***

*Holding Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Male Booking Area***

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Property Room # G62*

Unable to Inspect – Occupied

*Staff Bathroom # G64*

Unable to Inspect – Occupied

*Intake Area*

Unable to Inspect – Occupied

*Male Intake Cells # G74*

Unable to Inspect - Occupied

*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

*Storage Cage*

FC 4-601.11(B) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty, knife dirty

*Inmate Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Dining Area*

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

*Chemical Storage Cage*

No Violation Noted

*Can Opener Table*

No Violations Noted

*Refrigerator # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Refrigerator # 2*

No Violations Noted

*Ice Machines*

No Violations Noted

*Vegetable Chest # 3*

No Violations Noted

*Milk Chest # 4*

No Violations Noted

*Freezer # 5*

FC 4-501.11(A)\* Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, ice buildup observed on ceiling near vent fans

*Bread Refrigerator # 6*

No Violations Noted

*Prep Table with 2-Bay Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Tray Prep Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kettle Area*

FC 5-205.15(B) Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, floor drains missing

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

FC 5-202.12(A) Plumbing System, Design: Handwashing sinks water temperature recorded at 1400F

*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

FC 5-205.15(B) Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, hose leaking near warewash machine

*Tray Racks*

No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

* The inmate population was 568 at the time of inspection.

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)”.

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

Sincerely,

Marian Robertson

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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