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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

<i>Gym</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # 6503</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room # 6504</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Inmate Bathroom # 6505</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Inmate Bathroom # 6506</i>	No Violations Noted

6th Floor

<i>Staff Bathroom 6-1 & 6-2</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom 6-3 & 6-4</i>	No Violations Noted

Unit 6-1A

<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink Room # 61B</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room # 61G</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted

Unit 6-1

<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted

<i>Slop Sink Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Second Floor Storage Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 617</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling dirty
<i>Shower # 618</i> 105 CMR 451.123* 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls Maintenance: Ceiling dirty
<i>Shower # 711</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 712</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i> 105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 22
<i>Unit 6-2</i>	
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink Room # 62B</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 625</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 626</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage # 620</i> 105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
<i>Meeting Room # 627</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Room # 704</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Baseboard missing
<i>Shower # 721</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 722</i>	No Violations Noted

<i>Shower # 723</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Door frame paint peeling
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Unit 6-3</i>	
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Meeting Room # 63B</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 63C</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink Room # 63D</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 63E</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Drain flies observed
<i>Storage Room # 63F</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 63G</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 63H</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 63I</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Recreational Deck</i> 105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight
<i>Unit 6-4</i>	
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted

<i>Shower # 64B</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls
<i>Slop Sink Room # 64C</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 64D</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls
<i>Meeting Room # 64E</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room # 64F</i> 105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged outside of storage room
<i>Shower # 64G</i> 105 CMR 451.123* 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on floors Maintenance: Soap scum on walls
<i>Shower # 64H</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls
<i>Shower # 64I</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Shower curtain missing
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<u>5th Floor</u>	
<i>Hallway</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Medical Area</i>	
<i>Waiting Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Nurses Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Pharmacy # 5504</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Omni Cell Room # 5041</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Diabetic Room # 5044</i>	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

FC 4-204.112(A)*

FC 7-206.12*

Unable to Fully Inspect – Back Area Under Construction
Design and Construction, Functionality: No functioning thermometer in refrigerator
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 140°F

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 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 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,



Marian Robertson

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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