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November 6, 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: Minimum Requirements for the Management of 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 October 27, 2015 accompanied by John Fallon, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 17 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>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 618</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 711</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 712</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<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> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Debris in wall vent
<i>Storage # 620</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Meeting Room # 627</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 721</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 722</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 723</i>	No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Unit 6-3

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Bubbler not draining properly

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Meeting Room # 63B

No Violations Noted

Shower # 63C

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 63D

No Violations Noted

Shower # 63E

No Violations Noted

Storage Room # 63F

No Violations Noted

Shower # 63G

No Violations Noted

Shower # 63H

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Debris in wall vent

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

No Violations Noted

<i>Slop Sink Room # 64C</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 64D</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Meeting Room # 64E</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room # 64F</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 64G</i>	No Violations Noted
<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>	No Violations Noted
<i>Omni Cell Room # 5041</i>	No Violations Noted

Diabetic Room # 5044

105 CMR 480.100(C)(2)
105 CMR 480.100(A)(2)
105 CMR 480.400(C)

Storage Area: Storage Area not designed or equipped to prevent unauthorized access
Storage: Primary container(s) were not secured to prevent leakage/loss
Shipping Papers: Generator was not maintaining copy of shipping papers with record-keeping log for at least 375 days
Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator had no written documentation for all on-site waste storage areas including the capacity and duration of waste storage
Storage: Primary container(s) were not marked with biohazard symbol and the word "Biohazard"

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

105 CMR 480.100(C)(2)
105 CMR 480.100(A)(2)
105 CMR 480.100(A)

Storage Area: Storage Area not designed or equipped to prevent unauthorized access
Storage: Primary container(s) were not secured to prevent leakage/loss
Storage: Primary container(s) were not ASTM approved, clear bag lining medical waste can

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

105 CMR 480.100(C)(5)

Storage Area: Storage area did not provide sufficient storage space, red bags overflowing from boxes

Medical Housing Unit

Common Area

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 5511

No Violations Noted

Shower # 5512

No Violations Noted

Room # 5513

No Violations Noted

<i>Room # 5515</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5516</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5518</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Isolation Cell # 5514</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room # 5522</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 55C</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage # 5523</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower/Storage # 5524</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 5554</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Psychiatric Housing Unit # 5552</i>	
<i>Storage # 5553</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5555</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5558</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5562</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 55A</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink Room # 5572</i> 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

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 # 7

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Noxious odor outside cell # 16

Recreational Deck 4-1 & 4-2

No Violations Noted

Unit 4-2

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Bubbler dirty

Visiting Rooms

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

<i>Meeting Room # 42B</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink Room # 42C</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 42D</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 42E (near cell # 15)</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Shower curtain missing
<i>Room # 42F</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 42G</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Debris on floor
<i>Shower # 42H</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Debris on floor
<i>Shower # 42I (near cell # 32)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Unit 4-3</i>	
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Meeting Room # 43B</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 43C</i> 105 CMR 451.123 105 CMR 451.123 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Drain flies observed Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged Maintenance: Debris in wall vent
<i>Slop Sink Room # 43D</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 43E (near cell # 3)</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged
<i>Storage Room # 43F</i>	No Violations Noted

Shower # 43G

No Violations Noted

Shower # 43H

No Violations Noted

Shower # 43I (near cell # 20)

105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged

Cells

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 33

Unit 4-4

Common Area

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower near room # 512
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Drain flies observed in shower near room # 512

Kitchenette

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Electrical outlet damaged

Shower # 44B

05 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 120°F

Slop Sink Room # 44C

No Violations Noted

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris in wall vent
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty

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

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, hot water button on sink damaged

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
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Debris on floor

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

File Room Kitchen # 3516
FC 4-601.11(B)

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty, cooking equipment dirty, toaster oven interior 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

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

No Violations Noted

<i>Shower # 21B</i>	
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls
<i>Slop Sink Room # 21C</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 21D</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Meeting Room # 21E</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 21F (near cell # 11)</i>	
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower curtain missing
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: debris on floor
<i>Shower # 21G (near cell # 30)</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Closet # 21H</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower (near room # 21H)</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 21J</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Recreational Deck 2-1 & 2-2</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Unit 2-2</i>	
<i>Common Area</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Meeting Room # 22B</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 22C (near slop sink room # 22D)</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink Room # 22D</i>	
	No Violations Noted

<i>Shower # 22E (near cell # 15)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Closet # 22F</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 22H (near closet # 22F)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 22I (near cell # 34)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 22J (near cell # 32)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
 Unit 2-3	
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Meeting Room # 23B</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 23C</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink Room # 23D</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 23E (near cell # 3)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Closet # 23F</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 23G (near cell # 20)</i>	Unable to Inspect - Occupied
<i>Shower # 23H (near cell # 18)</i>	
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
<i>Shower # 23J (near closet # 23F)</i>	No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Unit 2-4

Common Area

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Shower # 24B

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Shower curtain missing

Slop Sink Room # 24C

No Violations Noted

Shower (near room # 28)

No Violations Noted

Shower # 24D

No Violations Noted

Meeting Room # 24E

No Violations Noted

Shower # 24F (near cell # 9)

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

FC 4-602.12(B)

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of toaster oven dirty

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

Unable to Inspect - Occupied

Captain and Lieutenants' Locker Room # 1077

No Violations Noted

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

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

<i>Locker Room # G13</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchen Maintenance # G15</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Laundry Room # G23</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Office # G25</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Towel/Linen Storage</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Loading Dock # G26</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Garbage Room # G37</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Computer Room # G39</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage # G43</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # G44</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # G46</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Female Booking Area</i>	
<i>Holding Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Male Booking Area</i>	
<i>Control</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Property Room # G62</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # G64</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Intake Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Male Intake Cells # G74</i>	No Violations Noted

<i>Holding Cage</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Holding Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Back Gate Control # G80</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # G81</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Food Service Area</i> <i>Trash Room # G37</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Office # G38</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Trash Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Oven and Steamer Hood Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Handwash Sink</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Grease Hood</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Dry Storage # G23</i> FC 7-206.12*	Poisonous or Toxic Materials; Pesticides: Rodent traps not covered and tamper resistant, exposed sticky traps on floor
<i>Storage Cage</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Inmate Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Inmate Dining Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Chemical Storage Cage</i> FC 6-501.111(B)	Maintenance and Operations; Pest Control: Flies observed around chemical storage cage
<i>Can Opener Table</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Refrigerator # 1</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Refrigerator # 2</i>	No Violations Noted

Ice Machines

No Violations Noted

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

Handwash Sink (near food prep table)

FC 5-205.11(B)

Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Handwashing sink used for an unapproved purpose, food scraps observed in sink basin

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 4-501.112(A)(2)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Inadequate water temperature in the mechanical warewashing machine

Tray Racks

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 609 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of inspection, the Department recommended using disposable plates and utensils for serving food due to the mechanical warewashing machine not meeting minimum temperature for disinfection.
3. At the time of inspection, the Department inspected peaches, beans, and potatoes in response to a complaint. No insects were observed in the food or food areas.

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.

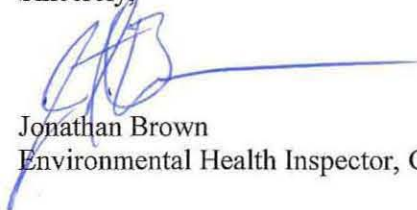
To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" (available in both PDF and RTF formats).

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](#)".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at 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: Jan Sullivan, Acting Director, BEH
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