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April 30, 2014

Michael J. Ashe, Jr., Sheriff
Hampden County Sheriff's Department
626 Randall Road
Ludlow, MA 01056

Re: Facility Inspection – Western Mass Women's Correctional Center, Chicopee

Dear Sheriff Ashe:

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 Western Mass Women's Correctional Center on April 4, 2014 accompanied by Corporal Thomas Kalil, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 1 repeat violation:

HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Kitchen

Inmate Dining

No Violations Noted

Staff Dining

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Intake

No Violations Noted

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Visiting

No Violations Noted

Minimum B*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Showers

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Minimum A*Laundry*

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Socks behind dryer

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Showers

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Unit 1A*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Showers

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.104

Beds: Inmates sleeping on floor in cell # 10

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 13

Unit 1B*Janitor's Closet*

No Violations Noted

Day Area

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Showers

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Debris on air vent in cell # 6

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Air vent blocked in cell # 9

Unit 2A

Mechanical Room

No Violations Noted

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Day Area

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Conference Room

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Upper Showers

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Debris on air vent

Cells

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Air vent blocked in cell # 5 and 22

105 CMR 451.104

Beds: Inmates sleeping on floor in cell # 16

Unit 2B

Mechanical Room

No Violations Noted

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Debris on air vent in cell # 6

Day Area

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Showers

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Medical

No Violations Noted

Programs

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 149 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,



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