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January 23, 2015

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; 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 Western Mass Women’s Correctional Center on January 20, 2015 accompanied by Sergeant Thomas Kalil, EHSO, and Paul Halfmann, Community Sanitation Program. 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

**Male Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Female Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet**

No Violations Noted

**Women’s Locker Room (AA-119)**

No Violations Noted

**Men’s Locker Room (AA-118)**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**CENTRAL CONTROL**

No Violations Noted

**Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet (AA-215)**

No Violations Noted

**VISITING**

No Violations Noted

**Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Janitor’s Closet (AA-252)**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Inmate Bathroom (AA-255)**

No Violations Noted

**INTAKE**

No Violations Noted

**Inmate Intake Room/Search Room (AA-250)**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Inmate Property (AA-248)**

No Violations Noted

**Urinalysis Room (AA-234)**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet (AA-235)**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Bathroom (AA-238)**

No Violations Noted

**Inmate Bathroom**

Unable to Inspect - In Use

**AA-273**

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

**Inmate Waiting**

No Violations Noted

**Laundry**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Washing machine # 1 not working

**CENTRAL STORAGE**

No Violations Noted

**Inmate Bathroom (AA-127)**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet (AA-128)**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Bathroom (AA-129)**

No Violations Noted

**Break Room (AA-131)**

No Violations Noted

**MAINTENANCE SHOP**

No Violations Noted

**SECURITY MANAGEMENT**

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

**Staff Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**KITCHEN**

FC 4-501.11(B) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, reach in warmer gasket damaged

**Dairy/Produce Refrigerator**

No Violations Noted

**Meat Refrigerator**

No Violations Noted

**Freezer**

No Violations Noted

**Dry Storage**

No Violations Noted

**Culinary**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet**

No Violations Noted

**Inmate Dining**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Dining**

FC 4-501.11(A) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Coffee machine not functioning properly

**Staff Bathroom (AB-210)**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Bathroom (AB-209)**

No Violations Noted

**Classroom**

No Violations Noted

**Bathroom (AA-309)**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**MEDICAL**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Bathroom (AA-350)**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Bathroom (AA348)**

No Violations Noted

**Dental**

No Violations Noted

**PRISON INDUSTRY**

No Violations Noted

**Barber Shop**

No Violations Noted

**Inmate Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Baseboard damaged

**PROGRAMS**

**Break Room**

No Violations Noted

**Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Classroom**

No Violations Noted

**Library**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Inmate Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**MINIMUM A**

**Laundry**

No Violations Noted

**Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Showers**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Cells**

No Violations Noted

**MINIMUM B**

**Laundry**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Sock behind dryer

**Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet**

No Violations Noted

**Showers**

No Violations Noted

**Storage**

No Violations Noted

**Cells**

No Violations Noted

**UNIT 1**

**Staff Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Triage**

105 CMR 451.110(A) Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink

**Pre-Trial Office**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet**

No Violations Noted

**Inmate Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**UNIT 1A**

**Janitor’s Closet**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Water left in mop bucket

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Storage Room**

No Violations Noted

**Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Lower Shower**

No Violations Noted

**Upper Shower**

No Violations Noted

**Cells**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 12

**UNIT 1B**

**Janitor’s Closet**

No Violations Noted

**Day Area**

No Violations Noted

**Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Lower Shower**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1, 3, and handicap shower

**Upper Shower**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1, 2, and 3

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Cells**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 7, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, and 24

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Toilet paper on ceiling in cell # 6

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 2

**UNIT 2 (Administration)**

**Conference Room**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Inmate Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Janitor’s Closet**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**UNIT 2A**

**Storage Room (HP-113)**

No Violations Noted

**Mechanical Room**

No Violations Noted

**Laundry**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet**

No Violations Noted

**Day Area**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Bathroom (HP-116)**

No Violations Noted

**Lower Shower**

No Violations Noted

**Upper Shower**

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on floors in shower # 1-4

**Cells**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 12

**UNIT 2B**

**Mechanical Room**

No Violations Noted

**Laundry**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet**

No Violations Noted

**Day Area**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Shower**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Cells**

105 CMR 451.140 Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, ceiling ventilation grille blocked in cell # 6

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 12

**UNIT 3**

**Inmate Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Break Room**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet**

No Violations Noted

**UNIT 3A**

**Laundry (HSA 104)**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Washing machine # 3 not working

**Janitor’s Closet**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in sink

**Cells**

No Violations Noted

**Lower Shower**

No Violations Noted

**Upper Shower**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Storage**

No Violations Noted

**Day Room**

No Violations Noted

**UNIT 3B**

**Janitor’s Closet**

No Violations Noted

**Laundry**

No Violations Noted

**Lower Shower**

No Violations Noted

**Upper Shower**

No Violations Noted

**Day Room**

No Violations Noted

**Multi-Purpose Room**

No Violations Noted

**Storage**

No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 260 at the time of inspection.
2. The Department requests you contact the Radiation Control Program for an updated certificate and post conspicuously.

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,

Kerry Wagner

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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