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April 28, 2014

Michael J. Ashe, Jr., Sheriff

Hampden County Sheriff’s Department

626 Randall Road

Ludlow, MA 01056

Re: Facility Inspection – Western Mass Correctional Alcohol Center, Springfield

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 Correctional Alcohol Center on April 7, 2014 accompanied by Officer Jean Alabre. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(*\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports*)

**BASEMENT**

*Buffer Room*

No Violations Noted

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Food Storage*

FC 4-903.11(B)(1) Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Styrofoam plates not stored in the inverted position

*Chemical Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Weight Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Arm curl machine padding damaged

*Male Bathroom # 009*

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom # 023*

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature 990F

*Female Bathroom # 021*

No Violations Noted

*Records*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Dining*

No Violations Noted

*Library*

No Violations Noted

*Urinalysis Room*

No Violations Noted

*Barber Shop*

No Violations Noted

**FIRST FLOOR**

*Lobby*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchen*

No Violations Noted

*Dining*

No Violations Noted

*Women’s Unit # 5*

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Chair seat damaged in cell # 148

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 148

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Sink # 3 on left drains slow

*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

*Medical*

Unable to Inspect – No access

**SECOND FLOOR**

**Unit # 1**

*Day Room*

No Violations Noted

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Mop stored in bucket

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.102 Pillows and Linens: Pillow damaged in cell # 202 and 204

*Day Room # 216*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Table leg damaged

*Day Room # 220*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Seven chairs damaged

**Unit # 2**

*Day Room*

No Violations Noted

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Mop stored in bucket

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.102 Pillows and Linens: Linens damaged in cell # 244

105 CMR 451.102 Pillows and Linens: Pillow damaged in cell # 234

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Door damaged in cell # 231

**THIRD FLOOR**

*Day Room*

No Violations Noted

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Mop stored in bucket

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.102 Pillows and Linens: Linens damaged in cell # 329

105 CMR 451.102 Pillows and Linens: Two pillows damaged in cell # 342

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Blocked air vent in cell # 346

*Staff Bathroom # 321*

No Violations Noted

**FOUNDATION HOUSE**

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.102 Pillows and Linens: Linens damaged in cell # 341

*Handicap Shower*

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature 1190F

**KITCHEN**

No Violations Noted

**Laundry**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Mop stored on floor

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 176 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 indicate next to each entry on the inspection report a plan of correction. Said plan of correction must be submitted within ten working days of receiving this report and should detail the specific steps that will be taken and the date of expected compliance. The plan of correction should be 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,

Peter A Wheeler

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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