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September 22, 2014

Frank G. Cousins, Jr., Sheriff

Essex County Women in Transition

20 Manning Avenue

Middleton, MA 01949

Re: Facility Inspection – Essex County Women in Transition, Salisbury

Dear Sheriff Cousins:

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 Essex County Women in Transition on September 5, 2014 accompanied by Sergeant Tom Florence, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 3 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

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

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Office (2)*

No Violations Noted

*Program Coordinator’s Office (3)*

No Violations Noted

*Deputy Superintendent’s Office (4)*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry Room (5)*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged under washer units

*Staff Bathroom (6)*

No Violations Noted

*Copy Room (7)*

No Violations Noted

*Hot Water Heater Room (8)*

No Violations Noted

*HSU (9)*

No Violations Noted

*Communication Room (10)*

No Violations Noted

*Visitor’s Bathroom (12)*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm Rooms*

105 CMR 451.322\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorm rooms

*Dorm Room # 11*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm Room # 13*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm Room # 14*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor tiles loose in bathroom

*Dorm Room # 15*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm Room # 16*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm Room # 17*

No Violations Noted

*Shower Room (18)*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchen (19)*

FC 6-501.11 Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, floor tiles damaged near 3-bay sink

FC 6-202.15(D)(1) Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Vent fan louvers not closing properly

*Meeting and Dining Room (20)*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in meeting room

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in dining room

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 23 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 10 days of receipt of this letter 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,

Marian Robertson

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