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February 3, 2015

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; 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 Correctional Alcohol Center on January 21, 2015 accompanied by Dan Moran, Standards and Training Coordinator, and Paul Halfmann, Community Sanitation Program. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 5 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

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

**BASEMENT**

**Buffer Room**

No Violations Noted

**Food Storage**

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

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

FC 6-501.12(A) Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, freezer floor was dirty

**Chemical Storage**

No Violations Noted

**Weight Room**

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Arm curl machine padding damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

**Male Bathroom (#009)**

No Violations Noted

**Male Bathroom (#023)**

105 CMR 451.126\* Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 960F

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty

**Female Bathroom (#021)**

No Violations Noted

**Female Bathroom (#110)**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Light shield broken

**Records**

No Violations Noted

**Laundry**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Dryer # 1 not working

**Staff Dining**

No Violations Noted

**Library**

No Violations Noted

**Urinalysis Room**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

**Barber Shop**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Hair clippers dirty

**Tool Crib**

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

**Property Room**

Unable to Inspect – No Access

**FIRST FLOOR**

**Lobby**

No Violations Noted

**Kitchen**

FC 3-501.16(A) Limitation of Growth of Organisms, Temperature and Time Control: Potentially hazardous food not held at the proper hot holding temperature, mashed potatoes held at 130°F

FC 3-302.12 Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Unlabeled flour container

FC 3-304.12(A) Preventing Contamination from Utensils: Service utensils handle stored below the food and container line, flour scoop in container

FC 3-304.12(A) Preventing Contamination from Utensils: Service utensils handle stored below the food and container line, chicken flavoring scoop in container

FC 6-501.12(A) Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, cooler # 1 floor dirty

FC 4-903.11(A)(3) Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Milk crate not stored 6” off the floor in cooler # 2

**Dumpster**

FC 5-501.15(A) Refuse, Recyclables, and Returnables; Facilities on Premises: Lid missing from dumpster

FC 5-501.110 Refuse, Recyclables, and Returnables; Operations and Maintenance: Refuse storage not inaccessible to vermin, trash bags outside of dumpster

**Dining Room**

No Violations Noted

**Men’s Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap dispenser broken

**WOMEN’S UNIT 5**

**Cells**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusted in cell # 146

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent damaged in cell # 148

**Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 980F

**Laundry/Janitor’s Closet**

No Violations Noted

**Medical**

No Violations Noted

**Common Area**

FC 4-204.112(A) Design and Construction, Functionality: Thermometer not functioning properly in refrigerator

**SECOND FLOOR**

**UNIT 1**

**Day Room**

No Violations Noted

**Hallway**

No Violations Noted

**Bathroom**

No Violations Noted

**Cells**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 202, 204, 206, and 208

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusted in cell # 202, 204, 206, and 208

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Window sill paint damaged in cell # 204, 206, and 208

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 204

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Window shade damaged in cell # 241 and 243

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Hole in wall in cell # 241 and 243

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged in cell # 256

**Day Room (#216)**

No Violations Noted

**Day Room (#220)**

No Violations Noted

**UNIT #2**

**Day Room #1A**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

**Day Room # 1B**

FC 4-601.11(A) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty, coffee machine dirty

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Caulking around water fountain damaged

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

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Chair seat damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling panels damaged

**Day Room #2**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Baseboard damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling panels damaged

**Day Room #2A**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Couch cushion damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling panels damaged

**Staff Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling panels damaged

**Janitor’s Closet**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in sink

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Hole in wall

**CO’s Office**

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

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

FC 4-601.11(A) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty, interior of refrigerator dirty

**Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 1 and 3

**Cells**

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Window broken in cell # 241 and 254

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 236 and 246

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling panels damaged in cell # 231, 233, 234, 238, 240, and 244

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusted in cell # 230 and 234

**THIRD FLOOR**

**UNIT #3**

**Day Room**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Baseboard dirty

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

FC 4-601.11(A) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty, coffee machine rusted

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall dirty

**Day Room (#318)**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling panel damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Window sill paint damaged

**Day Room (#322)**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling panel damaged

**Library**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusty

**Janitor’s Closet**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Tile broken on wall

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

**CO’s Office**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

**Janitor’s Closet in Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, backflow preventer was leaking

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Water left in mop bucket

**Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor generally dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-6

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in shower # 5 and 6

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Bench rusted in handicap shower

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Toilet # 1 dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Handicap toilet was not working

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door paint peeling

**Cells**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Vent rusted in cell # 302, 304, 308, 336, 344, 346, and 388

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling panels damaged in cell # 302, 304, 308, 331, 332, 338, 340, 342, 344, and 346

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Hole in wall in cell # 308, 331, 340, 342, 344, and 346

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Window sill paint damaged in cell # 302, 304, 310, 344, and 346

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Window shade damaged in cell # 331

105 CMR 451.140 Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, ceiling ventilation grille blocked in   
cell # 310

**Staff Bathroom (# 321)**

No Violations Noted

**Janitor’s Closet**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall tiles damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling panel missing

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in sink

**FOUNDATION HOUSE**

**Community Room**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

**Cells**

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged in cell # 354

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 339 and 364

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Window sill paint damaged in cell # 362

105 CMR 451.140 Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, ceiling ventilation grille blocked in  
cell # 364

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Window shade damaged in cell # 341

**Bathroom**

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor generally dirty

**Janitor’s Closet in Bathroom**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

**KITCHEN**

FC 4-501.11(B) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, refrigerator # 1 gasket damaged

FC 4-204.112(A) Design and Construction, Functionality: No functioning thermometer in refrigerator  
 # 1 and 2

FC 4-501.11(B) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, refrigerator # 2 gasket moldy

**LAUNDRY**

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Debris behind dryer

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 151 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](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

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