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November 6, 2015

Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff

Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department

20 Bradston Street

Boston, MA 02118

Re: Facility Inspection – Suffolk County Jail, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

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: Minimum Requirements for the Management of 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 Suffolk County Jail on October 27, 2015 accompanied by John Fallon, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 17 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

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

**Entry Level**

*Front Lobby*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles dusty

*Male Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**7th Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

**Floor 6.5**

*Gym*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # 6503*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 6504*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # 6505*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # 6506*

No Violations Noted

**6th Floor**

*Staff Bathroom 6-1 & 6-2*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom 6-3 & 6-4*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 6-1A***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 61B*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 61G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower Area*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 6-1***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room*

No Violations Noted

*Second Floor Storage Room*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 617*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 618*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 711*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 712*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 6-2***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 62B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 625*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 626*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris in wall vent

*Storage # 620*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 627*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Room*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 721*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 722*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 723*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 6-3***

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Bubbler not draining properly

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 63B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 63C*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 63D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 63E*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 63F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 63G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 63H*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris in wall vent

*Shower # 63I*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Recreational Deck*

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight

***Unit 6-4***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64B*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 64C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64D*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 64E*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 64F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64H*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Shower # 64I*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Shower curtain missing

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**5th Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

***Medical Area***

*Waiting Room*

No Violations Noted

*Nurses Area*

No Violations Noted

*Pharmacy # 5504*

No Violations Noted

*Omni Cell Room # 5041*

No Violations Noted

*Diabetic Room # 5044*

105 CMR 480.100(C)(2) Storage Area: Storage Area not designed or equipped to prevent unauthorized access

105 CMR 480.100(A)(2) Storage: Primary container(s) were not secured to prevent leakage/loss

105 CMR 480.400(C) Shipping Papers: Generator was not maintaining copy of shipping papers with record-keeping log for at least 375 days

105 CMR 480.500(A)(5) Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator had no written documentation for all on-site waste storage areas including the capacity and duration of waste storage

105 CMR 480.100(A)(1) Storage: Primary container(s) were not marked with biohazard symbol and the word “Biohazard”

*Male Staff Locker and Bathroom # 5093*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Locker and Bathroom # 5124*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Break Room # 5033*

No Violations Noted

*Dental Office*

105 CMR 480.100(C)(2) Storage Area: Storage Area not designed or equipped to prevent unauthorized access

105 CMR 480.100(A)(2) Storage: Primary container(s) were not secured to prevent leakage/loss

105 CMR 480.100(A) Storage: Primary container(s) were not ASTM approved, clear bag lining medical waste can

*Exam Room # 1 and Bathroom # 5032*

No Violations Noted

*Exam Room # 2 and Bathroom # 5030*

No Violations Noted

*X-Ray Room*

No Violations Noted

*Medical Waste/Biohazard Storage Room # 5507*

105 CMR 480.100(C)(5) Storage Area: Storage area did not provide sufficient storage space, red bags overflowing from boxes

***Medical Housing Unit***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 5511*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 5512*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5513*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5515*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5516*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5518*

No Violations Noted

*Isolation Cell # 5514*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 5522*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 55C*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # 5523*

No Violations Noted

*Shower/Storage # 5524*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 5554*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Psychiatric Housing Unit # 5552***

*Storage # 5553*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5555*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5558*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5562*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 55A*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 5572*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Debris in sink basin

**4th Floor**

*Staff Bathroom 4-1 & 4-2*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom 4-3 & 4-4*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 4-1***

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 41N*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 41M*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 41G (near cell # 10)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 41H (near cell # 27)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 41I*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 41J*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 41K*

No Violations Noted

*Showers (near room # 41L)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 7

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Noxious odor outside cell # 16

***Recreational Deck 4-1 & 4-2***

No Violations Noted

***Unit 4-2***

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Bubbler dirty

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 42B*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 42C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42E (near cell # 15)*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Shower curtain missing

*Room # 42F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42G*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris on floor

*Shower # 42H*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris on floor

*Shower # 42I (near cell # 32)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 4-3***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 43B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43C*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Drain flies observed

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris in wall vent

*Slop Sink Room # 43D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43E (near cell # 3)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged

*Storage Room # 43F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43H*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43I (near cell # 20)*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 33

***Unit 4-4***

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower near room # 512

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Drain flies observed in shower near room # 512

*Kitchenette*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Electrical outlet damaged

*Shower # 44B*

05 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 120oF

*Slop Sink Room # 44C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 44D (near meeting room # 44E)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris in wall vent

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Meeting Room # 44E*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 44G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 44H (near cell # 9)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Smoke detector head rusted

*Shower # 44I (near cell # 28)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris on floor

*Shower # 44J (near visiting rooms)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, hot water button on sink damaged

**3rd Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

**Floor 3.5**

*Office Area*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 3503*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris on floor

*Male Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*File Room Kitchen # 3516*

FC 4-601.11(B) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty, cooking equipment dirty, toaster oven interior dirty

*Bathroom # 3521*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**2nd Floor**

*Staff Bathroom 2-1 & 2-2*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom 2-3 & 2-4*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Chapel*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom # 2034*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom # 2035*

No Violations Noted

*Offices*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 2-1***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 21B*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

*Slop Sink Room # 21C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 21D*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 21E*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 21F (near cell # 11)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain missing

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: debris on floor

*Shower # 21G (near cell # 30)*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 21H*

No Violations Noted

*Shower (near room # 21H)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 21J*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Recreational Deck 2-1 & 2-2***

No Violations Noted

***Unit 2-2***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 22B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 22C (near slop sink room # 22D)*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 22D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 22E (near cell # 15)*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 22F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 22H (near closet # 22F)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 22I (near cell # 34)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 22J (near cell # 32)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 2-3***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 23B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23C*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 23D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23E (near cell # 3)*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 23F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23G (near cell # 20)*

Unable to Inspect - Occupied

*Shower # 23H (near cell # 18)*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on floor

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor dirty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Shower curtain dirty

*Shower # 23J (near closet # 23F)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 2-4***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 24B*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain missing

*Slop Sink Room # 24C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower (near room # 28)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 24D*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 24E*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 24F (near cell # 9)*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

*Shower (near room # 312)*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 24G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 24H (near cell # 28)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 24J (near visiting rooms)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**Contact Visits**

*Female Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 1 not working

*Male Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**Entry Level (Inside)**

*Staff Cafeteria # 1066*

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

*Inside Administration*

No Violations Noted

*Weight Room # 1070*

No Violations Noted

*Cardio Room*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 1072*

No Violations Noted

*Water Fountain*

No Violations Noted

*Blue Shirt’s Locker Room # 1075*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Locker Room # 1076*

Unable to Inspect - Occupied

*Captain and Lieutenants’ Locker Room # 1077*

No Violations Noted

***Outside Administration Bathrooms***

*Female Bathroom # 1013*

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom # 1015*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 1004*

No Violations Noted

**Ground Level**

*Canteen # G10*

No Violations Noted

***Hallway Bathrooms***

*Staff Bathroom # G5*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G6*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # G11*

No Violations Noted

*Maintenance # G12*

No Violations Noted

*Locker Room # G13*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchen Maintenance # G15*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry Room # G23*

No Violations Noted

*Office # G25*

No Violations Noted

*Towel/Linen Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Loading Dock # G26*

No Violations Noted

*Garbage Room # G37*

No Violations Noted

*Computer Room # G39*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # G43*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G44*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G46*

No Violations Noted

***Female Booking Area***

*Holding Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Male Booking Area***

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Property Room # G62*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G64*

No Violations Noted

*Intake Area*

No Violations Noted

*Male Intake Cells # G74*

No Violations Noted

*Holding Cage*

No Violations Noted

*Holding Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Back Gate Control # G80***

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G81*

No Violations Noted

***Food Service Area***

*Trash Room # G37*

No Violations Noted

*Office # G38*

No Violations Noted

*Trash Area*

No Violations Noted

*Oven and Steamer Hood Area*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Grease Hood*

No Violations Noted

*Dry Storage # G23*

FC 7-206.12\* Poisonous or Toxic Materials; Pesticides: Rodent traps not covered and tamper

resistant, exposed sticky traps on floor

*Storage Cage*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Dining Area*

No Violations Noted

*Chemical Storage Cage*

FC 6-501.111(B) Maintenance and Operations; Pest Control: Flies observed around chemical storage cage

*Can Opener Table*

No Violations Noted

*Refrigerator # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Refrigerator # 2*

No Violations Noted

*Ice Machines*

No Violations Noted

*Vegetable Chest # 3*

No Violations Noted

*Milk Chest # 4*

No Violations Noted

*Freezer # 5*

No Violations Noted

*Bread Refrigerator # 6*

No Violations Noted

*Prep Table with 2-Bay Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Tray Prep Area*

FC 4-903.11(A)(2) Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-service items not protected from contamination, utensils not stored with handles up

*Kettle Area*

No Violations Noted

*Food Prep Table (in front of milk chest # 4)*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink (near food prep table)*

FC 5-205.11(B) Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Handwashing sink used for an unapproved purpose, food scraps observed in sink basin

*3-Bay Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Mechanical Warewashing Area*

FC 6-501.12(A)\* Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, standing water observed on floor

FC 4-501.112(A)(2) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Inadequate water temperature in the mechanical warewashing machine

*Tray Racks*

No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 609 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of inspection, the Department recommended using disposable plates and utensils for serving food due to the mechanical warewashing machine not meeting minimum temperature for disinfection.
3. At the time of inspection, the Department inspected peaches, beans, and potatoes in response to a complaint. No insects were observed in the food or food areas.

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,

Jonathan Brown

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

cc: Jan Sullivan, Acting Director, BEH

Steven Hughes, Director, CSP, BEH

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