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January 8, 2010

Tanja Gray, Superintendent  
 Boston Pre-Release Center  
 430 Canterbury Street  
 Roslindale, MA 02131

Re: Facility Inspection

Dear Superintendent Saba:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, and Department of Public Health 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 Boston Pre-Release Center on January 4, 2010 accompanied by Tony Almeida, IPS Officer. Violations noted are listed below (\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports).

**Front Lobby**

105 CMR 451.345 Illumination in Common Passage Ways and Areas: Inadequate lighting, several lights out

FC 4-601.11(C) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Vending machine drawer dirty

*Female Visitor's Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Male Visitor's Bathroom*

Occupied at the time of inspection

*Janitor's Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Room*

105 CMR 451.345 Illumination in Common Passage Ways and Areas: Inadequate lighting, several lights out

**A Wing First Floor**

*Female Staff Bathroom A1-9*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

*Male Staff Bathroom A1-10*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

*Intake Holding Cell*

No Violations Noted

*Weight Room A1-19*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Locker Room A1-29/30*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty  
105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature 89<sup>0</sup>F at handwash sink  
105 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature 117<sup>0</sup>F

*Toxic/Caustic Closet A1-31*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

*Female Staff Locker Room A1-32/33*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty  
105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature 89<sup>0</sup>F at handwash sink  
105 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature 115<sup>0</sup>F

*Mechanical Room A1-36*

No Violations Noted

*Storage/Warehouse A1-38*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottles  
FC 3-501.16(B) Limitation of Growth of Organisms, Temperature and Time Control: Refrigerator temperature recorded at 44<sup>0</sup>F

*Tool Crib A1-39*

No Violations Noted

**Health Service Unit**

*Bathroom A1-23*

105 CMR 450.353 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

*Med Lab A1-24*

No Violations Noted

*Exam Room A1-25*

No Violations Noted

*Dental Room*

Radiation control certificate expired

**Food Service Area**

*Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Coffee Station*

FC 4-903.11(A)(3) Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Equipment not stored 6 inches off the floor, empty juice containers stored on floor  
FC 4-502.11(A) Maintenance and Operation, Utensils: Utensils not maintained in a state of good repair, ice scoop damaged

<i>Freezer Unit</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Supply Room A1-50</i> FC 6-501.12(A) FC 6-501.12(A)	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, ceiling vent dirty Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, floor dirty
<i>Rubbish Room A1-51</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Grease Hood and Prep Table</i> FC 6-202.11(A)	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Glass light shields not shatter proof
<i>Walk-in Refrigerator</i> FC 4-501.11(A)	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, one light fixture not working properly
<i>Walk-in Freezer</i> FC 4-601.11(C)  FC 4-501.11(A)	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Non-food contact surface dirty, floor dirty Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, vent fan cover damaged
<i>Dry Storage Room</i> FC 6-404.11	Location and Placement; Distressed Merchandise: Damaged cans not properly segregated
<i>Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Mechanical Warewashing Room</i> FC 4-501.112(A)(2)	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Inadequate water temperature in the mechanical warewashing machine, wash temperature not reaching 160 <sup>0</sup> F
<i>Food Line</i> FC 4-502.13(B)	Maintenance and Operation, Utensils: Bulk milk dispenser tube not cut at a diagonal
<i>Inmate Dinning Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Dinning Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<b><u>A Wing Second Floor</u></b> <i>Staff Bathroom A2-34</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Barber Shower A2-11</i> 105 CMR 451.353 105 CMR 451.353 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Vent dirty Interior Maintenance: Barbicide containers dirty Interior Maintenance: Surfaces in barber shower dirty

*Community Reentering Program*

105 CMR 451.345 Illumination in Common Passage Ways and Areas: Inadequate lighting, several light fixture not working properly

*Janitor's closet A2-12*

No Violations Noted

**Administrative Area**

*Janitor's closet A2-24*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom A2-25*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom A2-26*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

FC 5-205.15(B) Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, faucet loose

FC 6-501.11 Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, several light fixture not working properly

**B Wing First Floor (M Side)**

*Day Room*

FC 4-501.11(A) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, ice machine repaired using unfinished wood

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

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Laundry Room B1-31*

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged

105 CMR 451.140 Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, dryer vent not intact

105 CMR 451.345 Illumination in Common Passage Ways and Areas: Inadequate lighting, one light fixture not working properly

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall dirty

*Bathroom B1-32*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal continuously running

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Standing water observed on bathroom floor in toilet stall # 1

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Heater cover loose

*Shower B1-33*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on shower walls and floor

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in all shower stalls

*Janitor's Closet B1-34*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell, cells triple bunked

**B Wing Second Floor (M Side)**

*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty behind vending machines  
FC 4-601.11(C) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Vending machine drawer dirty

*Hallway*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Dead insects in light fixtures

*Laundry Room B2-31*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle  
105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Baseboard damaged

*Bathroom B2-32*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty  
105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 1 out of order

*Shower B2-33*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in all shower stalls  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in all shower stalls  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor damaged in shower stall # R3  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower door damaged in the handicap equipped shower stall  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Absorbent string used to support the hand held shower head

*Janitor's Closet B2-34*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell, cells triple bunked

**C Wing First Floor (P Side)**

*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty behind vending machine

*Hallway*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Vent fan dirty in hallway

*Laundry Room C1-31*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom C1-32*

No Violations Noted

*Shower Room C1-33*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in shower stall # L3  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in the handicap equipped shower stall

*Janitor's Closet C1-34*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

## **C Wing Second Floor (P Side)**

### *Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Dead insects observed in light fixtures  
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty behind vending machine

### *Hallway*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Dead insects observed in light fixtures

### *Laundry Room C2-31*

No Violations Noted

### *Bathroom C2-32*

No Violations Noted

### *Shower Room C2-33*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Light fixture not working properly in shower stall # 2  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in the handicap equipped shower stall  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Drain flies observed in shower area

### *Janitor's Closet C2-34*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

### *Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell, cells triple bunked

## **Observations and Recommendations**

- Please note the following documents have been provided to Gloria Molinari, RN. Nurse Supervisor. Nurse-Guidelines for Medial Waste Management at Secure Lockup Facilities and example of record-keeping log for medical or biological waste
- Medical Waste was stored in the Mechanical Room A1-36 at the time of inspection
- Recommend replacing and relocating outdated MSDS sheets located in the Rubbish Room A1-51
- Please provided documentation confirming that all blankets supplied to inmates are fire retardant in accordance with 105 CMR 451.101

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 "Community Sanitation Regulations" (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](#)".

This inspection report is signed and certified under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Sincerely,

Lauren Thomas  
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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