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April 16, 2014

Thomas M. Hodgson, Sheriff  
 Bristol County Sheriff's Office  
 Bristol County Jail and House of Correction  
 400 Faunce Corner Road  
 North Dartmouth, MA 02747

Re: Facility Inspection – Bristol County Jail and House of Correction, North Dartmouth

Dear Sheriff Hodgson:

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 Bristol County Jail and House of Correction on March 26, 2014 accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan, EHSO and Jonathan Brown, Community Sanitation Program. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 72 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

**Entrance**

*Administration Area*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling not maintained in good repair, ceiling tiles damaged

*Lobby*

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.110(A) Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink

*Female Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 2 leaking

*Male Shower Room*

105 CMR 451.110(A) Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink

*Female Shower Room*

No Violations Noted

**Units**

**EC Unit**

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor tiles damaged outside showers

*Janitor's Closet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall not maintained in good repair, paint peeling

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling not maintained in good repair, paint peeling

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor drains clogged in showers

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Light out in showers

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, all cells double-bunked

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor damaged in cell # G2, G3, G7, G8, and M4

**EE Unit**

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored on floor

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet leaking in cell # G3

**ED Unit**

*Main Area*

No Violations Noted

*Computer Room*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*

Overcrowding: All cells double-bunked

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor tiles damaged in cell # G1, G2, G3, and G4

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor tiles damaged in cell # M4

**EB Unit – Female**

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor tiles damaged

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, washing machine leaking at wall connection

*Bathroom – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Appearance of mold on door frame

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, all cells double-bunked

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing in cell # 13

*Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor tiles damaged

**EA Unit – Female**

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor tiles damaged

*Caseworker's Office*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Chair padding damaged

*Nurse's Office*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling not maintained in good repair, ceiling tiles damaged

*Janitor's Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*  
105 CMR 451.353\*  
105 CMR 451.353

Overcrowding: All cells double-bunked  
Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor damaged in cell # G3  
Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor damaged in cell # G4

**FB Unit**

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Medical Room*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Handwash sink dirty

*Janitor's Closet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1-3  
Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3  
Maintenance: Floor damaged outside showers

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*  
105 CMR 451.353\*

Overcrowding: All cells double-bunked  
Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor damaged in cell # G9 and G15

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor damaged in cell # G13

**FA Unit**

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3  
Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged outside showers  
Maintenance: Ceiling damaged outside showers, paint peeling

*Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*  
105 CMR 451.353\*

Overcrowding: All cells double-bunked  
Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor tiles damaged in cell # M15

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor tiles damaged in cell # M1

**Courtyard Units**

**GA Unit**

*Handicap Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*  
105 CMR 451.123

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between toilets in bathroom  
Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Door frames rusted  
Maintenance: Appearance of mold on ceiling outside showers near cell # M2

*Bathroom – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.130\*  
105 CMR 451.123

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet leaking  
Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.130

Maintenance: Door frames rusted  
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking at shower # GG-A28

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*  
105 CMR 451.353

Overcrowding: All cells double-bunked  
Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing in cell # M8

**GB Unit**

*Handicap Shower*

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking

*Bathroom – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.130\*  
105 CMR 451.121(A)\*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal out-of-order  
Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3

*Bathroom – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*  
105 CMR 451.110(A)\*  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.130

Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets  
Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No soap at handwash sinks  
Maintenance: Floor dirty  
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal leaking

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Door frames rusted

*Janitor's Closet*  
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Cells*  
105 CMR 451.321  
105 CMR 451.353

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, all cells double-bunked  
Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing in cell # M16

### **GC Unit – Former Gym**

*Main Area*  
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor damaged in several areas

*Bathroom*  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.130

Maintenance: Shower curtains missing in showers  
Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-6  
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking in shower # 1, 3, 4, and 5

*Sleeping Area*

No Violations Noted

### **HB Unit**

*Main Area*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*  
105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower  
Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower  
Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower  
Maintenance: Appearance of mold on ceiling outside of showers

*Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*  
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling not maintained in good repair, ceiling damaged

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Appearance of mold on ceiling outside of showers

*Cells*  
105 CMR 451.130  
105 CMR 451.344

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet leaking in cell # G20  
Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light not functioning properly, light out in cell # M14

### **HA Unit**

*Main Area*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3

*Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*  
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*  
105 CMR 451.321

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, all cells double-bunked

### **Inside Area**

#### **Rotunda**

No Violations Noted

#### **Barber Shop**

No Violations Noted

#### **Laundry**

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # 1*  
105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Inmate Bathroom # 2*  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent missing  
Maintenance: Floor dirty

#### **Trash Room**

No Violations Noted

#### **Receiving Yard**

No Violations Noted

**Maintenance Shop**  
FC 4-602.12(B)\*

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty

**Print Shop**  
105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

**Wood Shop**  
FC 4-602.12(B)\*

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty

#### **Welding Shop**

No Violations Noted

**Staff Dining Room**  
FC 4-602.12(B)\*  
FC 4-903.11(A)(2)\*

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty  
Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-service items not protected from contamination, utensils left uncovered

FC 4-601.11(C)\*

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Non-food contact surface dirty, interior of freezer dirty

FC 6-201.11

Design, Construction and Installation: Floor not easily cleanable, floor tiles damaged

*Staff Bathroom # 1*  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Air vent dirty

<i>Staff Bathroom # 2</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Air vent dirty
<b>Property Room</b>	No Violations Noted
<b>Chapel</b> 105 CMR 451.353 105 CMR 451.110(A)	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling not maintained in good repair, ceiling tiles missing Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink
<b>Civilian Visiting Rooms</b>	No Violations Noted
<b>Non-Contact Visiting Room</b> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty
<i>Inmate Bathroom</i> 105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink
<b><u>HSU</u></b>	
<i>Staff Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Inmate Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Inmate Shower Room</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty
<i>Offices</i> FC 4-602.12(B)* FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b)*	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Interior surfaces of ice machine dirty
<i>Trauma Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Dental Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Lab</i> 105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 104 <sup>0</sup> F
<i>Exam Room # 1</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Exam Room # 2</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Exam table padding damaged
<i>Control Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Janitor's Closet</i>	No Violations Noted

*Single Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Ward A*

105 CMR 451.140

Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, ceiling ventilation grille blocked

*Ward B*

No Violations Noted

**Dispatch/Receiving**

*Property*

No Violations Noted

*Sally Port*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling damaged, paint peeling

*Janitor's Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Medical Office*

No Violations Noted

*Male Cells*

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, water controls out-of-order in cell # 2 and 6

*Female Cells*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Appearance of mold on ceiling in cell # 1

**Sector D**

*Muster Room*

No Violations Noted

*Classrooms*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling not maintained in good repair, ceiling tiles missing in room # B and C

*Classification*

FC 4-602.12(B)

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty

*Inmate Bathroom # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # 2*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

*Male Staff Bathroom*  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Female Staff Bathroom*  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Janitor's Closet*

No Violations Noted

### **Food Service**

#### **Kitchen**

FC 6-501.11\*

Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, floor damaged

*3-Bay Sink*

FC 5-205.15(B)

Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, faucet leaking at 3-bay sink

*Handwash Sink (near 3-bay sink)*

FC 5-202.12(A)

Plumbing System, Design: Handwashing sinks water temperature recorded at 102<sup>0</sup>F

*Kettle Area*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Dining*

FC 6-501.11\*

Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, ceiling tiles damaged

*Dry Food Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Dishwashing Machine Area*

FC 4-903.11(A)(2)

Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-service items not protected from contamination, utensils left uncovered

*Handwash Sink (near dishwashing machine)*

FC 5-202.12(A)

Plumbing System, Design: Handwashing sinks water temperature recorded at 104<sup>0</sup>F

*Cooler # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Cooler # 2*

FC 6-501.11

Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, light out

*Freezer # 1*

FC 6-501.11

Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, light out

### **Modular Building**

#### **Modular Kitchen**

FC 6-201.16(A)

Design, Construction, and Installation; Cleanability: Walls not easily cleanable, paint peeling

**1 West**

*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor's Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom 1 (right side)*

105 CMR 451.123\*

105 CMR 451.121(A)

Maintenance: Floor dirty

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between toilets and showers

*Bathroom 2 (left side)*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets

Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Dorms*

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

**1 East**

*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

*Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor's Closet*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

*Bathroom 1 (right side)*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets

*Bathroom 2 (left side)*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets

Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Dorms*

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

**2 West**

*Janitor's Closet*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling not maintained in good repair, paint peeling

*Bathroom 1 (right side)*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets

*Bathroom 2 (left side)*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets

*Dorms*  
105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

**2 East**

*Bathroom 1 (right side)*  
105 CMR 451.121(A)\* Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets and showers  
105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal out-of-order

*Bathroom 2 (left side)*  
105 CMR 451.121(A)\* Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets and showers

*Dorms*  
105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

**Training Area**

*Storage Closet*  
No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*  
No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*  
No Violations Noted

**Mods Intake Area**

*Bathroom # 1*  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Handwash sink dirty

*Bathroom # 2*  
No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 888 at the time of inspection.
2. During the inspection, the Department recommended that all showers and cells be identified with a numbering system. This will assist the Department and correctional employees better recognize where issues exist.

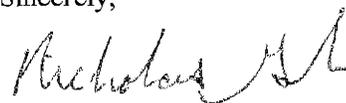
This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please indicate next to each entry on the inspection report a plan of correction. Said plan of correction must be submitted within ten working days of receiving this report and should detail 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](#)".

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Gale", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicholas Gale  
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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