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September 29, 2009

Frank G. Cousins, Jr., Sheriff
Essex County Women in Transition
20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01949

Re: Facility Inspection

Dear Sheriff Cousins:

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 Essex County Women in Transition on September 18, 2009 accompanied by Karen Martin, Assistant Deputy Superintendent and Kim Murtagh, Assistant Superintendent, of Essex County Women in Transition. Violations noted are listed below (* *indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports*).

Office (2)

No Violations Noted

Program Coordinators Office (3)

No Violations Noted

Assistant Superintendents Office (4)

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

Laundry Room (5)

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom (6)

No Violations Noted

Copy Room (7)

No Violations Noted

Hot Water Heater Room (8)

No Violations Noted

<i>HSU (9)</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Unfinished wooden board under sink fixture not properly installed
<i>Communication Room (10)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Dorm Room 11</i> 105 CMR 451.322* 105 CMR 451.353 105 CMR 451.353	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room Interior Maintenance: Round cover plate not properly secured in bathroom Interior Maintenance: Safety cap missing from portable fan
<i>Visitor's Bathroom (12)</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Heater cover not properly installed
<i>Dorm Room 13</i> 105 CMR 451.322* 105 CMR 451.123 105 CMR 451.123*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room Maintenance: Two light bulbs not working in bathroom Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty in bathroom
<i>Dorm Room 14</i> 105 CMR 451.322* 105 CMR 451.141	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room Screens: Screen not installed properly
<i>Dorm Room 15</i> 105 CMR 451.322* 105 CMR 451.123 105 CMR 451.123 105 CMR 451.123	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room Maintenance: One light bulb not working in bathroom Maintenance: Toilet seat loose in bathroom Maintenance: Exposed area around sprinkler head
<i>Dorm Room 16</i> 105 CMR 451.322* 105 CMR 451.141 105 CMR 451.123	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room Screens: Screen not installed properly Maintenance: One light bulb not working in bathroom
<i>Dorm Room 17</i> 105 CMR 451.322* 105 CMR 451.123	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room Maintenance: Toilet seat loose in bathroom
<i>Shower Room (18)</i> 105 CMR 451.130 105 CMR 451.123	Hot Water: Shower water temperature 117 ⁰ F Maintenance: Shower liner seam not properly sealed in middle shower unit
<i>Meeting and Dinning Room (20)</i> 105 CMR 451.141* 105 CMR 451.141 105 CMR 451.353	Screens: Screen not installed properly Screens: Screen missing Interior Maintenance: Heater cover not properly installed
<i>Kitchen</i> FC 6-301.12 FC 6-501.12(A) FC 6-501.11	Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Facilities: No hand drying method available at the handwashing sink Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not properly cleaned, portable vent fan dirty Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, baseboard loose near vending machine

Observations and Recommendations

- Ice machine was shut down and paper towels were replace at the time of inspection
- Please note the following documents have been mailed to Lynne Gillis, Health Service Administrator, Naphcare-Guidelines for Medial Waste Management at Secure Lockup Facilities and example of record-keeping log for medical or biological waste

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 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 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,

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