

## **Annual Prea Review for Corrective Action pursuant to PREA Standard 115.88**

**January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018**

Pursuant to PREA Community Confinement Facility Standards §115.287, §115.288, and §115.289, the Facility is mandated to collect data for each allegation of sexual abuse occurring in its facilities. This data must include, at a minimum, the data required to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Victimization conducted by the Department of Justice Bureau of Statistics.

Additionally, the Facility is required to obtain incident-based and aggregate data and redacted specific material from publication such as personal identifying information and information that would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of the facility. Lastly, the facility ensures the data collected is readily available to the public through our website and data is retained for the required number of years as required by law.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2012 mandates that community confinement facilities and prisons provide a copy of their annual review (PREA Standard 115.288) of all related PREA investigations inclusive of any potential problem areas and any and all corrective actions taken by the respective facility. The annual review considers the investigative reports, review team assessments and any other related information.

Based on the importance to provide a safe and secure environment for the residents we have been making updates to our policies and procedures to prohibit and prevent sexual abuse and harassment and to detect, report, investigate, and address any allegation of abuse or harassment involving any resident in the custody of the agency. When residents, third parties and anonymous reports are made the appropriate steps are immediately taken to secure all residents involved and provide them with the appropriate medical and victim advocate services, and when deemed necessary re-classify and programming placement. When an allegation should occur, the matter is fully investigated by administration and when warranted referred to local law enforcement agency for criminal investigation. The matters would each be investigated fully and findings would have been made within the appropriate time frames.

The PREA Review Team will conduct a review of all PREA matters and no allegations of sexual abuse were found. However, if any allegations were to arise the team will conduct case risk assessments of the inmates as well as mental health referrals when appropriate and residents will be re-classified to ensure their safety in the facility. The PREA team will insure that victims are not deprived of any rights or privileges as a result of reporting incidents of sexual harassment or sexual abuse.

At this point we do not have any comparative analysis of PREA incidents for the year 2017 since we have just started working on being in compliance with PREA standards. In the past if we had an incident it would be considered a violation of facility policies and procedures.

In calendar year 2018, there were a total of zero allegations of resident on resident sexual abuse and sexual harassment and staff sexual misconduct.

If any incidents were to be reported in the near future our first responding staff would respond to each incident and intervene pursuant to policy when they observed PREA related behavior and/or follow the required reporting system when they are ever informed a PREA incident occurred. If medical /mental health attention was necessary the protocols would be adhered to by providing emergency medical services to both the victim and abuser, which may include a forensic medical examination. The Friendship of Women a local rape crisis center would initiate services by accompany and support the victim through the examination process, investigatory interviews and provide emotional support and information, and referrals.

The Review Team did recommend additional video monitoring be placed in the gym, kitchen and rear hallway. This recommendation was approved and installation was completed on January 8, 2019. Due to no PREA related incidents being reported the PREA Manager has no findings in relation to retaliation, but if there were retaliation monitoring would have occurred in a prompt and immediate fashion.



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