

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report

Adult Prisons & Jails

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Agency Information

Name of Agency: Massachusetts Department of Corrections (MADOC)

Governing Authority or Parent Agency (If Applicable):

Physical Address: 50 Maple Street City, State, Zip: Milford, MA 10757

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The Agency Is: ☐ Military ☐ Private for Profit ☐ Private not for Profit

☐ Municipal ☐ County ☒ State ☐ Federal

Agency Website with PREA Information: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-the-prison-rape-elimination-act-prea>

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PREA Coordinator Reports to: Number of Compliance Managers who report to the PREA Coordinator:

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Facility Information			
Name of Facility: Boston Pre-Release Center (BPRC)			
Physical Address: 430 Canterbury Street		City, State, Zip: Roslindale, MA 02131	
Mailing Address (if different from above): 430 Canterbury Street		City, State, Zip: Roslindale, MA 02131	
The Facility Is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
Facility Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prison	<input type="checkbox"/> Jail	
Facility Website with PREA Information: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-the-prison-rape-elimination-act-prea			
Has the facility been accredited within the past 3 years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If the facility has been accredited within the past 3 years, select the accrediting organization(s) – select all that apply (N/A if the facility has not been accredited within the past 3 years):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACA <input type="checkbox"/> NCCHC <input type="checkbox"/> CALEA <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
If the facility has completed any internal or external audits other than those that resulted in accreditation, please describe:			
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Facility Characteristics			
Designated Facility Capacity:		175	
Current Population of Facility:		84	

Average daily population for the past 12 months:	89	
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Which population(s) does the facility hold?	<input type="checkbox"/> Females <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Males <input type="checkbox"/> Both Females and Males	
Age range of population:	22-72	
Average length of stay or time under supervision:	289 Days	
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels:	Minimum & Pre-Release	
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months:	124	
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:	124	
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more:	110	
Does the facility hold youthful inmates?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Number of youthful inmates held in the facility during the past 12 months: (N/A if the facility never holds youthful inmates)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Does the audited facility hold inmates for one or more other agencies (e.g. a State correctional agency, U.S. Marshals Service, Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Select all other agencies for which the audited facility holds inmates: Select all that apply (N/A if the audited facility does not hold inmates for any other agency or agencies):	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Bureau of Prisons <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marshals Service <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Indian Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Military branch <input type="checkbox"/> State or Territorial correctional agency <input type="checkbox"/> County correctional or detention agency <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial district correctional or detention facility <input type="checkbox"/> City or municipal correctional or detention facility (e.g. police lockup or city jail) <input type="checkbox"/> Private corrections or detention provider <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please name or describe: Click or tap here to enter text. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with inmates:	50	
Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with inmates:	0	
Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with inmates:	3	
Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	15	
Number of volunteers who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	20	

Physical Plant

<p>Number of buildings:</p> <p>Auditors should count all buildings that are part of the facility, whether inmates are formally allowed to enter them or not. In situations where temporary structures have been erected (e.g., tents) the auditor should use their discretion to determine whether to include the structure in the overall count of buildings. As a general rule, if a temporary structure is regularly or routinely used to hold or house inmates, or if the temporary structure is used to house or support operational functions for more than a short period of time (e.g., an emergency situation), it should be included in the overall count of buildings.</p>	1
<p>Number of inmate housing units:</p> <p>Enter 0 if the facility does not have discrete housing units. DOJ PREA Working Group FAQ on the definition of a housing unit: How is a "housing unit" defined for the purposes of the PREA Standards? The question has been raised in particular as it relates to facilities that have adjacent or interconnected units. The most common concept of a housing unit is architectural. The generally agreed-upon definition is a space that is enclosed by physical barriers accessed through one or more doors of various types, including commercial-grade swing doors, steel sliding doors, interlocking sally port doors, etc. In addition to the primary entrance and exit, additional doors are often included to meet life safety codes. The unit contains sleeping space, sanitary facilities (including toilets, lavatories, and showers), and a dayroom or leisure space in differing configurations. Many facilities are designed with modules or pods clustered around a control room. This multiple-pod design provides the facility with certain staff efficiencies and economies of scale. At the same time, the design affords the flexibility to separately house inmates of differing security levels, or who are grouped by some other operational or service scheme. Generally, the control room is enclosed by security glass, and in some cases, this allows inmates to see into neighboring pods. However, observation from one unit to another is usually limited by angled site lines. In some cases, the facility has prevented this entirely by installing one-way glass. Both the architectural design and functional use of these multiple pods indicate that they are managed as distinct housing units.</p>	4
<p>Number of single cell housing units:</p>	2
<p>Number of multiple occupancy cell housing units:</p>	2
<p>Number of open bay/dorm housing units:</p>	0
<p>Number of segregation cells (for example, administrative, disciplinary, protective custody, etc.):</p>	0
<p>In housing units, does the facility maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if the facility never holds youthful inmates)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p>Does the facility have a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology (e.g. cameras, etc.)?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Has the facility installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology in the past 12 months?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Medical and Mental Health Services and Forensic Medical Exams</p>	
<p>Are medical services provided on-site?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Are mental health services provided on-site?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>Where are sexual assault forensic medical exams provided? Select all that apply.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> On-site</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local hospital/clinic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rape Crisis Center</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe):</p>
<p align="center">Investigations</p>	
<p align="center">Criminal Investigations</p>	
<p>Number of investigators employed by the agency and/or facility who are responsible for conducting CRIMINAL investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment:</p>	<p align="center">149</p>
<p>When the facility received allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (whether staff-on-inmate or inmate-on-inmate), CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS are conducted by: Select all that apply.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility investigators</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agency investigators</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An external investigative entity</p>
<p>Select all external entities responsible for CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS: Select all that apply (N/A if no external entities are responsible for criminal investigations)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Local police department</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local sheriff's department</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State police</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Department of Justice component</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
<p align="center">Administrative Investigations</p>	
<p>Number of investigators employed by the agency and/or facility who are responsible for conducting ADMINISTRATIVE investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?</p>	<p align="center">149</p>
<p>When the facility receives allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (whether staff-on-inmate or inmate-on-inmate), ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS are conducted by: Select all that apply</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility investigators</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agency investigators</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> An external investigative entity</p>
<p>Select all external entities responsible for ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS: Select all that apply (N/A if no external entities are responsible for administrative investigations)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Local police department</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local sheriff's department</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> State police</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Department of Justice component</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>

Audit Findings

Audit Narrative (including Audit Methodology)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) re-certification audit for Boston Pre-Release Center in Roslindale, Massachusetts was conducted on April 23, 2021 to determine the continued compliance of the Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards. Boston Pre-Release Center is a state correctional institution under the authority of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections. The audit was conducted by Kendra Prisk, United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Prison Rape Elimination Act Certified Auditor.

The auditor conducted the audit through the agencyⁱ directly and had a contract with MADOC. The auditor is personally accountable for complying with the DOJ certification requirements and audit findings. The contract described the specific work required according to the DOJ standards and PREA auditor handbook to include the pre-audit, on-site audit and post-audit. The auditor signed the contract on December 15, 2020.

The previous PREA audit was conducted by PREA Auditor Amy Fairbanks on February 9, 2018. The previous auditor found that the facility exceeded six standards and met 37.

Pre-Audit

On February 15, 2021 the auditor provided the agency PREA Coordinator (PC) with English and Spanish versions of the audit announcement to be posted throughout the facility. On March 5, 2021 the auditor was provided access to third party software in order to review the agency's policies, procedures and supplemental facility documentation. On March 10, 2021 the auditor was emailed the facility's Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ). The auditor corresponded via telephone and email with the PC during the pre-audit phase. On March 24, 2021 the auditor provided the PC with a discrepancy report for the facility. The PC provided updated responses to the report on the same day. On numerous dates in March and April the auditor had correspondence with the PC related to additional questions related to the PAQ, policies, procedures and supporting documentation (all documents reviewed are listed under the appropriate PREA standard). On April 12, 2021 the auditor provided the PC with information on the listings that would be needed on the first day of the audit, as well as some of the supplemental documentation that would need to be reviewed on-site. The PC was very responsive and provided the auditor with updated and clarifying information as requested. Facility staff ensured the audit announcement was placed throughout the facility prior to the on-site portion of the audit. On March 10, 2021 the auditor received three emailed photos of the PREA audit announcement posted at the facility. The auditor did not receive any correspondence from staff or inmates at Boston Pre-Release Center.

The agency utilizes Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (Beth Israel) to provide all inmates within the MADOC with access to forensic medical examinations. The auditor contacted Beth Israel related to forensic medical examinations. The staff member as well as the website confirmed that Beth Israel is a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) certified site and that a SANE certified nurse provides exams and collect forensic evidence from sexual assault survivors. The auditor spoke with Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) related to victim advocacy services. The agency as a whole has a contract with BARCC to provide victim advocacy services to all inmates within the MADOC. The staff member at BARCC confirmed that they have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MADOC and the MOU includes Boston Pre-Release Center. He stated that the MOU was renewed in June 2020 and that they offer a free and confidential hotline and provide information and a variety of resources through the mail. The staff member stated they also provide advocates for forensic examinations and inmates can request an advocate for investigatory interviews. The BARCC staff member stated that they provide a fifteen minute presentation for all new MADOC inmates and that their services have been regularly utilized over the last six years by inmates. The staff member stated that there was a concern related to inmates being

placed in segregation after an allegation of sexual abuse. He stated inmates had voiced this concern and that he had spoken with the PC about this issue in 2020. In addition to BARCC, the auditor also contacted Just Detention International (JDI) and Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), two national sexual violence organizations. JDI indicated that they did not have any correspondence with inmates at Boston Pre-Release Center. The auditor did not receive a response from RAINN related to the inquiry.

The auditor conducted a web-based search related to Boston Pre-Release Center. The auditor located a few articles related to the facility however none were related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The auditor confirmed that the agency website contained PREA information including the PREA policy, PREA posters, the inmate PREA educational videos, the agency's annual reports, prior audit reports and information on methods to report allegations (including the online form).

On-Site

The auditor requested the below list of inmates to be available for interview selection on the first day of the on-site portion of the audit. Based on the population on the first day of the audit (84) the PREA auditor handbook indicated that at least sixteen inmates were required to be interviewed. From the provided lists, the auditor selected a representative sample of inmates for the targeted and random interviews. Inmates for the random inmate interviews were chosen at random and varied across gender, race, ethnicity, housing assignments and time in custody. At least two inmates were selected from each of the housing units. Inmates selected for the targeted interviews were selected at random across varying factors, when possible. Interviews were conducted using the *Inmate Interview Questionnaire* supplemented by the *Targeted Inmate Questionnaire*. The table following the inmate listings depicts the breakdown of inmate interviews. Due to the low number of inmates at the facility and the mission of the facility, there were limited inmates for the targeted interview. There were zero youthful inmates, inmates with a cognitive disability, LGBTI inmates, inmates who reported sexual abuse and inmates who reported sexual victimization during the risk screening. Additionally, the facility does not have a segregation unit and as such no inmates were interviewed for that targeted category either.

1. Complete inmate roster (provided based on actual population on the first day of the on-site portion of the audit)
2. Youthful inmates (if any)
3. Inmates with disabilities (i.e. physical disabilities, blind, deaf, hard of hearing, cognitive disabilities)
4. Inmates who are Limited English Proficient (LEP)
5. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) inmates
6. Inmates in segregated housing
7. Inmates who reported sexual abuse
8. Inmates who reported sexual victimization during risk screening

Category of Inmates	Number of Interviews
Random Inmates	8
Targeted Inmates	8
Total Inmates Interviewed	16
Targeted Inmate Interview:	
• Youthful Inmates	0
• Inmates with a Disability	2
• Inmates who are LEP	6
• Inmates with a Cognitive Disability	0
• Inmates who Identify as Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual	0
• Inmates who Identify as Transgender or Intersex	0
• Inmates in Segregated Housing for High Risk of Victimization	0
• Inmates who Reported Sexual Abuse	0
• Inmates who Reported Sexual Victimization During Screening	0

The auditor requested the below listing of staff to be available for interview selection on the first day of the on-site portion of the audit. Staff interviews were conducted in accordance with the PREA auditor handbook. The handbook indicated that at least twelve randomly selected staff were required to be interviewed as well as specialized staff, however based on the total security staff across all shifts, eight random staff were interviewed. From the provided lists, the auditor selected a representative sample of staff for the specialized and random interviews. Staff for the random interviews were chosen at random and varied across gender, race, ethnicity and post assignments. The auditor ensured staff from all three shift were interviewed. Staff selected for the specialized interviews were selected at random across varying factors, when possible. The facility does not have a segregation unit nor does it house inmates under eighteen and a such staff interviews related to those categories were not applicable and as such not completed. Interviews were conducted using the *Interview Guide for a Random Sample of Staff* and the *Interview Guide for Specialized Staff*. The table following the staff listings depicts the breakdown of staff interviews.

1. Complete staff roster (indicating title, shift and post assignment)
2. Specialized staff which includes:
 - Agency contract administrator
 - Intermediate-level or higher-level facility staff responsible for conducting and documenting unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment
 - Line staff who supervise youthful inmates, if any

- Education staff who work with youthful inmates, if any
- Program staff who work with youthful inmates, if any
- Medical staff
- Mental health staff
- Non-medical staff involved in cross gender strip or visual searches
- Administrative (Human Resource) staff
- SAFE and/or SANE staff
- Volunteers who have contact with inmates
- Contractors who have contact with inmates
- Criminal investigative staff
- Administrative investigative staff
- Staff who perform screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness
- Staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing
- Staff on the sexual abuse incident review team
- Designated staff member charged with monitoring retaliation
- First responders
- Intake staff

Category of Staff	Number of Interviews
Random Staff	8
Specialized Staff	16
Total Staff Interviews	24
Specialized Staff Interviews	
• Agency Contract Administrator	1
• Intermediate or Higher-Level Facility Staff	2
• Line Staff who Supervise Youthful Inmates	0
• Education and Program Staff who Work with Youthful Inmates	0
• Medical and Mental Health Staff	2
• Human Resource Staff	1
• Volunteers and Contractors	2
• Investigative Staff	2

• Staff who Perform Screening for Risk of Victimization	1
• Staff who Supervise Inmates in Segregated Housing	0
• Incident Review Team	1
• Designated Staff Member Charged with Monitoring Retaliation	1
• First Responders	2
• Intake Staff	1

The auditor also conducted interviews with the below leadership staff (not counted in table above):

- Mr. Michael Grant (Agency Head Designee)
- Mr. Thomas Neville (Superintendentⁱⁱ)
- Mr. Russell Caissie (PREA Coordinator “PC”)
- Ms. Tiana Bennett (PREA Compliance Manager “PCM”)

The on-site portion of the audit was conducted on April 23, 2021. The auditor had an initial briefing with facility leadership and discussed the audit logistics. After the initial briefing, the auditor selected inmates and staff for interviews as well as documents to review. The auditor conducted a tour of the facility which included all housing units, booking/admission, visitation, health services, food service, recreation, maintenance, education and administration. During the tour the auditor was cognizant of staffing levels, video monitoring placement, blind spots, posted PREA information, posted advocacy information, privacy for inmates in housing units and other factors as indicated in the below standard findings. During the tour the auditors spoke to staff and inmates informally about PREA and the facility in general. Additionally, the auditor tested the BARCC line as well as the PREA hotline and Internal Perimeter Security (IPS) hotline. All lines were functional and accessible to the inmate population. Interviews were conducted on April 23, 2021 for morning, day and evening shifts. The auditor was provided a conference room to conduct interviews in a private setting.

During the audit the auditor requested personnel and training files of staff, inmate files, medical and mental health records, grievances, incident reports and investigative files for review. A more detailed description of the documentation review is as follows:

Personnel and Training Files. The facility has 50 staff assigned. The auditor reviewed a random sample of eight personnel and training records. The sample included a variety of job functions and post assignments, including supervisors and line staff from all three shifts. Additionally, personnel and training files for four volunteers, seven contractors and two medical and mental health care staff were reviewed. All security staff files reviewed were of those selected for interview. Medical and mental health care staff, volunteer and contractor files were selected at random from the listings.

Inmate Files. A total of seventeen inmate files were reviewed although some files were only reviewed for a specific area the auditor was reviewing. Sixteen inmate files were of those that arrived within the previous twelve months, three were disabled inmates and five were LEP inmates.

Medical and Mental Health Records. During the past year, there were zero inmates that reported sexual abuse or sexual harassment at the facility and there were zero inmates that disclosed prior victimization or prior abusiveness during the risk screening. As such the auditor did not have medical and mental health records to review, however the auditor did observe the medical and mental health area as well as inmates’ access to the area and the staff.

Grievances. In the past year, the facility had zero grievances of sexual abuse. The auditor reviewed the grievance log for the previous twelve months to confirm that no sexual abuse grievances were filed.

Hotline Calls. The facility has a PREA hotline as well as an Internal Perimeter Security hotline. Inmates can report sexual abuse and sexual harassment through both hotlines. The facility did not have any calls to either hotline related to sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. The auditor tested both hotlines during the tour to ensure functionality.

Incident Reports. The auditor reviewed the incident report log for the previous twelve months and reviewed seven random incident reports to confirm that none were sexual abuse allegations.

Investigation Files. During the previous twelve months there were zero allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The auditor reviewed investigative reports from other MADOC facilities to ensure the agency includes all required investigative components.

	Sexual Abuse		Sexual Harassment	
	Inmate on Inmate	Staff on Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Staff on Inmate
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0
Ongoing	0	0	0	0
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0

Post-Audit

At the completion of the on-site portion of the audit, the PC provided the auditor with a few additional audit documents via email. The auditor spoke to the PC about the issue identified under standard 115.33. While on-site the auditor determined that LEP inmates were not provided comprehensive PREA education in their primary language (Spanish). Three of the six LEP inmates interviewed understood most of the English information provided, while three did not. All six indicated they were provided a handbook in Spanish; however the video was in English. After discussion with facility staff and the PC it was determined that the video was not played in Spanish. As such, LEP inmates were not provided the comprehensive PREA education in a format that allows them to benefit from the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. On May 24, 2021 the auditor was provided documentation confirming that the eighteen current LEP inmates at Boston Pre-Release Center were provided the comprehensive PREA education video in Spanish. All eighteen signed a Spanish acknowledgement form. The PC provided the auditor with a process memo indicating that the Spanish PREA What You Need to Know video was sent to all MADOC facilities. It stated that facilities were instructed to provide LEP inmates the comprehensive PREA education video in Spanish and/or to have the video information translated in the inmate's primary language through the use of Lionsbridge Interpretive Services. Based on a review of the memo and the LEP inmate education documents the auditor determined the issue was corrected during the interim report period.

Additionally, the auditor identified missing policy information related to standards 115.17, 115.64 and 115.68. The PC provided the auditor with a memo indicating that the policy changes have been made, however they were being routed through the appropriate agency process, which takes some time. Provisions a, b, d and e were missing the required policy language for standard 115.17. Provision b related to non-security first responder duties was missing from the agency's current policy and policy was missing information related to the use of segregated housing for inmates who reported sexual abuse as it relates to 115.68. Based on a review of the assurance memo from the PC related to the policy updates the auditor determined these issues were corrected during the interim report period.

Facility Characteristics

Boston Pre-Release Center is a state prison under the authority of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, located at 430 Canterbury Street, in Roslindale, Massachusetts. BPRC is a pre-release minimum security prison. The BPRC opened initially in 1972 in a different location. The current location opened in 2003. The facility is located in Suffolk County, approximately ten miles southwest of Boston, Massachusetts. The capacity of BPRC is 175 and the average daily population over the previous twelve months was 89. On the first day of the audit the population at the facility was 84. The facility houses adult male inmates. The age range of the facility's population is 22-72 years of age. The average length of supervision for inmates at the facility is 289 days.

The facility employs 50 staff. Security staff make up three shifts; morning shift works from 7:00am-3:00pm, day shift works from 3:00pm-11:00pm and evening shift works from 11:00pm-7:00am. Each shift has a Shift Commander, Control Officers and Housing Officers. Additionally, the facility employs Program Managers, Work Processing Operations staff, Teachers, Industrial Instructors and a Recreation Officer that work varying hours from 7:00am-6:00pm. The facility employs fifteen contractors and has 20 volunteers that have contact with inmates.

The facility comprises one building. The building is equipped with reflective mirrors and video cameras to alleviate blind spots and assist with monitoring. PREA posters, including reporting information and advocacy information was observed throughout the facility. The below describes the basics of the facility.

Administration – This area contains numerous offices, including the Superintendent's office.

Booking/Admission – Small area with a holding cell and offices. The holding cell contains a toilet, a sink and is equipped with a camera. The cell door is solid with a security window. The camera is shut off during strip searches and when inmates occupy the holding cell.

Education/School of Re-Entry – The space contains the law library, classrooms and offices.

Food Services – Has a small dining area with tables and benches. The kitchen is small with ovens, a grill, a cooler, a freezer, a dish room and a serving line. The inmate restroom has a solid door for privacy.

Health Services – Offices and an exam room with a solid door for privacy.

Maintenance – Numerous rooms with necessary tools/equipment.

Recreation – The indoor recreation is a small weight room while the outdoor recreation contains a basketball court and picnic tables.

Visitation – Encompasses both indoor and outdoor. Indoor is open with tables, chair and vending machines. The outdoor area is a small patio.

Work Release Center – Contains offices, computers and is where the TTY phone is located.

The housing units have the same physical layout with the exception of the living areas (M units have single occupancy rooms while P units have multiple occupancy rooms). All housing units have a dayroom with chairs, televisions, telephones, computers and/or activity tables. Each unit has their own laundry area with a washer and dryer. Restrooms are shared and include showers, toilets, sinks and urinals. Showers and toilets provide privacy via curtains while urinals are located behind a wall. Rooms are either single or triple occupancy. Single rooms have a locker, bed and shelf while triple rooms have beds, lockers and shelves.

Unit	Capacity	Style	Inmate Population
M-1	25	Single Occupancy	General Population
M-2	25	Single Occupancy	General Population
P-1	75	Multiple Occupancy	General Population
P-2	75	Multiple Occupancy	General Population

Summary of Audit Findings

Standards Exceeded

Number of Standards Exceeded: 4

List of Standards Exceeded: 115.21, 115.34, 115.31 & 115.53

Standards Met

Number of Standards Met: 41

Standards Not Met

Number of Standards Not Met: 0

List of Standards Not Met: NA

PREVENTION PLANNING

Standard 115.11: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

115.11 (a)

- Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.11 (b)

- Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.11 (c)

- If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the PREA compliance manager have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention Policy

3. PREA Coordinator Appointment Letter
4. Agency Organizational Chart
5. Facility PREA Manager Appointment Letter
6. Facility Organizational Chart

Interviews:

1. Interview with the PREA Coordinator
2. Interview with the PREA Compliance Manager

Findings (By Provision):

115.11 (a): The agency has a comprehensive PREA policy, 103 DOC 519. Page 8 states that the Department has a zero-tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy outlines the strategies on preventing, detecting and responding to such conduct and include definitions of prohibited behavior. The policy address "preventing" sexual abuse and sexual harassment through the designation of a PC, criminal history background checks (staff, volunteers and contractors), training (staff, volunteers and contractors), staffing, intake/risk screening, inmate education and posting of signage (PREA posters, etc.). The policy address "detecting" sexual abuse and sexual harassment through training (staff, volunteers, and contractors), and intake/risk screening. The policy address "responding" to allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment through reporting, investigations, victim services, medical and mental health services, disciplinary sanctions for staff and inmates, incident reviews and data collection. The policy is consistent with the PREA standards and outlines the agency's approach to sexual safety.

115.11 (b): The agency's organizational chart reflects that the PC position is an upper-level position and is agency-wide. The PC is the Chief of PREA Audits, Operations and Investigations. The PC reports to the Deputy Commissioner of Prisons. The appointment letter states that the PC's responsibility is to ensure that the Department is in compliance with Department of Justice PREA standards and the Department's PREA related policies. Additionally, it states that the PC is also responsible for collaborating with facility PREA Managers on implementing and monitoring of the Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response Prevention Policy. The PC has fourteen PREA Compliance Managers that report to him. The interview with the PC indicated he has enough time to manage all of his PREA related responsibilities. He stated that his position is a dedicated full time upper level management level position.

115.11 (c): The facility has designated the Deputy Superintendent as the staff member responsible for ensuring PREA compliance. The PAQ indicated that the PCM has sufficient authority and time to coordinate the facility's PREA efforts. That PAQ stated that the PCM reports to the Superintendent. The appointment letter states that the Deputy Superintendent has been selected as the PREA Coordinator for Boston Pre-Release Center. A review of the facility organization chart confirms that PCM is the Deputy Superintendent and that the position reports directly to the Superintendent. The interview with the PREA Compliance Manager indicated she has sufficient time to coordinate the facility's PREA compliance and that she conducts monthly PREA meetings and reviews all incident reports for any issues or concerns.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the appointment letters, the organizational charts and information from interviews with the PC and PCM this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.12: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates

115.12 (a)

- If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its inmates with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to comply with the PREA standards in any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.12 (b)

- Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. Contract with Other State Department of Corrections

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency's Contract Administrator

Findings (By Provision):

115.12 (a): The PAQ indicates the agency has entered into or renewed a contract for the confinement of inmates since the last PREA audit and that all of the contracts require contractors to adopt and comply with PREA standards. The PAQ indicated that there are 21 agency contracts. Further review indicates that these contracts are in regard to interstate compact housing. A review of a sample of contracts indicates that contract language states that the contracting parties shall adopt and comply with the national standard to prevent, detect and respond to prison rape under the PREA and agrees to provide information to each other, upon request, concerning the party state's compliance with the PREA standards.

115.12 (b): he PAQ indicates the agency has entered into or renewed a contract for the confinement of inmates since the last PREA audit and that all of the contracts require contractors to adopt and comply with PREA standards. The PAQ indicated that there are 21 agency contracts. Further review indicates that these contracts are in regard to interstate compact housing. A review of a sample of contracts indicates that contract language states that the contracting parties shall adopt and comply with the

national standard to prevent, detect and respond to prison rape under the PREA and agrees to provide information to each other, upon request, concerning the party state's compliance with the PREA standards. The interview with the Agency Contract Administrator confirmed that the agency's current contracts contain specific PREA language and that every state that the agency does business with is required to adopt and comply with the PREA. He stated that all the states they have contracts with are either PREA compliant or working toward PREA compliance. He further indicated that the agency only has interstate compact contracts and that each state conducts and keeps their own PREA audit results.

Based on the review of the PAQ, sample contracts with other state agencies and information from the interview with the Agency Contract Administrator, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.13: Supervision and monitoring

115.13 (a)

- Does the facility have a documented staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Generally accepted detention and correctional practices? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any judicial findings of inadequacy? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: All components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The composition of the inmate population? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The number and placement of supervisory staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The institution programs occurring on a particular shift? ☒

Yes ☐ No

- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any other relevant factors? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.13 (b)

- In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document and justify all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.13 (c)

- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.13 (d)

- Has the facility/agency implemented a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility/agency have a policy prohibiting staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 510 – Security Staffing and Analysis
3. 103 DOC 512 – Post Orders
4. Post Order 1 – Shift Commander
5. The Staffing Plan
6. Positions Needed Worksheet
7. Weekly FTE Status Report
8. Annual Staffing Plan Review
9. Documentation of Unannounced Rounds

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden
2. Interview with the PREA Compliance Manager
3. Interview with the PREA Coordinator
4. Interview with Intermediate-Level or Higher-Level Facility Staff

Site Review Observations:

1. Staffing Levels
2. Video Monitoring Technology and/or Other Monitoring Devices

Findings (By Provision):

115.13 (a): 103 DOC 510, page 4 states that the staffing plan must provide for adequate levels of staffing, and where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmate's against sexual abuse. When calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, facilities shall take into consideration; generally accepted detention practices, any judicial findings of inadequacy, any finding of inadequacy from federal investigative agencies, any finding of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies, all components of the facility's physical plant, the composition of the inmate/detainee population, the number and placement of supervisory staff, the institutional programs occurring on a particular shift, any applicable State or local laws, the prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of abuse and any other relevant factors. The PAQ indicated that the current staffing is based off of 175 inmates. The facility employs 50 staff. Staff mainly make up three shifts, morning shift works from 7:00am-3:00pm, day shifts works 3:00pm-11:00pm and evening shift works from 11:00pm-7:00am. A review of the 2021 staffing plan indicates that each shift has a Shift Commander, Control Officers and Housing Officers. Additionally, the facility employs Program Mangers, Work Processing Operations staff, Teachers, Industrial Instructors and a Recreation Officer that work varying hours from 7:00am-6:00pm. A review of documentation indicated that the facility utilizes the Positions Needed Worksheet, the Weekly FTE Status Report and shift rosters to determine and/or adjust the staffing plan. During the tour the auditor observed that at least two security staff members were in the building. Additionally, numerous other staff were observed throughout the facility. Cameras were observed in one housing unit and in a few common areas. Reflective mirrors were strategically utilized throughout the facility to alleviate blind spots and assist with effective monitoring. Interviews with the Warden and the PCM confirm that the facility has a staffing plan that provides adequate staffing levels and that they comply with the plan on a

regular basis. The Warden confirmed that adequate staffing is based on the rosters and any assessment of incidents that have occurred. He stated that they follow American Correctional Association (ACA) guidelines. He indicated the inmate population, the mission of the facility, any incidents and any expansion are considered in the staffing plan. The Warden stated that they review any litigation, lawsuits or audit findings, they look at the physical plant, they review any staffing vacancies and they make sure the facility has appropriate staff for response and programming. He further stated that the agency checks for compliance with the staffing plan annually to make sure there are not any discrepancies and that at the facility they review the roster daily. The PCM confirmed that all components under this provision are considered when assessing the staffing plan and staffing levels.

115.13 (b): 103 DOC 510, page 4 states that in circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, the facility shall document and justify all deviations from the plan. The PAQ indicated that no deviations from the staffing plan have occurred in the previously twelve months. The interview with the Warden confirmed that there are never deviations from the staffing plan and that they would supplement any deficiencies through overtime.

115.13 (c): The PAQ indicated that at least once a year the facility/agency, in collaboration with the PC, reviews the staffing plan to determine whether adjustments are needed. 103 DOC 510, page 3 indicates that at least annually, each facility and special unit in consultation with the PREA Coordinator, shall assess, determine and document whether adjustments are needed to: the official staffing analysis; the deployment of video monitoring technology systems and other monitoring technology; and resources the facility/special unit has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan. The staffing plan was most recently reviewed on March 29, 2021 by the Warden and PC. The plan was reviewed in order to assess, determine and document whether any adjustments were needed to the staffing plan, the deployment of video monitoring technologies and/or the resources available to commit to ensuring adherence to the staffing plan. Further review determined the prior annual review was completed on February 21, 2020. The PC confirmed he reviews staffing plans annually in conjunction with the Superintendents. He stated he signs off on every MADOC facility staffing plan.

115.13 (d): 103 DOC 512, page 8 indicates that supervisory level employees shall conduct and document unannounced rounds on every shift to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Additionally, page 4 states that alerting staff members of unannounced supervisory rounds is prohibited unless the announcement is related to the operational functions of the facility. Page 8 of Post Order 1 states that the Shift Commander is required to conduct at least one round of all areas of the facility to ensure that all rules, regulations, department and institutional policies are adhered to. A review of the PAQ supplemental documentation indicated that unannounced rounds were conducted on two separate days by three supervisors. An additional review of documentation on-site for five days of unannounced rounds indicated that unannounced rounds were conducted on all three shifts in all housing units on three of the days while unannounced rounds were conducted on two shifts on one day and on the day shift on the other. The interviews with intermediate-level or higher-level facility staff confirmed that they make unannounced rounds and that rounds are documented in the visitor log. Both staff stated that they do not call on the radio and that they fluctuate their times and locations of their rounds.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 510, 103 DOC 512, Post Order 1, the staffing plan, Weekly FTE Status Report, Positions Needed Worksheet, annual staffing reviews, documentation of unannounced rounds, observations made during the tour and interviews with intermediate-level or higher-level facility staff, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.14: Youthful inmates

115.14 (a)

- Does the facility place all youthful inmates in housing units that separate them from sight, sound, and physical contact with any adult inmates through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.14 (b)

- In areas outside of housing units does the agency maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- In areas outside of housing units does the agency provide direct staff supervision when youthful inmates and adult inmates have sight, sound, or physical contact? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.14 (c)

- Does the agency make its best efforts to avoid placing youthful inmates in isolation to comply with this provision? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- Does the agency, while complying with this provision, allow youthful inmates daily large-muscle exercise and legally required special education services, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- Do youthful inmates have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention Policy
3. Memorandum from the PREA Compliance Manager

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden
2. Interview with the PREA Compliance Manager

Findings (By Provision):

115.14 (a): The PAQ and the memo from the Superintendent indicated that no youthful inmates are housed at Boston Pre-Release Center. Additionally, 103 DOC 519, page 19 states that pursuant to M.G.L. c. 119, § 58, the Department of Corrections does not house youthful offenders. The Warden and PCM confirmed that the agency as a whole does not house inmates under the age of 18. As such, this provision is not applicable.

115.14 (b): The PAQ and the memo from the Superintendent indicated that no youthful inmates are housed at Boston Pre-Release Center. Additionally, 103 DOC 519, page 19 states that pursuant to M.G.L. c. 119, § 58, the Department of Corrections does not house youthful offenders. The Warden and PCM confirmed that the agency as a whole does not house inmates under the age of 18. As such, this provision is not applicable.

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Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the memo from the Superintendent and information from the interviews with the Warden and PCM, this standard appears to be not applicable and as such compliant.

Standard 115.15: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

115.15 (a)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?
☒ Yes ☐ No

115.15 (b)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)
☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- Does the facility always refrain from restricting female inmates' access to regularly available programming or other out-of-cell opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.15 (c)

- Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.15 (d)

- Does the facility have policies that enables inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility have procedures that enables inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.15 (e)

- Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex inmates for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If an inmate's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.15 (f)

- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex inmates in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 506 – Search Policy
3. 103 DOC 519 – Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response Prevention Policy
4. Body Searches – Fully Clothed Searches Training Curriculum
5. Searches – Unclothed Training Curriculum
6. Staff Training Records

Interviews:

1. Interview with Random Staff
2. Interview with Random Inmates
3. Interview with Transgender/Intersex Inmates

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of Privacy in Inmate Housing and Restroom Areas
2. Observation of Absence of Female Inmates

Findings (By Provision):

115.15 (a): The PAQ indicated that the facility does not conduct cross gender visual body cavity searches of inmates and that there have been zero searches of this kind in the previous twelve months. 103 DOC 506, page 7 states that except for gender non-conforming inmates, cross gender unclothed searches or cross gender visual body cavity searches shall not be conducted, except in exigent circumstances or when performed by medical practitioners. Should such a situation arise, permission from the Superintendent must be obtained prior to the search. The search must be documented in writing through a confidential incident report.

115.15 (b): The PAQ indicated that no female inmates are housed at the facility and therefore this provision of the standard does not apply. 103 DOC 506, page 13 also states that fully clothes searches (pat search) should be employed for the relatively quick scrutiny of an inmate's person. Searches are to be conducted professionally and respectfully, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs. Cross gender pat searches of female inmates shall not be permitted absent exigent circumstances. A review of the daily population report for the previous twelve months as well as observations made during the tour indicated that no female inmates or transgender inmates are or were housed at the facility in the previous twelve months.

115.15 (c): The PAQ indicated that facility policy requires all cross gender strip searches and all cross gender visual body cavity searches be documented. Additionally, the PAQ indicated that the facility does not house female inmates and as such any documentation of cross gender pat down searches of female inmates would not apply. 103 DOC 506, page 7 states that except for gender non-conforming inmates, cross gender unclothed searches or cross gender visual body cavity searches shall not be conducted, except in exigent circumstances or when performed by medical practitioners. Should such a situation arise, permission from the Superintendent must be obtained prior to the search. The search must be documented in writing through a confidential incident report. A review of the daily population report for the previous twelve months as well as observations made during the tour indicated that no female inmates or transgender inmates are or were housed at the facility in the previous twelve months.

115.15 (d): The PAQ indicates that the facility has implemented policies and procedures that enable inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. 103 DOC 519, page 18 states that Superintendents shall

implement procedures which enable inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing, without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. Additionally, it states that pursuant to 103 DOC 512, Superintendents shall require staff of the opposite gender to verbally announce, or have verbally announced for them, their presence when entering an inmate housing unit whenever such entry changes the status quo of the gender of staff on duty in that area. 103 DOC 512, page 8 states that a verbal announcement shall be made at the commencement of a shift for any staff working in a unit of the opposite sex. This announcement shall be documented in the unit activity log. It also states that whenever entering a housing unit of the opposite sex, staff shall announce their presence. This shall be logged in the Inmate Management System (IMS) in the unit visitor log. Interviews with random staff confirmed that all eight stated that inmates have privacy when showering, using the restroom and changing clothes. All eight also stated that staff of the opposite gender announce their presence when entering a housing unit. Interviews with random inmates indicated that none of the sixteen had been naked in front of the opposite gender staff member. Additionally, all sixteen indicated that staff of the opposite gender announce their presence prior to entering housing units. During the tour, the auditor heard the opposite gender announcement being made upon entry into housing units. The auditor observed that all housing units were equipped with curtains for privacy. Additionally, common area restroom doors provided privacy via solid doors.

115.15 (e): The PAQ indicated that the facility has a policy prohibiting staff from searching or physically examining a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status and that no searches of this nature have occurred within the previous twelve months. 103 DOC 512 page 7, states that searches or physically examining a gender non-conforming inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status shall not be permitted. If the inmate's genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversation with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by the contracted medical provider. Interviews with eight random staff indicated that six were aware of a policy prohibiting staff from physically searching a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. There were no transgender or intersex inmates housed at the facility during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.15 (f): 103 DOC 506, page 13 states that fully clothes searches (pat search) should be employed for the relatively quick scrutiny of an inmate's person. Searches are to be conducted professionally and respectfully, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs. Page 13 also describes the recommended fully clothed search technique. The PAQ indicated that 100% of staff had received training on conducting cross gender pat down searches and searches of transgender and intersex inmates. A review of the fully clothed and unclothed training curriculums confirm that staff are trained to be professional and composed. Additionally, the training indicates that gender, sex and search preference will be found on the inmate's identification card and that the search should be conducted professionally and respectfully in the least intrusive manner possible. The training encompasses step by step instruction on how to conduct a professional search. A review of a random sample of eight staff training records indicated that all eight had received the search training during the academy. Interviews with eight random staff indicated that seven had received training on conducting cross gender searches and searches of transgender and intersex inmates.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 506, 103 DOC 519, the clothed and unclothed search training curriculums, a random sample of staff training records, observations made during the tour to include curtains and solid doors, the opposite gender announcement as well as information from interviews with random staff and random inmates indicate this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.16: Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient

115.16 (a)

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who are blind or have low vision? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have intellectual disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have psychiatric disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have speech disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other (if "other," please explain in overall determination notes)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have intellectual disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have limited reading skills? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Are blind or have low vision? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.16 (b)

- Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.16 (c)

- Does the agency always refrain from relying on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistance except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 401 – Booking and Admissions
3. 103 DOC 401 – Inmate Handbook
4. 103 DOC 408 – Reasonable Accommodations for Inmates
5. 103 DOC 488 – Interpreter Services
6. Bilingual Staff List
7. Lionsbridge Interpretive Services User's Guide

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
2. Interview with Inmates with Disabilities
3. Interview with LEP Inmates
4. Interview with Random Staff

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of PREA Posters in Accessible Formats

Findings (By Provision):

115.16 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency has established procedures to provide disabled inmates an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. 301 DOC 408, page 3 states that it is the Department's policy not to discriminate against any person protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Department shall ensure that its programs, activities and services when viewed in their entirety, are readily accessible to, and usable by inmates with a disability. Additionally, it states that the Department shall provide inmates access to trained, qualified individual(s) who are educated in the problems and challenges faced by inmates with physical and/or mental impairments. These individuals shall be knowledgeable in programs designed to educate and assist inmates with a disability, as well as in all the legal requirements for the protection of inmates with disabilities. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that the agency has a language access program that provides translation in over 100 languages. He also stated that the agency has an Americans with Disabilities Act staff member that coordinates all actions for disabled inmates. The Agency Head Designee indicated that the agency meets with inmates to afford them accommodations such as talking or buzzing watches. He also confirmed that they have specific telephones for inmates with hearing impairments and they also have the option of closed captioning. Interviews with two disabled inmates and six LEP inmates indicated that all eight had received PREA information in a format that they could understand. During the tour, it was observed that the PREA information was painted and posted in the housing units in large text and in bright colors.

115.16 (b): The PAQ stated that the agency has established procedures to provide inmates with limited English proficiency equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. 103 DOC 401, page 13 indicates that each Superintendent/designee shall ensure that new inmates (to include inmates admitted directly to a Restrictive Housing Unit) receive written orientation materials in English and Spanish. When necessary, other non-English speaking inmates shall receive translation into their own language via the telephone interpreter service. When a literacy problem exists, a staff member may assist the inmate in understanding the problem. A review of the inmate handbook confirmed that PREA information is available in Spanish. 103 DOC 488, page 4 states that telephonic interpreter services may be used to translate for inmates in the following areas: Internal Perimeter Security (IPS), Booking and Admissions, Health Services Unit (HSU), Classification Boards, Inmate Grievances and Disciplinary Hearings. If an inmate requests an interpreter or correctional or medical staff believe the use of an interpreter is necessary, then the telephonic interpreter service shall be utilized. This policy does not prevent IPS or Department investigators from utilizing bilingual staff to interview inmates if the situation does not lend itself to the use of the telephonic interpreter service during the course of an investigation. Page 29 of the inmate handbook informs inmates that the Department of Corrections has contracted a service provider to provide over-the-phone interpretation, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This service can provide translation of 140 different languages to any non-English speaking inmate. This service can only be used with a speaker telephone in the following areas whenever an inmate declares that he does not speak and/or understand English; Internal Perimeter Security, Booking and Admissions, Health Services Unit, Classification Boards and Disciplinary Hearings. A provided memo indicated the facility has twelve bilingual staff that can be utilized to interpret six languages. A review of the Lionsbridge user's guide confirms that the facility is able to call the hotline, enter their pin number and select a language for interpretive services. The auditor utilized Lionsbridge at another MADOC audit to confirm the availability of the services. Interviews with two disabled inmates and six LEP inmates indicated that all eight had received PREA information in a format that they could understand. During the tour, it was observed that PREA information was painted and posted throughout the facility in English and Spanish.

115.16 (c): The PAQ stated that agency policy prohibits the use of inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistants except in limited circumstances. 103 DOC 488, page 4 state that inmates shall not be used as interpreters for other inmates in IPS, Booking and Admissions, HSU,

Classification Boards, Inmate Grievances and Disciplinary Hearings. The PAQ indicated the facility documents the limited circumstances in individual cases where inmate interpreters, readers or other assistants are used. The PAQ expressed that there were zero instances where an inmate was utilized to interpret, read or provide other types of assistance. Interviews with eight random staff indicated that all eight were aware of a policy prohibiting the use of inmate interpreters, readers and assistants for sexual abuse allegations. Interviews eight disabled and LEP inmates confirmed that none had an inmate interpret, read or provide assistance for them. All eight indicated they were provided PREA information in a format that they could understand.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 401, 103 DOC 408, 103 DOC 488, the Lionsbridge user's guide, the inmate handbook, observations made during the tour to include the PREA signage, the auditor's use of Lionsbridge, as well as interviews with the Agency Head Designee, random staff, LEP inmates and disabled inmates indicates that this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.17: Hiring and promotion decisions

115.17 (a)

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (b)

- Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (c)

- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with inmates, does the agency perform a criminal background records check? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, does the agency, consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (d)

- Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (e)

- Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (f)

- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (g)

- Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (h)

- Does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on

substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 201 – Selection and Hiring
3. Rules and Regulations Governing all Employees of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections
4. Memorandum from the Director of Human Resources
5. MA Department of Correction Application for Employment
6. MA Department of Correction Application for Employment Attachment X
7. PREA 201 Employer Addendum
8. Memorandum from the PREA Coordinator
9. Personnel Files of Staff
10. Contractor Background Files
11. Volunteer Background Files

Interviews:

1. Interview with Human Resource Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.17 (a): The PAQ indicated that agency policy prohibits hiring or promoting anyone who may have contact with inmates and prohibits enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who: has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution; has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or when the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above. During documentation review the auditor verified that while the Director of Human Resources issued a memo on February 21, 2019 indicating that the agency prohibits hiring or promoting anyone who has engaged in the actions under this provision, the information was not added to policy. The PC immediately took action to modify the current policy. On May 28, 2021 the PC provided the auditor with a memo indicating that the required language under this provision was added to 103 DOC 201 and was in the final approval process. Page 2 of the MA Department of Corrections Application for Employment indicates that an applicant for employment who meets the minimum entrance requirements, the Commonwealth may review later in the application process, if applicable: Criminal Offender Record Information (C.O.R.I); and Sex Offender Registry Information (S.O.R.I); and the Central Registry of Child Abuse/Neglect reports. If an offer of employment is made, the Commonwealth agency may declare that the offer is contingent upon the successful results of a medical exam, references, education, certification, professional licensure, driver's license (if required

for job) and/or a tax and background check. A review of Attachment X (PREA Inquiries) indicates that applicants are asked to complete the form which includes the following questions; "Have you ever engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution?", "Have you ever been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or when the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?", "Have you even been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above?", "Have you ever engaged in or been accused of engaging in sexual harassment in any prior employment?" and "Have you resigned from or quit any job following allegations that you engaged in any form of sexual misconduct?". There were no MADOC staff hired at the facility during the previous twelve months. The three staff reported in the PAQ to be hired were actually teachers, who are state workers but do not work for the MADOC. The auditor reviewed criminal background checks at other MADOC facilities. A review of twelve agency criminal background checks at other MADOC facilities confirmed that all twelve had a criminal background check completed. Additionally, prior to January 2021 staff were not asked the required three questions under this provision. The agency asked the following two questions: "Have you ever engaged in or been accused of engaging in sexual harassment in any prior employment?" and "Have you resigned from or quit any job following allegations that you engaged in any form of sexual misconduct?". In January 2021 the form was updated to include the three required questions under this standard. As such, all of the staff hired after 2021 answered the five total questions.

115.17 (b): The PAQ indicated that agency policy requires the consideration of any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates. During documentation review the auditor verified that while the Director of Human Resources issued a memo on February 21, 2019 indicating that the agency considers prior incidents of sexual harassment when determining whether to hire, promote or enlist the services of any contractors, the information was not added to policy. The PC immediately took action to modify the current policy. On May 28, 2021 the PC provided the auditor with a memo indicating that the required language under this provision was added to 103 DOC 201 and was in the final approval process. A review of Attachment X (PREA Inquiries) indicates that applicants are asked to complete the form which includes the question "Have you ever engaged in or been accused of engaging in sexual harassment in any prior employment?". Human Resource staff indicated that sexual harassment is considered when hiring or promoting staff or enlisting services of any contractors.

115.17 (c): The PAQ stated that agency policy requires that before it hires any new employees who may have contact with inmates, it conducts criminal background record checks and makes its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignations during a pending investigation. 103 DOC 201, pages 21-23 indicate that a criminal record check is conducted on all new employees prior to their assuming their duties in order to identify whether there are criminal convictions that may have a specific relationship to job performance in accordance with state and federal statutes. The background investigation shall include, but not be limited to, the following: a criminal records check including local police departments, Massachusetts Board of Probation, National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Nation Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), Registry of Motor Vehicles, FBI fingerprints and Warrant Management Systems (WMS); past employment check, including the investigator's best efforts in contacting prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignations during a pending investigation of an alleged sexual abuse and character reference check. The PAQ indicated that two people were hired in the previous twelve months and that 100% of those hired had a criminal background record check. There were no MADOC staff hired at the facility during the previous twelve months. The three staff reported in the PAQ to be hired were actually teachers, who are state workers but do not work for the MADOC. The auditor reviewed twelve criminal background checks at other MADOC facilities. A review of twelve agency criminal background checks confirmed that all twelve had a

criminal background check completed. Human Resource staff confirmed that a criminal background check is completed for all applicants and that the agency attempts to contact all prior institutional employers about any substantiated allegations of sexual abuse.

115.17 (d): The PAQ stated that agency policy requires that a criminal background record check be completed before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates. 103 DOC 201, page 28 indicates that a full criminal records check and fingerprinting shall be conducted regarding all contractors as described in 103 DOC 201.09(1). The PAQ indicated that there have been three contracts for services where criminal background checks were conducted on all staff covered under the contract. This indicates that 100% of contract for services had criminal background record checks conducted on all staff covered under the contract. A review of four contractor personnel files indicated that all four had a criminal background check completed. Human Resource staff confirmed that all contractors have a criminal background check completed prior to enlisting their services.

115.17 (e): The PAQ indicated that agency policy requires either criminal background checks to be conducted at least every five years for current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or that a system is in place for otherwise capturing such information for current employees. During documentation review the auditor verified that while the Director of Human Resources issued a memo on February 21, 2019 indicating that the agency shall either conduct criminal background checks at least every five years on current employees and contractors, the information was not added to policy. The PC immediately took action to modify the current policy. On May 28, 2021 the PC provided the auditor with a memo indicating that the required language under this provision was added to 103 DOC 201 and was in the final approval process. A review of five staff hired more than five year ago indicated that all five had a criminal background check completed at least every five years. The Human Resource staff stated that criminal backgrounds include a query of the criminal justice information system, Inlets and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). She also confirmed that staff have a criminal background check completed at least every five years.

115.17 (f): 103 DOC 201, pages 20-21 state that all candidates for employment, regardless of whether for initial employment or promotion, who may have contact with inmates, shall be asked, in either written application(s) or interview(s), about whether he/she has: engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility or other institution; been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt threat or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse. Page 2 of the MA Department of Corrections Application for Employment indicates that an applicant for employment who meets the minimum entrance requirements, the Commonwealth may review later in the application process, if applicable: Criminal Offender Record Information (C.O.R.I); and Sex Offender Registry Information (S.O.R.I); and the Central Registry of Child Abuse/Neglect reports. If an offer of employment is made, the Commonwealth agency may declare that the offer is contingent upon the successful results of a medical exam, references, education, certification, professional licensure, driver's license (if required for job) and/or a tax and background check. A review of Attachment X (PREA Inquiries) indicates that applicants are asked to complete the form which includes the following questions; "Have you ever engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution?", "Have you ever been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or when the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?", "Have you even been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above?", "Have you ever engaged in or been accused of engaging in sexual harassment in any prior employment?" and "Have you resigned from or quit any job following allegations that you engaged in any form of sexual misconduct?". The Human Resource staff stated they have always had an attachment with PREA information, however in

January 2021 the attachment was updated to include the three questions under this standard. She stated there are now a total of five PREA questions.

115.17 (g): The PAQ indicated that agency policy states that material omissions regarding such misconduct or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination. 103 DOC 201, page 25 states that material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination. Page 3 of the Rules and Regulations Governing all Employees of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections states that staff are required to report promptly in writing to the Superintendent, DOC Department Head, or their designee, any changes of events regarding residential address, home telephone number, marital status, and any involvement with law-enforcement officials pertaining to any investigation, arrest or court appearance. Human resource staff confirmed that staff have a continuing duty to disclose any misconduct.

115.17 (h): Human resource staff indicated that this information would be provided when requested.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 201, Rules and Regulations Governing all Employees of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, the memo from the Director of Human Resources, the memo from the PC, the MA Department of Correction Application for Employment, the MA Department of Correction Application for Employment Attachment X, the PREA 201 Employer Addendum, a review of personnel files for staff and contractors and information obtained from the Human Resource staff interview indicates that this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.18: Upgrades to facilities and technologies

115.18 (a)

- If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.18 (b)

- If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 703 – Design Criteria and Planning Guidelines
3. Memo from the Superintendent

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
2. Interview with the Warden

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of Absence of Modification to the Physical Plant
2. Observations of Video Monitoring Technology

Findings (By Provision):

115.18 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made substantial expansion or modifications to existing facilities since the last PREA audit. 103 DOC 703, page 3 states that when designing or acquiring any new facility and in planning any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, the agency shall consider the effect of the design or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. The memo from the Superintendent as well as the interview confirmed that there have not been any expansions or improvements of the existing physical layout of the facility during the audit period. During the tour, the auditor did not observe any renovations, modifications or expansions. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that new facility designs, modifications and technology upgrades would be reviewed to see how these modification or upgrades may enhance the ability to protect inmates against sexual abuse. He stated that the agency uses the PREA standards when they do any modifications to any units and that they utilize recommendations from the PREA Resource Center (PRC). He also confirmed that the Division Head has been trained on the requirements under this provision.

115.18 (b): The PAQ indicated that the agency/facility has installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system or other monitoring technology since the last PREA audit. 103 DOC 703, page 9 states that when installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, the agency shall consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. The memo from the Superintendent confirmed that there have not been any enhancements to the video surveillance system at the facility since the last PREA audit. During the tour, the auditor observed video monitoring technology in a few places within the facility, including one housing unit and the visitation area. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that new facility designs, modifications and technology upgrades would be reviewed to see how these modification or upgrades may enhance the ability to protect inmates against sexual abuse. He stated that video monitoring is used as one of the agency's security systems on a regular basis. He indicated that staff are assigned daily to review video and audit staff and inmate actions. He stated anything that is found that is incorrect is addressed through incident reports and discipline. The Agency Head Designee stated that the agency utilizes cameras to eliminate blind spots and provide supplemental

monitoring in high traffic areas. The Warden confirmed that when they update or install video monitoring technology that they consider how it will enhance their ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. The Warden stated that they review video monitoring to determine if it will help protect inmates. He stated that they have requested video monitoring technology but because of the facility's security level and mission they are at the bottom of the list to receive the resources.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 73, the memo from the Superintendent, observations from the tour and information from interviews with the Agency Head Designee and Warden, this standard appears to be compliant.

RESPONSIVE PLANNING

Standard 115.21: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

115.21 (a)

- If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.21 (b)

- Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.21 (c)

- Does the agency offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.21 (d)

- Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member? (N/A if the agency *always* makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.21 (e)

- As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.21 (f)

- If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating agency follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.21 (g)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.21 (h)

- If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (N/A if agency *always* makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☒ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☐ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Contract with Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)
4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Massachusetts State Police

Interviews:

1. Interview with Random Staff
2. Interview with SAFE/SANE
3. Interview with the PREA Compliance Manager
4. Interview with Inmates who Reported Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

115.21 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency/facility is responsible for conducting both administrative and criminal investigations and that the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) also conducts criminal investigations. Additionally, the PAQ stated that when conducting sexual abuse investigations, the agency investigators follow a uniform evidence protocol. 103 DOC 519, page 23 states that the Department shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment/abuse utilizing those staff member who have received specialized training as it relates to a PREA investigation. It further explains the uniform evidence protocol including that each institution shall maintain an Emergency Response Plan and sexual assault response kits containing the necessary items to facilities their response to sexual assault allegations. It describes staff first responder duties including separating the inmates, securing the scene, asking the victim not to take any action to destroy any evidence and escorting the inmate to medical. Policy further states that evidence collection shall be conducted by a trained Sexual Assault Investigator prior to the inmate's transport to an outside hospital. Evidence collected at the outside hospital involving inmate-on-inmate allegations shall be retained by the transporting officer while evidence collected involving a staff member shall require the outside hospital to notify the MSP who shall transport any evidence collected to the MSP Crime Lab for analysis. Interviews with eight random staff indicated that seven knew and understood the protocol for obtaining useable physical evidence. Additionally, all eight staff indicated that investigations would be completed by specially trained staff, usually IPS.

115.21 (b): The PAQ indicated that the protocol is not developmentally appropriate for youth as they do not house youthful inmates. The PAQ did state that the protocol was adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the DOJ's Office of Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adult/Adolescents" or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011. 103 DOC 519, pages 19-20 and page 22 explains the uniform evidence protocol including that each institution shall maintain an Emergency Response Plan and sexual assault response kits containing the necessary items to facilities their response to sexual assault allegations. It describes staff first responder duties including separating the inmates, securing the scene, asking the victim not to take any action to destroy any evidence and escorting the inmate to medical. Policy further states that evidence collection shall be conducted by a trained Sexual Assault Investigator prior to the inmate's transport to an outside hospital. Evidence collected at the outside hospital involving inmate-on-inmate allegations shall be retained by the transporting officer while evidence collected involving a staff member shall require the outside hospital to notify the MSP who shall transport any evidence collected to the MSP Crime Lab for analysis.

115.21 (c): The PAQ indicated that the facility offers inmates who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examination at a local hospital. It stated that forensic exams are offered without financial cost to the victim and that when possible, examinations are conducted by SAFE or SANE. The PAQ further states that when SAFE or SANE are not available that a qualified medical practitioner performs forensic examinations. 103 DOC 519, page 20 states that upon completion of the medical and mental health evaluation, the Superintendent/designee, in consultation with medical and mental health personnel, shall determine whether a referral to an outside hospital with a rape crisis unit and SANE Program services is warranted. If the determination is made the inmate victim should be sent to an outside hospital, and if the inmate victim consents, the inmate victim shall be transported to an outside hospital with a SANE Program where he/she shall receive essential medical intervention, including preventative treatment for HIV, sexually transmitted disease, and pregnancy, if appropriate. The PAQ stated that there zero forensic exams conducted in the previous twelve months. All MADOC inmates a transported to Beth Israel for forensic medical examinations. Staff at Beth Israel confirmed that they provide forensic medical examinations at the hospital. The staff confirmed that examinations are provided by SANE. There were no forensic examinations conducted for BPRC inmates within the audit period and as such no documentation was available for review.

115.21 (d): The PAQ indicated that if requested by the victim, a victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompanies and supports the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information and referrals. 103 DOC 519, page 22 states that community based victim advocacy services are offered to the inmate as part of the SANE examination at the outside hospital/rape crisis center. Any contracted advocate or community-based advocate assigned shall be coordinated by the Director of Victim Services Unit. The advocate assigned shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interview, informational meetings, and referrals. Rape crisis services shall be provided at no cost to the alleged victim unless the claim of being sexually assaulted was knowingly false. The agency utilizes BARCC to provide advocacy for all inmates who undergo a forensic medical examination at Beth Israel. The most recent contract with BARCC, executed December 13, 2019 indicates that BARCC provides an advocate to meet with incarcerated survivors to be present during investigatory interviews. While the contract does not specifically indicate that BARCC provides an advocate during forensic medical examination, the interview with the PCM and the BARCC staff member confirm this is the practice. All MADOC inmates are transported to Beth Israel for a forensic medical examination and BARCC provides advocates for all forensic examinations at Beth Israel. The PCM stated that the agency has a contract with BARCC to provide services during forensic medical examinations and during investigatory interviews. There were no sexual abuse allegations reported during the previous twelve months, nor were there any inmates at the facility who reported sexual abuse. As such no interviews were able to be conducted.

115.21 (e): The PAQ indicated that if requested by the victim, a victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompanies and supports the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information and referrals. 103 DOC 519, page 22 states that community based victim advocacy services are offered to the inmate as part of the SANE examination at the outside hospital/rape crisis center. Any contracted advocate or community-based advocate assigned shall be coordinated by the Director of Victim Services Unit. The advocate assigned shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interview, informational meetings, and referrals. Rape crisis services shall be provided at no cost to the alleged victim unless the claim of being sexually assaulted was knowingly false. The agency utilizes BARCC to provide advocacy for all inmates who undergo a forensic medical examination at Beth Israel. The most recent contract with BARCC, executed December 13, 2019 indicates that BARCC provides an advocate to meet with incarcerated survivors to be present during investigatory interviews. While the contract does not specifically indicate that BARCC provides an advocate during forensic medical examination, the interview

with the PCM and the BARCC staff member confirm this is the practice. All MADOC inmates are transported to Beth Israel for a forensic medical examination and BARCC provides advocates for all forensic examinations at Beth Israel. The PCM stated that the agency has a contract with BARCC to provide services during forensic medical examinations and during investigatory interviews. She stated that BARCC is the local rape crisis center for Boston and surrounding areas. There were no sexual abuse allegations reported during the previous twelve months, nor were there any inmates at the facility who reported sexual abuse. As such no interviews were able to be conducted.

115.21 (f): The PAQ indicated that if the agency is not responsible for investigating administrative or criminal allegations of sexual abuse and relies on another agency to conduct these investigations, the agency has requested that the responsible agency follow the requirements under this standard. The agency/facility is responsible for conducting both administrative and criminal investigations and the Massachusetts State Police is also authorized to conduct criminal investigations. The agency has an MOU with the MSP that requires them to comply with PREA standards.

115.21 (g): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.21 (h): The facility has a contract with BARCC to provide all advocacy services. BARCC is the local rape crisis center for Boston and surrounding areas and always provides advocacy services to inmates under this standard.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the contract with BARCC and information from interviews with the random staff, the SAFE/SANE and the PREA Compliance Manager the facility/agency appears to exceed this standard. The agency transports all inmates to Beth Israel for forensic examination and BARCC provides all advocacy services to MADOC inmates and as such all inmates receive the same care with regard to forensic medical examinations and victim advocacy services. BARCC has a partnership with Beth Israel and provides victim advocacy services to not only inmates but all sexual assault victims who undergo a forensic examination at the hospital. Additionally, the agency and the MSP have a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes evidence collection for investigations.

Standard 115.22: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

115.22 (a)

- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.22 (b)

- Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency document all such referrals? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.22 (c)

- If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does the policy describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.22 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.22 (e)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Massachusetts State Police

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
2. Interview with Investigative Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.22 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. 103 DOC 519, page 23 states that the Department shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment/abuse utilizing those staff member who have received specialized training as it relates to a PREA investigation. Pages 24-25 state that the Department shall ensure that all available means are used to fully investigate allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. Within 72 hours of the reported incident, the site's Superintendent will review and assess all reported allegations of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior and determine the appropriate course of action. The PAQ indicated that there were zero allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment reported within the previous twelve months. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that the agency

investigates everything and that there is a PREA section in the policy related to investigations. The Agency Head Designee stated that the agency has an investigative database where information is entered and that staff will investigate the allegation to determine if it is substantiated or unsubstantiated. He further stated that if it is substantiated it will be provided to the District Attorney's Office and they would then assign it to the Massachusetts State Police. There were no sexual abuse or sexual allegations reported at BPRC during the audit period and as such no documentation was able to be reviewed.

115.22 (b): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy that requires that all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment be referred for investigations to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations and that such policy is published on the agency website or made publicly available via other means. The PAQ also indicated that the agency documents all referrals of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation. 103 DOC 519, pages 24-25 state that the Department shall ensure that all available means are used to fully investigate allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. Within 72 hours of the reported incident, the site's Superintendent will review and assess all reported allegations of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior and determine the appropriate course of action. Investigations of reported allegations of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior between inmates shall be initiated by the Superintendent utilizing appropriately trained facility investigative staff or upon request to the Chief of the Office of Investigative Services (OIS)/Internal Affairs Unit (IAU), in conjunction with an investigator from OIS. If a staff member is accused of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior with an inmate, the Superintendent shall request a Category II investigation by submitting an Investigative Services Intake Form and shall notify his/her respective Assistant Deputy Commissioner. A review of the agency website (<https://www.mass.gov/lists/departments-of-correction-public-policies>) confirms that 103 DOC 519 is published and available for public review. Interviews with investigators confirmed that the agency has the legal authority to conduct administrative and criminal investigations. There were no sexual abuse or sexual allegations reported at BPRC during the audit period and as such no documentation was able to be reviewed.

115.22 (c): 103 DOC 519, page 10 states that the Superintendent shall ensure that the Duty Station is notified of all allegations of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior. If the allegation involves a possible violation of the law, the Chief of OIS/IAU shall be promptly notified and shall then notify the jurisdictionally appropriate District Attorney's office once it is determined that sufficient probable cause exists to warrant such notification. A review of the agency website (<https://www.mass.gov/lists/departments-of-correction-public-policies>) confirms that 103 DOC 519 is published and available for public review. The MOU with the MSP indicates that the MSP screens cases referred to their agency to determine if the MADOC may handle the case utilizing internal investigators, or if the case is most appropriately investigated by the MSP.

115.22 (d): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.22 (e): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the MOU with the MSP, the agency's website and information obtained via interviews with the Agency Head Designee and the investigators, this standard appears to be compliant.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Standard 115.31: Employee training

115.31 (a)

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.31 (b)

- Is such training tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.31 (c)

- Have all current employees who may have contact with inmates received such training? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.31 (d)

- Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☒ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☐ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 216 – Training and Staff Development
3. Massachusetts Department of Corrections Annual Training Plan
4. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Lesson Plan
5. Staff Training Records

Interviews:

1. Interviews with Random Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.31 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency trains all employees who may have contact with inmates on the following matters: the agency's zero tolerance policy, how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures, the inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, the right of the inmate to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment, the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting, the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims, how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse, how to avoid inappropriate relationship with inmates, how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex inmates and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting laws. 103 DOC 216, pages 10 states that all employees shall receive training on PREA. A review of the PREA Lesson Plan confirmed that the following topics are included: the agency's zero tolerance policy (pages 2 and 19), how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures (page 25), the inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (page 18), the right of the inmate to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (page 18), the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (page 9), the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims (page 13), how

to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse (page 25), how to avoid inappropriate relationship with inmates (page 37), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex inmates (page 41) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting laws (page 26). A review of a sample of eight staff training records indicated that 100% of those reviewed received PREA training. Interviews with eight random staff confirmed that all eight had received PREA training. Staff stated they receive training at their annual in-service and the training goes over reporting methods, the steps to take after an allegation is reported, how to recognize incidents or possible incidents as well as different scenarios. All eight staff confirmed all required topics under this provision were covered in the training.

115.31 (b): The PAQ indicated that training is tailored to the gender of inmate at the facility and that employees who are reassigned to facilities with opposite gender inmates are given additional training. 103 DOC 216, pages 10-11 state that the employee shall receive additional training if the employee is reassigned from an institution that houses only male inmates to an institution that houses only female inmates, or vice versa, as well as the training requirement of 103 DOC 652 and 103 DOC 653 regarding the care and treatment of gender non-conforming inmates. A review of the PREA Lesson Plan confirmed that the anticipated responses section on page 13 includes information for male and female victims. Additionally, there are numerous lesson plans for how to handle female inmates and all staff that are assigned to female facilities complete these trainings. The facility houses male inmates and as such not additional training was required for staff.

115.31 (c): The PAQ indicated that 50 or 100% of the staff have been trained or retrained in PREA requirements. The PAQ stated that staff are trained at least every two years. DOC 216, page 11 states that employees with inmate contact shall receive refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures. In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, the agency shall provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. A review of documentation confirmed that all eight staff reviewed received PREA training and that seven of the eight had received PREA the last two years. Seven of the eight staff at the facility conducted annual training rather than every two years. The one staff member that had not received the PREA training both years was due to the staff member being out on medical leave all of 2020.

115.31 (d): The PAQ stated that the agency documents that employees who may have contact with inmates understand the training they have received through employee signature or electronic verification. 103 DOC 216, page 11 states that appropriate documentation shall be maintained indicating they have received the training. A review of a sample of eight staff training records indicated that all eight signed the acknowledgment form. Additionally, staff complete a post training quiz and receive a score which indicates their understanding.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 216, the Annual Training Plan, the PREA Lesson Plan, a review of a sample of staff training records as well as interviews with random staff indicate that the facility appears to exceed this standard. The agency provides PREA training to all staff member annually, rather than the required two years. Staff are provided updates throughout the year on any changes. Staff are required to complete a post training quiz that ensures their understanding. Interviews with staff confirm that they receive training annually. Staff interviews also confirmed that required elements are covered in the trainings. Staff were knowledgeable on their duties and responsibilities.

Standard 115.32: Volunteer and contractor training

115.32 (a)

- Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.32 (b)

- Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.32 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 216 – Training and Staff Development
3. Volunteer Orientation Handbook
4. Sample of Contractor Training Records
5. Sample of Volunteer Training Records

Interviews:

1. Interview with Volunteers and Contractors who have Contact with Inmates

Findings (By Provision):

115.32 (a): The PAQ indicated that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse/sexual harassment prevention, detection and response. 103 DOC 216, page 11 states that volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates shall be trained on their responsibilities under the sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection and response policies and procedures. Pages 15 and 16 of the Volunteer Orientation Handbook contains information on PREA, including the zero tolerance policy, responsibility to report and remedial measures for violating the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. The PAQ indicated that 35 volunteers and contractors had received PREA training, which is equivalent to 100%. A review of a sample of training documents for seven contractors and four volunteers indicated that all eleven had received PREA training. Additionally, the interviews

conducted with two contractors confirmed that they both had received training on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies.

115.32 (b): The PAQ indicated that the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors is based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates. Additionally, the PAQ indicates that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been notified of the agency's zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed on how to report such incidents. 103 DOC 216, page 11 states the level and type of training provided shall be based on the services they provide and the level of contact they have with inmates, but all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates shall be notified of the agency's zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents. Pages 15 and 16 of the Volunteer Orientation Handbook contains information on PREA, including the zero tolerance policy, responsibility to report and remedial measures for violating the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. A review of a sample of training documents for seven contractors and four volunteers indicated that all eleven had received PREA training. Additionally, the interviews with the two contractors indicated that they receive PREA training on-site at the facility and they also get annual training through their company. Both staff stated that they received information on the zero tolerance policy and who to report information to. One staff member stated that the agency provided her a card with PREA information on it as well.

115.32 (c): The PAQ stated that the agency maintains documentation confirming that volunteers/contractors understand the training they have received. 103 DOC 216, page 11 states that appropriate documentation shall be maintained indicating they have received the training. A review of a sample of training documents for seven contractors and four volunteers indicated that 100% of those reviewed had signed an acknowledgment form. Each form has an acknowledgment above the signature stating that the individual has reviewed/read the information and understands the content.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 216, the Volunteer Orientation Handbook, a review of a sample of contractor and volunteer training records as well as the interviews with contractors indicates that this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.33: Inmate education

115.33 (a)

- During intake, do inmates receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- During intake, do inmates receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.33 (b)

- Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.33 (c)

- Have all inmates received the comprehensive education referenced in 115.33(b)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do inmates receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the inmate's new facility differ from those of the previous facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.33 (d)

- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.33 (e)

- Does the agency maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.33 (f)

- In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 401 – Booking and Admissions
3. 103 DOC 401 – Inmate Handbook
4. 103 DOC 408 – Reasonable Accommodations for Inmates
5. 103 DOC 488 – Interpreter Services
6. Initial Orientation Package
7. PREA What You Need to Know Video
8. PREA Posters
9. Inmate Training Records

Interviews:

1. Interview with Intake Staff
2. Interview with Random Inmates

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of Intake Area
2. Observations of PREA Posters

Findings (By Provision):

115.33 (a): The PAQ stated that inmates receive information at the time of intake about the zero tolerance policy and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or harassment. 103 DOC 401, page 9 states that all PREA orientation information contained within Attachment #2 shall be included in all correctional facilities inmate orientation manuals. A review of Attachment #2 confirms that it contains information on the zero tolerance policy, information on the facility PCM, ways to report, information on the local rape crisis center, information on investigations and ways to avoid becoming a victim. Additionally, a review of the inmate handbook confirmed that pages 4-6 include the same information as Attachment #2, however it is facility specific information for BPRC. The PAQ indicated that 124 inmates received information at intake on the zero tolerance policy and how to report incident of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. The is equivalent to 100% of inmates who arrived at the facility over the previous twelve months. A review of seventeen inmate files indicated that all seventeen received PREA information at intake. During the tour, the auditor observed the intake area and was provided an overview of the intake process. Inmates are provided the initial orientation packet which includes Attachment #2 and the inmate handbook. The interview with intake staff indicated that every inmate that comes into the facility receives the inmate handbook from the booking officers which includes information on the zero tolerance policy and how to report sexual abuse. All sixteen of the inmates that were interviewed indicated that they received information on the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies.

115.33 (b): 103 DOC 401, page 8 states that inmates transferred from other institutions within the correctional system shall receive an orientation to the new institution. Except in unusual circumstances, this orientation is completed within seven calendar days after admission. New inmates entering the correctional system for the first time receive an initial reception and orientation to the institution. Except in unusual circumstances, this orientation is completed within 30 calendar days after admission. The

initial reception and orientation includes a review of the orientation video contains the "PREA What You Need to Know" video. Additionally, a review of the initial orientation package confirms that it contains information on the zero tolerance policy, information on the facility PCM, ways to report, information on the local rape crisis center, information on investigations and ways to avoid becoming a victim. The inmate handbook also contains the same information but includes facility specific information (such as the PREA hotline number). The PAQ indicated that 110 inmates received comprehensive PREA education within 30 days of intake. This is equivalent to 100%. A review of seventeen inmate files indicated that sixteen had received comprehensive PREA education within 30 days of intake. One inmate received the comprehensive PREA education but it was after the 30 day timeframe. The interview with the intake staff confirmed that all inmates watch a video that goes over information on the zero tolerance policy, how to report and their rights under PREA. The staff member stated that inmates receive the orientation video within seven day of arrival. Interviews with inmates indicated that all sixteen were told about their right to be free from sexual abuse, how to report sexual abuse and their right to be free from retaliation from reporting.

115.33 (c): The PAQ indicated that all current inmates at the facility had been educated on PREA. Additionally, it stated that agency policy requires that inmates who are transferred from one facility to another be educated regarding their rights to be free from both sexual abuse/harassment and retaliation from reporting such incidents and on any agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents to the extent that the policies and procedures of the new facility differ from those of the previous facility. 103 DOC 401, page 8 states that each Superintendent shall develop written procedures to ensure that each inmate receives an orientation upon admission within 24 hours of arrival. Additionally, it states that inmates transferred from other institutions within the correctional system shall receive an orientation to the new institution. Except in unusual circumstances, this orientation is completed within seven calendar days after admission. The interview with the intake staff indicated all inmates who arrive at the facility receive the inmate handbook and then view the orientation video within seven days. There were no inmates identified that were at the facility prior to 2013. A review of seventeen inmate files indicated that all seventeen were provided comprehensive PREA education.

115.33 (d): The PAQ indicated that PREA education is available in accessible formats for inmates who are LEP, deaf, visually impaired, otherwise disabled, as well as to inmates who have limited reading skills. 103 DOC 401, page 13, states that each Superintendent/designee shall ensure that new inmates receive written orientation material in English and Spanish. When necessary, other non-English speaking inmates shall receive translation into their own language via the telephonic interpreter service. When a literacy problem exists, a staff member may assist the inmate in understanding the problem. 301 DOC 408, page 3 states that it is the Department's policy not to discriminate against any person protected by the ADA. The Department shall ensure that its programs, activities and services when viewed in their entirety, are readily accessible to, and usable by inmates with a disability. Additionally, it states that the Department shall provide inmates access to trained, qualified individual(s) who are educated in the problems and challenges faced by inmates with physical and/or mental impairments. These individuals shall be knowledgeable in programs designed to educate and assist inmates with a disability, as well as in all the legal requirements for the protection of inmates with disabilities. 103 DOC 488, page 4 states that telephonic interpreter services may be used to translate for inmates in the following areas: Internal Perimeter Security (IPS), Booking and Admissions, Health Services Unit (HSU), Classification Boards, Inmate Grievances and Disciplinary Hearings. If an inmate requests an interpreter or correctional or medical staff believe the use of an interpreter is necessary, then the telephonic interpreter service shall be utilized. This policy does not prevent IPS or Department investigators from utilizing bilingual staff to interview inmates if the situation does not lend itself to the use of the telephonic interpreter service during the course of an investigations. Page 29 of the inmate handbook informs inmates that the Department of Corrections has contracted a service provider to provide over-the-phone interpretation, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This service can provide translation of 140 different languages to any non-English

speaking inmate. This service can only be used with a speaker telephone in the following areas whenever an inmate declares that he does not speak and/or understand English; Internal Perimeter Security, Booking and Admissions, Health Services Unit, Classification Boards and Disciplinary Hearings. A provided memo indicated the facility has twelve bilingual staff that can be utilized to interpret six languages. A review of the inmate handbook confirmed that it was available in both English and Spanish. A review of a sample of three disabled inmate files and five LEP inmate files indicated that all eight signed that they received PREA information in a format they could understand. While on-site the auditor determined that LEP inmates were not provided comprehensive PREA education in their primary language (Spanish). Three of the six LEP inmates interviewed understood most of the English information provided, while three did not. All six indicated they were provided a handbook in Spanish; however the video was in English. Additionally, the forms that LEP inmates signed related to receiving the PREA information was in English. After discussion with facility staff and the PC it was determined that the video was not played in Spanish. As such, LEP inmates were not provided the comprehensive PREA education in a format that allows them to benefit from the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. On May 24, 2021 the auditor was provided documentation confirming that the eighteen current LEP inmates at Boston Pre-Release Center were provided the comprehensive PREA education in Spanish. All eighteen signed a Spanish acknowledgement form. Additionally, the PC provided direction to all MADOC facilities to provide PREA information in the inmates' primary language. He also provided all MADOC facilities with the link to the Spanish PREA video.

115.33 (e): The PAQ indicated that the agency maintains documentation of inmate participation in PREA education sessions. 103 DOC 401, page 14 states that completion of all types of orientation and receipt of all materials shall be documented in the Inmate Management System (IMS) Orientation Checklist screen. Reception Centers, if using an approved alternative orientation checklist that is signed and dated by the inmate, shall be exempt from signing and dating an IMS printout. It shall also be documented by the inmate signing and dating a printout of the completed IMS Orientation Checklist screen. If the inmate refuses or is incapable of reading and signing for the information included in the orientation manual, the staff member providing the inmate with the copy shall indicate such refusal/incapability in the IMS Orientation Checklist Screen, as well as the assistance offered/given to the inmate who is incapable of reading and signing. The checklist shall be filed in the inmate's case record. A review of seventeen inmate files indicate that all seventeen were documented to have received PREA education.

115.33 (f): The PAQ indicates that the agency ensures that key information about the agency's PREA policies is continuously and readily available or visible through posters, inmate handbooks or other written formats. 103 DOC 401, page 14 states that in addition to the required orientation topics, all institutions shall be required to provide training for the inmates during the orientation sessions that cover, but is not limited to, the following: how to avoid becoming a victim while incarcerated; treatment available for victims of sexual abuse and how to report sexual misconduct incidents. A review of documentation indicates that the facility has PREA information via the inmate handbook, PREA posters and the initial orientation package. During the tour, the auditor observed the PREA posters and painted PREA information in each housing unit and in common areas.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 401, 103 DOC 408, 103 DOC 488, the inmate handbook, the initial orientation package, PREA posters, a review of inmate records, LEP inmate training records received during the interim report, observations made during the tour to include the intake area and posted/painted PREA information as well as information from interviews with intake staff and random inmates indicate that this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.34: Specialized training: Investigations

115.34 (a)

- In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.31, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators receive training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.34 (b)

- Does this specialized training include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does this specialized training include proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does this specialized training include sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does this specialized training include the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.34 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.34 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☒ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☐ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Memorandum of Understanding with the Massachusetts State Police
4. PREA/Sexual Assault Investigator Training Curriculum
5. Investigator Training Records

Interviews:

1. Interview with Investigative Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.34 (a): The PAQ indicated that agency policy requires that investigators are trained in conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings. 103 DOC 519, page 13 states that specialized training shall be provided for those employees who respond to and investigate PREA incidents. This training is completed through the PREA/Sexual Assault Investigator Training. The agency as a whole has 149 staff that conduct criminal and administrative sexual abuse cases. A review of documentation confirmed that all 149 of the staff have received the PREA/Sexual Assault Investigator Training, include the one facility investigator at BPRC. The interviews with the investigative staff confirmed that they received specialized training through the PREA Sexual Assault Investigative Training which is a 24 hours training course.

115.34 (b): 103 DOC 519, page 13 states that specialized training shall be provided for those employees who respond to and investigate PREA incidents. This training is completed through the PREA/Sexual Assault Investigator Training. A review of the training curriculum confirms that it covers; techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims (course 2, page 2-6 and course 4, pages 3-16), proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings (course 4, page 2), sexual abuse evidence collection in a confinement setting (course 3, pages 3-10) and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral (course 5, page 1). A review of documentation confirmed that all 149 of the staff have received the PREA/Sexual Assault Investigator Training, include the one facility investigator at BPRC. The interviews with the investigators confirmed that both received specialized training. One indicated he actually teaches the class and topics include; different types of interviews, how to process victims into Beth Israel for SANE, how to collect evidence, how to conduct investigations and ways to gather intelligence. Both staff confirmed that the required four training topics were covered in the specialized training.

115.34 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency maintains documentation showing that investigators have completed the required training and that one facility investigator had completed the required training. A review of documentation indicated that one facility investigator has completed the training as well as 148 other agency staff.

115.34 (d): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, PREA/Sexual Assault Investigator Training Curriculum, investigator training records as well as information from interviews with investigative staff the facility appears to exceed this standard. The MADOC created the training curriculum for the specialized investigator training. This curriculum is utilized by numerous other local and state law enforcement agencies. The agency conducts this training in person and it is a three day intensive training program. All agency and facility investigators are required to complete the training program and 149 agency staff were documented with the training. Interviews with investigators confirmed that they received the training

and the interviews confirmed that the investigators were knowledgeable on the elements required for PREA investigations and the process of conducting PREA investigation due to the training.

Standard 115.35: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

115.35 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.35 (b)

- If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams or the agency does not employ medical staff.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.35 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.35 (d)

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.31? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners employed by the agency.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.32? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 216 – Training and Staff Development
3. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
4. Wellpath – Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Lesson Plan
5. Medical and Mental Health Training Records

Interviews:

1. Interview with Medical and Mental Health Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.35 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency has a policy related to training medical and mental health practitioners who work regularly in its facilities. 103 DOC 519, page 13 states that the Division of Staff Development and the PREA Coordinator shall provide ongoing training to ensure that all Department employees and contractors are educated regarding their responsibilities to prevent and report incidents of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior. In addition, specialized training shall be provided for those employees who respond to and investigate PREA incidents. Specialized training is provided through the medical and mental health contractor, Wellpath. A review of the Wellpath Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) training curriculum confirms that it includes the following topics: how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse, how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how and whom to report allegations or suspicion of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The PAQ indicated that the facility has two medical and mental health care staff and that 100% of these staff received the specialized training. Interviews with medical and mental health staff confirmed that they both had received the PREA specialized training. The staff indicated that the training covers basic definitions, the population of inmates at an increased risk, successful interventions, ways to reduce sexual abuse, protocols, roles of medical and mental health staff, first responder duties, evidence collection and signs of possible sexual abuse. Both staff confirmed that the required training topics under this provision were included in their specialized training. A review of two medical and mental health training records indicated that both had received the specialized training.

115.35 (b): The PAQ indicated that agency medical staff do not perform forensic exams and as such this provision does not apply. Forensic exams are conducted at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Interviews with medical and mental health staff confirm that they do not perform forensic medical examinations.

115.35 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency maintains documentation showing that medical and mental health practitioners have completed the required training. A review of training documents for two medical and mental health care staff confirm that the training is documented via a training certificate.

115.35 (d): 103 DOC 216, page 11 states that volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates shall be trained on their responsibilities under the sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection and response policies and procedures. A review of the two medical and mental health staff training documents indicated that both had completed the contractor PREA training during new employee orientation.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 216, 103 DOC 519, the Wellpath PREA lesson plan, a review of medical and mental health care staff training records as well as interviews with medical and mental health care staff indicate that this standard appears to be compliant.

SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

Standard 115.41: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

115.41 (a)

- Are all inmates assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are all inmates assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (b)

- Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?
☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (c)

- Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?
☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (d)

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (2) The age of the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (3) The physical build of the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (5) Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the inmate about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener's perception whether the inmate is gender non-conforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (9) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10) Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (e)

- In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency, prior acts of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency, prior convictions for violent offenses? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency, history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (f)

- Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (g)

- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a referral? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a request? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to an incident of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (h)

- Is it the case that inmates are not ever disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8), or (d)(9) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (i)

- Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 650 – Mental Health Services
3. Housing Risk Screen Assessment
4. Memorandum from the Superintendent
5. Inmate Assessment and Reassessment Documents

Interviews:

1. Interview with Staff Responsible for Risk Screening
2. Interview with Random Inmates
3. Interview with the PREA Coordinator
4. Interview with the PREA Compliance Manager

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of Risk Screening Area
2. Observations of Where Inmate Files are Located

Findings (By Provision):

115.41 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency has a policy that requires screening upon admission to a facility or transfer to another facility for risk of sexual abuse victimization or sexual abusiveness toward other inmates. 103 DOC 650, page 9 states that all inmates shall be assessed during an intake screening and upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates. Interviews with fourteen random inmates that were received within the previous twelve months confirmed that thirteen were asked questions either the same day or the next day. The interview with the staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that inmates are screened for their risk of victimization and abusiveness at intake. During the tour, the auditor observed the intake area. The risk screening is conducted in a private office setting.

115.41 (b): The PAQ indicated that the policy requires that inmates be screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other inmates within 72 hours of their intake. 103 DOC 650, page 9 states that intake screenings shall ordinarily take place within 72 hours of the arrival at the facility. The PAQ stated that 124 inmates, or 100% of those that arrived in the previous twelve months, were screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other inmates within 72 hours. A review of seventeen inmate files indicated that all seventeen had an initial risk screening completed within 72 hours. Interviews with fourteen random inmates that were received within the previous twelve months confirmed that thirteen were asked questions either the same day or the next day. The interview with the staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that inmates are screened for their risk of victimization and abusiveness within 72 hours.

115.41 (c): The PAQ indicated that the risk assessment is conducted using an objective screening instrument. 103 DOC 650, page 9 states that such assessments shall be conducted using an objective screening tool. A review of the Housing Risk Screen Assessment indicates that the assessment includes fifteen questions related to sexual victimization factors and five questions related to sexual abusive factors. At the end of each section the answers are electronically tabulated to produce a designation. Designations include known victim, potential victim, unknown victim, known perpetrator, potential perpetrator and known perpetrator.

115.41 (d): 103 DOC 650, page 9 indicates that the intake screening shall consider, at minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of victimization: whether the inmate has a mental, physical or developmental disability; the age of the inmate; the physical build of the inmate; whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated; whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent; whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child; whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex or gender nonconforming, whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization; the inmate's own perception of vulnerability and whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes. A review of the Housing Risk Screen Assessment indicates that the assessment includes fifteen questions related to sexual victimization factors including prior victimization, physical disability, mental disability, developmental disability, perception of vulnerability, LGBTI/Gender Dysphoria/gender non-conforming, age, physical stature, prior

incarcerations, non-violent history, effeminate presentation and history or protective custody. Additionally it includes five questions related to sexual abusive factors including history of sexual abuse, history of domestic violence, gang affiliation, history of extortion or assaults and history of violent offenses. The interview with the staff who perform the risk screening indicated that the risk screening mainly includes yes and no questions related to mental disability, physical disability, developmental disability, perception of vulnerability, LGBTI preference/identity and prior victimization.

115.41 (e): A review of the Housing Risk Screen Assessment confirms that the screening tool considers prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offense and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse, as known to the agency, in assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive. The interview with the staff who perform the risk screening indicated that the risk screening mainly includes yes and no questions related to mental disability, physical disability, developmental disability, perception of vulnerability, LGBTI preference/identity and prior victimization.

115.41 (f): The PAQ indicated that policy requires that the facility reassess each inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days after the inmate's arrival at the facility, based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening. 103 DOC 650, page 9 states that within a time period, not to exceed 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, the facility will reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening. The PAQ indicated that 110, or 100% of inmates entering the facility were reassessed for their risk of sexual victimization or of being sexually abusive within 30 days after their arrival at the facility. The interview with staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that inmates are reassessed within 30 days. Interviews with fourteen random inmates that arrived in the previous twelve months indicated that only two remember a reassessment. A review of a sample of seventeen inmate files indicated that sixteen inmates were reassessed within the 30-day timeframe. The seventeenth inmate was reassessed but it was past the 30 day timeframe.

115.41 (g): The PAQ indicated that policy requires that an inmate's risk level be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. 103 DOC 650, page 10 states that an inmate's risk level shall be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. The memo from the Superintendent indicated that there were no inmates reassessed due to referral, request, incident of sexual abuse or receipt of additional information. There were no allegations of sexual abuse and as such no inmates were required to be reassessed due to an incident of sexual abuse. The interview with staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that inmates are reassessed within 30 days. Interviews with fourteen random inmates that arrived in the previous twelve months indicated that only two remember a reassessment. A review of a sample of seventeen inmate files indicated that sixteen inmates were reassessed within the 30-day timeframe. The seventeenth inmate was reassessed but it was past the 30 day timeframe.

115.41 (h): The PAQ indicated that policy prohibits disciplining inmates for refusing to answer whether or not the inmate has a mental, physical or developmental disability; whether or not the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex or gender non-conforming; whether or not the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization; and the inmate's own perception of vulnerability. 103 DOC 650, page 10 states that inmates may not be disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing completed information in response to questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8) or (d)(9). The memo from the Superintendent confirmed there were no instances where an inmate was disciplined for refusing to answer or not disclosing complete information regarding their risk of sexual abuse or being sexually abusive. The interview with the staff responsible for risk screening

indicated that inmates are not disciplined for refusing to answer any of the questions during the risk screening.

115.41 (i): 103 DOC 650, page 10 states that the agency shall implement appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of response to the questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates. The memo from the Superintendent indicated that medical records are securely stored in the Health Services Unit and only authorized staff member have access to the records. The PC stated that information is accessible to medical and mental health care staff, booking staff and the Correctional Program Officer (CPO). The interview with the PCM indicated that only those that have a need to know can access the information including medical, mental health and booking staff. The staff responsible for the risk screening stated that the Deputy Superintendent as well as medical and mental health care staff have access to the information.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 650, Housing Risk Screening Assessment, the memo from the Superintendent, a review of inmate files and information from interviews with the PREA Coordinator, PREA Compliance Manager, staff responsible for conducting the risk screenings and random inmates indicate that this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.42: Use of screening information

115.42 (a)

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Housing Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Bed assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Work Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Education Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.42 (b)

- Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.42 (c)

- When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, does the **agency** consider, on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns inmates to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex inmates, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.42 (d)

- Are placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.42 (e)

- Are each transgender or intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.42 (f)

- Are transgender and intersex inmates given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.42 (g)

- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 401 – Inmate Handbook
3. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
4. 103 DOC 652 – Identification, Treatment and Correctional Management of Inmates Diagnosed with Gender Dysphoria
5. Sample of Housing Determination Documents
6. Transgender/Intersex Inmate Biannual Reviews

Interviews:

1. Interview with Staff Responsible for Risk Screening
2. Interview with PREA Coordinator
3. Interview with PREA Compliance Manager
4. Interview with Transgender/Intersex Inmates
5. Interview with Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Inmates

Site Review Observations:

1. Location of Inmate Records.
2. Housing Assignments of LGBTI Inmates
3. Shower Area in Housing Units

Findings (By Provision):

115.42 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency/facility uses information from the risk screening to inform housing, bed, work, education and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive. 103 DOC 519, page 13 states that the Department shall utilize an internal risk housing tool to assess inmates for their risk of vulnerability or predatory behavior in accordance with 103 DOC 401 – Booking and Admissions. Page 14 further states that once an inmate is identified as having been a victim, or as being at risk for such, the Superintendent shall carefully assess the inmate needs and housing assignment of that inmate. Where double bunking is necessary, the staff member making assignments shall rely upon standard guidelines for cell matching, and upon good judgment, in selecting a cellmate for the inmate, keeping in mind the inmate's victimization history and/or the inmate's "at risk" status. Similar considerations shall be given for placement of an inmate in a dormitory setting. Additionally, page 16 continues that upon learning that an inmate has been identified as a predator, or is at risk for such, the Superintendent shall carefully assess the immediate needs and housing assignment of the inmate. Where double bunking is necessary, the staff member making assignments shall rely upon standard guidelines for cell matching, and upon good judgment, in selecting a cellmate for the inmate, keeping in mind the inmate's predatory history and/or the inmate's "at risk" status. Similar considerations shall be given for placement of an inmate in a dormitory setting. The interview with the PREA Compliance Manager indicated that the risk screening information is utilized to assist with housing, programming and job placement. Staff responsible for the risk screening stated that the information is utilized to house inmate and put individuals in the correct rooms. She stated that it assists with identifying individuals who may be vulnerable and that the identification allows for staff to keep an extra eye on high risk inmates. A review of inmate files and of inmate housing and work assignments confirmed that inmates at high risk of victimization and inmates at high risk of being sexually abusive were not housed together. Additionally, they did not work together and did not attend education/programs together to the extent possible.

115.42 (b): The PAQ indicated that the agency/facility makes individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate. 103 DOC 519, page 14 states that once an inmate is identified as having been a victim, or as being at risk for such, the Superintendent shall carefully assess the inmate

needs and housing assignment of that inmate. Where double bunking is necessary, the staff member making assignments shall rely upon standard guidelines for cell matching, and upon good judgment, in selecting a cellmate for the inmate, keeping in mind the inmate's victimization history and/or the inmate's "at risk" status. Similar considerations shall be given for placement of an inmate in a dormitory setting. Additionally, page 16 continues that upon learning that an inmate has been identified as a predator, or is at risk for such, the Superintendent shall carefully assess the immediate needs and housing assignment of the inmate. Where double bunking is necessary, the staff member making assignments shall rely upon standard guidelines for cell matching, and upon good judgment, in selecting a cellmate for the inmate, keeping in mind the inmate's predatory history and/or the inmate's "at risk" status. Similar considerations shall be given for placement of an inmate in a dormitory setting. The interview with the staff responsible for the risk screening stated that the information is utilized to house inmate and put individuals in the correct rooms. She stated that it assists with identifying individuals who may be vulnerable and that the identification allows for staff to keep an extra eye on high risk inmates.

115.42 (c): The PAQ stated that the agency/facility makes housing and program assignments for transgender or intersex inmates in the facility on a case by case basis. 103 DOC 652, page 13 states that at the time of commitment, adjudicated individuals are court ordered into Department of Corrections custody and are transported to the reception institution based upon said court order. For all new commitments, an Internal Housing Risk Factor Assessment (Attachment #2) is completed and examines issues of risk of victimization and risk of violence/predatory behavior and/or abusiveness. Should an individual identify as Gender Dysphoric (GD) or appear to need additional clinical assessment, the process of confirmation will commence as outlined in 103 DOC 652.05. An assessment will inform housing, work, education and program assignments and will focus on individual safety. These assessments will occur on a case by case basis and will include security level, criminal and disciplinary history, medical and mental health assessment needs, vulnerability of sexual victimization and potential of perpetrating abuse based on prior history. Further information from the facility indicated that inmates who self-identify as transgender are referred to mental health for a clinical assessment. Mental health will determine if inmates are designated as transgender. All inmates who identify as transgender can request to be housed at the facility of the gender with which they identify. Inmates will then be reviewed to determine appropriate male or female housing. The agency as a whole houses 52 inmates who identify as gender non-conforming. Of those two transgender females are housed at female facilities and zero transgender males are housed at male facilities. The PCM indicated that the agency's male and female housing unit determinations are typically made by the courts as inmates arrive with court orders designating a male or female facility. She stated that transgender or intersex inmate housing assignments at BPRC are determined based on the risk assessment information. There were no transgender or intersex inmates at the facility and as such no interviews were able to be conducted.

115.42 (d): 103 DOC 652, page 13 states that an Internal Housing Risk Factor Assessment will be completed at least every six months in collaboration with medical, mental health and correctional professional to assess ongoing placement for each GD inmate. The biannual review will include a review of any threats to safety experienced by the inmate. The agency as a whole houses 52 inmates who identify as gender non-conforming, while BPRC houses zero. A review of ten percent or six transgender inmate files across the agency indicated that all six had received biannual assessments ranging in dates in 2019 to 2021. The Interviews with the PCM and staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that transgender and intersex inmates would be reassessed at least twice a year.

115.42 (e): 103 DOC 652, page 13 states that a GD inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety will be given serious consideration. The interview with the PC, PCM and staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that transgender and intersex inmates' view with respect to their safety are given serious consideration. There were no transgender or intersex inmates at the facility and as such no interviews were able to be conducted.

115.42 (f): 103 DOC 652, page 14 states that inmates diagnosed with GD shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates per 103 DOC 750 – Hygiene Standards. The inmate handbook indicates on page 30 that inmates identified as GD are allowed to utilize shower facilities at any time the shower rooms are available to the general population. In addition, GD specific shower access shall be allowed at this facility from the completion of the 10:00pm count until 10:15pm. During the tour it was confirmed that all inmates are provided privacy while showering. All showers are single person showers with curtains. The interview with the PCM and the staff responsible for risk screening confirmed that transgender and intersex inmates can shower separately. The PCM stated that inmates are notified via letter what times are afforded for separate showers. She stated at that time no other inmates are authorized to utilize the showers. There were no transgender or intersex inmates at the facility and as such no interviews were able to be conducted.

115.42 (g): The interviews with the PC and PCM confirmed that LGBTI inmates are not placed in one specific facility, unit or dorm based on their gender identify and/or sexual preference. There were no LGBTI inmates at the facility and as such no documentation was able to be reviewed nor were interviews able to be conducted.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, 103 DOC 652, the inmate handbook, inmate housing determinations, transgender housing determinations, biannual reviews, and information from interviews with the PC, PCM and staff responsible for the risk screenings indicates that this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.43: Protective Custody

115.43 (a)

- Does the facility always refrain from placing inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, does the facility hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.43 (b)

- Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Programs to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Privileges to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Education to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Work opportunities to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- If the facility restricts any access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the opportunities that have been limited? (N/A if the facility *never* restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- If the facility restricts any access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the duration of the limitation? (N/A if the facility *never* restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- If the facility restricts any access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the reasons for such limitations? (N/A if the facility *never* restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.43 (c)

- Does the facility assign inmates at high risk of sexual victimization to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.43 (d)

- If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document the basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document the reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.43 (e)

- In the case of each inmate who is placed in involuntary segregation because he/she is at high risk of sexual victimization, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Memorandum from the Superintendent

4. Housing Assignments of Inmates at High Risk of Victimization

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden
2. Interview with Staff who Supervise Inmates in Segregated Housing
3. Interview with Inmates in Segregated Housing for Risk of Sexual Victimization

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations in the Special Housing Unit

Findings (By Provision):

115.43 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy prohibiting the placement of inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregation unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. 103 DOC 519, page 14 states that inmates at high risk for sexual harassment/abuse victimization shall not be placed in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment has been made, and there has been a determination that there is no available alternative means of separating the inmate from likely abusers. If such institution cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, the institution may hold the inmate in segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment. Additionally, page 8 of 103 CMR 423 states that upon verification that an inmate requires separation from general population to protect the inmate from harm by others, the inmate shall not be placed in Restrictive Housing, but shall be placed in a housing unit that provides approximately the same conditions, privileges, amenities and opportunities as in general population; provided however, that the inmate may be placed in Restrictive Housing for no more than 72 hours while suitable housing is located. An inmate shall not be held in Restrictive Housing to protect the inmate from harm by others for more than 72 hours, unless the Commissioner or a designee certify in writing; the reason why the inmate may not be safely held in the general population; that there is no available placement in a unit comparable to general population; that efforts are being undertaken to find appropriate housing and the status of the efforts; and the anticipated time frame for resolution. Such inmates will be reviewed thereafter by the Placement Review Committee every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The PAQ indicated there have been zero instances where inmates have been placed in involuntary segregated housing due to their risk of sexual victimization. The memo from the Superintendent advised that the facility does not operate a segregated housing unit, therefore this standard is not applicable. The facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such inmates are unable to be placed in segregated housing due to their risk of victimization. The Warden confirmed that the agency has a policy that prohibits placing inmates at high risk of sexual victimization in segregated housing. He confirmed the facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such this would be not applicable for BPRC. During the tour the auditor observed that the facility did not have a segregated housing unit.

115.43 (b): 103 DOC 519, page 14 states that inmates at high risk for sexual harassment/abuse victimization shall not be placed in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment has been made, and there has been a determination that there is no available alternative means of separating the inmate from likely abusers. If such institution cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, the institution may hold the inmate in segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment. The facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such inmates are unable to be placed in segregated housing due to their risk of victimization. As such no interviews were conducted with staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing and inmates in segregation due to their risk of sexual victimization.

115.43 (c): The PAQ indicated there have been zero instances where inmates have been placed in involuntary segregated housing due to their risk of sexual victimization. The facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such inmates are unable to be placed in segregated housing due to their risk of victimization. The Warden confirmed this does not apply as they do not have a segregation unit. Interviews were not conducted with staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing and inmates in segregation due to their risk of sexual victimization as it was not applicable.

115.43 (d): The PAQ indicated there have been zero instances where inmates have been placed in involuntary segregated housing due to their risk of sexual victimization and as such no files had documentation related to this provision. The facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such inmates are unable to be placed in segregated housing due to their risk of victimization.

115.43 (e): The PAQ indicated that if an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made, the facility affords each such inmate a review every 30 days to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population. The facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such inmates are unable to be placed in segregated housing due to their risk of victimization. As such no interviews were conducted with staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing and inmates in segregation due to their risk of sexual victimization.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the memo from the Superintendent, observations from the facility tour as well as information from the interview with the Warden indicate that this provision is not applicable and as such compliant.

REPORTING

Standard 115.51: Inmate reporting

115.51 (a)

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.51 (b)

- Does the agency also provide at least one way for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does that private entity or office allow the inmate to remain anonymous upon request?
☒ Yes ☐ No

- Are inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security? (N/A if the facility *never* houses inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes)
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.51 (c)

- Does staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does staff promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?
☒ Yes ☐ No

115.51 (d)

- Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. 103 DOC 401 – Inmate Handbook
4. PREA Posters

Interviews:

1. Interview with Random Staff
2. Interview with Random Inmates
3. Interview with the PREA Compliance Manager

Site Review Observations:

1. Observation of Posted PREA Information

Findings (By Provision):

115.51 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency has established procedures for allowing multiple internal ways for inmates to report privately to agency officials; sexual abuse or sexual harassment; retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment; and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. 103 DOC 519, pages 10-11 state that the Department shall maintain for inmates, multiple internal mechanisms for privately reporting sexual harassment/abuse, retaliation by other inmates or staff members for reporting sexual harassment abuse,

and/or staff member neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to incidents of sexual harassment/abuse and retaliation. A Department hotline (508-422-3486) shall be designated within the inmate telephone system. The Department shall allow for universal and unimpeded access by all inmates within the Department to the hotline number and it shall be listed in all institutional inmate orientation manuals. It is recorded and is available to all inmates without using their PIN number. Additionally, methods to report sexual harassment/abuse or retaliation include, but are not limited to, the inmate grievance system, staff access periods, the institution's PREA Compliance Manager, inner perimeter security staff (IPS), other staff members and third party reporting. A review of additional documentation to include the inmate handbook and PREA posters, indicated that there are multiple ways for inmates to report. These methods include: the PREA hotline, a site specific IPS hotline (617-822-5050), the inmate grievance system, staff access periods, the facility PREA Compliance Manager, inner perimeter security staff, to an outside entity (the Massachusetts State Police) and through a third party (who can then report on the website (www.mass.gov/doc) or via two phone numbers 508-422-3481 and 508-422-3483). During the tour, it was observed that information pertaining to how to report PREA allegations was posted in all housing units. Interviews with sixteen inmates confirmed that all sixteen were aware of at least one method to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Most inmates indicated that they would call the hotline number or tell a staff member. Interviews with eight random staff confirmed that they take all allegations seriously and that inmates have multiple ways (verbal, written, electronic, anonymous and third party) to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Most staff stated inmates can report through the PREA hotline or to any staff member.

115.51 (b): The PAQ stated that the agency provides at least one way for inmates to report abuse or harassment to a public entity or office that is not part of the agency. 103 DOC 519, page 12 states that the Department also provides a way for inmates to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency, and that is able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the inmate to remain anonymous upon request. Inmates can write to the Massachusetts State Police at 470 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01702. Page 6 of the inmate handbook states that the Department provides a way for inmates to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency, and that is able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to the agency, allowing the inmates to remain anonymous upon request. It further has the Massachusetts State Police mailing address for the inmates to write. During the tour the auditor observed that the Massachusetts State Police information was posted throughout the housing units. During a MADOC facility audit the auditor sent a letter to the MSP to confirm that the reporting mechanism was functional. The auditor received a call from the MSP four days after the letter was sent confirming that the letter was received. The interview with the PCM indicated that inmates can report to the Massachusetts State Police as the outside public reporting entity. She stated that if the MSP receives an allegation they would reach out to the facility or the agency investigators and provide them the information. Interviews with sixteen inmates indicated that none were aware of the outside reporting entity and that thirteen were aware that they could report anonymously. The PAQ and the memo from the Superintendent indicated that inmates are not detained solely for civil immigration purpose.

115.51 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy mandating that staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously and from third parties. The PAQ also indicated that staff document verbal reports immediately. 103 DOC 519, page 10 states that staff members shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously and/or from third parties. All verbal reports shall be promptly documented using the IMS's Confidential Incident Report. The inmate handbook, page 6 notifies inmates that the department shall accept and investigate verbal, written, anonymous and third party reports of sexual abuse and harassment. Interviews with sixteen inmates confirmed that thirteen knew they could verbally report allegations of sexual abuse and fourteen knew

they could report via a third party. Interviews with eight random staff indicated they accept all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and they immediately report allegations to the Shift Commander. All eight staff stated that they would document any verbal reports immediately or as soon as possible.

115.51 (d): The PAQ indicated that the agency has established procedures for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates. The PAQ stated that staff can submit a confidential incident report to the Warden. 103 DOC 519, page 9 states that allegations of inmate-on-inmate or staff-on-inmate sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior shall immediately be reported by staff members to the Shift Commander verbally and followed up with a confidential incident report to the Superintendent before the end of the staff member's shift. Interviews with eight random staff confirmed that all eight were aware of private method to report sexual abuse of an inmate. All staff stated they can submit a confidential incident report.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the inmate handbook, PREA posters, the response from the MSP related to the outside reporting letter, observations from the facility tour related to posted PREA information and interviews with the PCM, random inmates and random staff, this standard appears to be compliant.

Recommendation:

While the agency complies with this standard based on a review of documentation, a tour of the facility and interviews with staff, the auditor recommends that the outside reporting mechanism be emphasized to the inmate population upon arrival at the facility. None of the sixteen inmates interviewed were aware of the outside reporting mechanism. The auditor observed the information posted in the housing unit and the information was contained in the inmate handbook, so just reiterating the information verbally to ensure the inmates retain the information would be best practice. Additionally, the auditor recommends that all inmates be reissued the pages of the inmate handbook with the outside reporting mechanism.

Standard 115.52: Exhaustion of administrative remedies

115.52 (a)

- Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because an inmate does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse. ☐ Yes ☒ No

115.52 (b)

- Does the agency permit inmates to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the agency always refrain from requiring an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.52 (c)

- Does the agency ensure that: An inmate who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.52 (d)

- Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by inmates in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- If the agency claims the maximum allowable extension of time to respond of up to 70 days per 115.52(d)(3) when the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision, does the agency notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may an inmate consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.52 (e)

- Are third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates? (If a third-party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the inmate's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.52 (f)

- Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.52 (g)

- If the agency disciplines an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 CMR 491 – Inmate Grievances
3. Memorandum from the Superintendent
4. Grievance Log and Sample Grievances

Findings (By Provision):

115.52 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency is not exempt from this standard. 103 CMR 491 is the agency's grievance policy.

115.52 (b): The PAQ indicated that agency policy or procedure allows an inmate to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse at any time, regardless of when the incident is alleged to have occurred. Additionally, it indicated that the policy does not require the inmate to use an informal grievance process, or otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse. 103 CMR 491, page 7 states that time limits established in 103 CMR 491.14(1) shall not apply to grievances alleging sexual abuse. Inmates shall not be required to exhaust informal processes with regard to allegations of sexual abuse.

115.52 (c): The PAQ indicated that agency policy and procedure allow an inmate to submit a grievance alleging sexual abuse without submitting it to the staff member who is subject of the complaint. Additionally, it indicated that policy and procedure require that an inmate grievance alleging sexual abuse not be referred to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint. 103 CMR 491, page 7 states that an inmate shall not be required to submit their grievance to a staff member who is the subject of the grievance. Additionally, page 9 states that employees named in a grievance shall not participate in any capacity in the processing, investigation or decision of the grievance.

115.52 (d): The PAQ indicated that agency policy and procedure require that a decision on the merits of any grievance or portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse be made within 90 days of the filing of the grievance. 103 CMR 491, page 10 states that the institutional grievance coordinator (IGC) shall respond to the grievance within ten business days from the receipt of the grievance unless the inmate has been provided a written extension of time periods. Page 12 states that the time periods for filing a grievance may be extended by ten business days and the time period for responding to a grievance may be extended by ten business days if the IGC or Superintendent determine that the initial period is insufficient to make an appropriate decision or if the inmate presents a legitimate reason for requesting an extension. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, the time frame for responding to a grievance shall not exceed 30 business days. Page 13 states that a written notice of all extensions shall be provided to the grievant on the applicable form. Additionally, page 9 indicates that the absence of a grievance response after six months shall be deemed a denial of the grievance. The PAQ and the memo from the Superintendent stated that there have been zero grievances of sexual abuse in the previous twelve months. A review of the grievance log indicated there were only two grievances filed in the previous twelve months and neither were related to sexual abuse.

115.52 (e): The PAQ indicated that agency policy and procedure permit third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, to assist inmates in filing grievances for administrative remedies related to allegations of sexual abuse and to file such request on behalf of inmates. It also states that agency policy and procedure require that if the inmate declines to have third-party assistance in filing a grievance of sexual abuse, the agency documents the inmate's decision to decline. 103 CMR 491, page 7 states that allegations of sexual abuse reported by third parties, including, but not limited to, other inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates shall be addressed in accordance with 103 DOC 519. The Department of Corrections shall document if an inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf. The PAQ indicated there were zero grievances filed by inmates in the previous twelve months in which the inmate declined third-party assistance. A review of the grievance log indicated there were only two grievances filed in the previous twelve months and neither were related to sexual abuse.

115.52 (f): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy and established procedures for filing an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. It also indicated that an initial response is required within 48 hours and a final agency decision be issued within five days. 103 CMR 491, pages 7-8 state that whenever an inmate files an emergency grievance alleging that he or she is at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, the grievance shall be responded

to within 48 hours of receipt. Emergency grievance appeals shall be responded to within five calendar days of receipt. A review of the grievance log indicated there were only two grievances filed in the previous twelve months and neither were related to sexual abuse.

115.52 (g): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a written policy that limits its ability to discipline an inmate for filing a grievance alleging sexual abuse to occasions where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith. 103 DOC 491, page 1 states that abuse of the grievance process includes, but is not limited to, the filing of repetitive grievances, addressing the same issue where the required time frames have not elapsed or where a final decision has already been rendered, the filing of an excessive number of frivolous grievances, the appeal of a grievance settled in the inmate's favor, the submission of knowingly false documents, the intentional filing of emergency grievances that are not emergencies or repetitive grievances concerning issues not grievable under 103 CMR 491.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 491, the memo from the Superintendent, the grievance log and sample grievances, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.53: Inmate access to outside confidential support services

115.53 (a)

- Does the facility provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies? (N/A if the facility *never* has persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the facility enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.53 (b)

- Does the facility inform inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.53 (c)

- Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☒ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☐ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 401 – Booking and Admissions
3. 103 DOC 401 – Inmate Handbook
4. Contract with the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)

Interviews:

1. Interview with Random Inmates
2. Interview with Inmates who Reported Sexual Abuse

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of Victim Advocacy Information

Findings (By Provision):

115.53 (a): The PAQ indicated the facility provides inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by; giving inmates mailing addresses and phone numbers for local, state or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations; giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers for immigration services agencies for person detained solely for civil immigration purpose; and enabling reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations in as confidential a manner as possible. 103 DOC 401, page 21 states that the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center provides inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse. This abuse does not need to have occurred during incarceration in order to seek support from BARCC. An inmate can contact BARCC either in writing or via use of a dedicated hotline. All calls are free of charge from any inmate telephone. Hours of operation are seven days a week from 9:00am to 9:00pm. These confidential support services can be provided in English and in Spanish. BARCC is not a third party entity to which you should report allegations of abuse, BARCC's purpose is to provide confidential support services. The policy states that BARCC can be contacted via 844-774-7732 or 99 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, MA 02130. A review of the inmate handbook confirmed that page 6 contains the same information as the policy, including the contact information and page 5 notifies inmates that they can contact BARCC through the dedicated hotline (1*7732#). Additionally, the contract with BARCC indicates that BARCC provides a fifteen minute presentation to all newly received inmates at the two intake facilities. During the tour the auditor observed that the BARCC number was painted above the phones in each of the housing units. Interviews with sixteen random inmates indicated that ten were familiar with the advocacy information. Most inmates indicated they believed that any contact with these services would be confidential and that they could contact them anytime. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.53 (b): The PAQ stated that the facility informs inmates, prior to giving them access to outside support services, the extent to which such communication will be monitored. It also states that the facility informs inmates about mandatory reporting rules governing privacy, confidentiality and/or privilege that apply to disclosures of sexual abuse made to outside victim advocates. 103 DOC 401, page 21 and the inmate handbook page 5 indicate that calls to “privileged” numbers including universally approved legal assistance phone numbers, pre-authorized personal attorney telephone numbers, foreign national’s pre-authorized telephone numbers to his/her consular office or diplomat, pre-authorized clergy telephone numbers and pre-authorized licensed psychologist, social worker and/or mental health professional telephones numbers are not subject to telephone monitoring and are not recorded. Additionally, it states that an inmate can contact BARCC either in writing or via use of the dedicated hotline. It indicates that all calls are free of charge from any inmate telephone and that hours of operation are seven days a week from 9:00am to 9:00pm. It further states that the confidential support services can be provided in English or Spanish Interviews with sixteen random inmates indicated that ten were familiar with the advocacy information. Most inmates indicated they believed that any contact with these services would be confidential and that they could contact them anytime. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.53 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency or facility maintains MOUs or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with emotional services related to sexual abuse. It also states that the agency or facility maintains copies of the MOU. The facility has a contract with BARCC that was signed on June 3, 2020. The agency maintains copies of the contract with BARCC.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 401, the inmate handbook, the contract with BARCC, observations from the facility tour related to posted information and interviews with random inmates the facility appears to exceed this standard. The agency had a contract with BARCC to provide services across the state. BARCC provides a fifteen minute educational session related to their services and how to contact them to all inmates entering MADOC. Information on how to contact BARCC is located in numerous places, including the inmate handbook and painted above all phones in the housing units. Ten of the sixteen inmates interviewed were aware of the outside victim advocacy services.

Standard 115.54: Third-party reporting

115.54 (a)

- Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Department of Corrections Family and Friends Handbook

Findings (By Provision):

115.54 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency or facility provides a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and publicly distributes that information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate. The PAQ indicated the method is through the agency website. 103 DOC 519, page 12 states that the Department shall accept and investigate all verbal, written and anonymous third party reports of sexual harassment/abuse. Third party entities may report abuse to the Department Duty Station at 508-422-3481 and 508-422-3483. These reports shall be immediately forwarded to the appropriate Superintendent or Division head. The Family and Friends Handbook states that if a person suspects a loved one is being sexually harassed or pressured they should report to the facility Superintendent or call the Department hotline (508-422-3481). A review of the agency's website confirms that third parties can report by calling the PREA Division (508-422-3481) or by completing an online form. The third party reporting information is found at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/report-a-prea-allegation>.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the Family and Friends Handbook and the agency's website this standard appears to be compliant.

OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING AN INMATE REPORT

Standard 115.61: Staff and agency reporting duties

115.61 (a)

- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against inmates or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.61 (b)

- Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, does staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.61 (c)

- Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.61 (d)

- If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.61 (e)

- Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Wellpath Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance

Interviews:

1. Interview with Random Staff
2. Interview with Medical and Mental Health Staff
3. Interview with the Warden
4. Interview with the PREA Coordinator

Findings (By Provision):

115.61 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency required all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy; any knowledge, suspicion or information they receive regarding an incident of sexual

abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency; any retaliation against inmates or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. 103 DOC 519, pages 9-10 state that allegations of inmate-on-inmate or staff-on-inmate sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior shall immediately be reported by staff members to the Shift Commander verbally and followed up with a confidential incident report to the Superintendent before the end of the staff member's shift. This includes specific knowledge, reasonable suspicion, or credible information, regarding an allegation of sexual harassment/abuse which occurred at an institution, an act of retaliation against an inmate or staff member who reported such an allegation, and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident, allegation and/or an act of retaliation. Interviews with eight random staff confirm that they take all allegations seriously and that they know they are required to report any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Interviews also confirmed they would report retaliation or any staff neglect related to these incident types.

115.61 (b): The PAQ indicated that apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials and designated state or local service agencies, agency policy prohibits staff from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than the extent necessary to make treatment, investigation and other security and management decisions. 103 DOC 519, page 10 states that apart from reporting to designated supervisors and/or officials, staff members shall not reveal any information related to an allegation of sexual harassment/abuse to anyone other than to the extent necessary to provide treatment, to conduct an investigation, and/or to make other security and management decisions. Interviews with eight random staff confirm that they would immediately report the information to the Shift Commander and file a confidential report.

115.61 (c): Wellpath Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance, page 3 states that medical and mental health practitioners are required to inform patients at the initiate of services of their duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State or Local law. Interviews with medical and mental health care staff confirm that they disclose to inmates their limitations of confidential and their duty to report. The staff stated that they are required to immediately report any information related to or allegation of sexual abuse that occurred within a confinement setting. Both staff stated that they have not ever been directly informed by an inmate about an allegation of sexual abuse.

115.61 (d): The memo from the Superintendent states that Boston Pre-Release Center does not house offenders under the age of eighteen. The PC stated that the MADOC does not house inmates under the age of eighteen. He further stated that they would follow any mandatory reporting law requirements as it relates to this provision. The interview with the Warden indicated that they do not house inmates under eighteen but that any reports related to these populations would be reported as outlined via mandatory reporting laws.

115.61 (e): 103 DOC 519, page 10 states that the Superintendent shall ensure that the Duty Station is notified of all allegations of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior. If the allegations involve a possible violation under the law, the Chief of OIS/IAU shall be promptly notified and shall notify the jurisdictionally appropriate District Attorney's office once it is determined that sufficient probable cause exists to warrant such notification. The interview with the Warden confirmed that all allegations are reported to the Shift Commander and the information is forwarded for investigation. There were no allegations reported within the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, Wellpath Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance and interviews with random staff, medical and mental health care staff, the PREA Coordinator and the Warden confirm this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.62: Agency protection duties

115.62 (a)

- When the agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Memorandum from the Superintendent

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
2. Interview with the Warden
3. Interview with Random Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.62 (a): The PAQ indicated that when the agency or facility learns that an inmate is subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it takes immediate action to protect the inmate. 103 DOC 519, page 13 states that if the Department learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual harassment/abuse, it shall take immediate action to protect that inmate. The PAQ and the memo from the Superintendent stated that there have been zero inmates who were subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse within the previous twelve months. The interviews with the Agency Head Designee indicated that any inmate at imminent risk would be placed in an area with direct staff observation, either through a housing unit move with internal locking doors or in a unit where the officer's station directly observes that inmate's cell. He stated they could also transfer the inmate to another facility or they could place one of the inmates in special housing. The Warden stated they would ensure the inmate was safe and then they would look at the inmates housing assignment, work assignment and classification assignment. He stated they could move the inmate to a different unit or transfer the inmate to a different facility. He also stated that they may place the inmate at a facility that can better suit the inmate's needs, such as mental health services. The interviews with eight random staff confirmed that all would contact their supervisor and most would separate the inmate from the situation.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the memo from the Superintendent and interviews with the Agency Head Designee, Warden and random staff indicate that this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.63: Reporting to other confinement facilities

115.63 (a)

- Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.63 (b)

- Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.63 (c)

- Does the agency document that it has provided such notification? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.63 (d)

- Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Memorandum from the Warden

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
2. Interview with the Warden

Findings (By Provision):

115.63 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy that requires that upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of the facility must notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency or facility where the sexual abuse is alleged to

have occurred. 103 DOC 519, page 11 states that upon a Superintendent's receipt of an allegation that an inmate was sexually harassed/abused while confined at another institution or agency, the Superintendent shall notify the appropriate Superintendent or Chief Administrative Officer of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred. The PAQ and the memo from the Superintendent indicated that during the previous twelve months the facility had zero inmates report that they were sexually abused while confined at another facility.

115.63 (b): The PAQ indicated that agency policy requires that the facility head provide such notifications as soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation. 103 DOC 519, page 11 states such notifications shall be provided as soon as possible, not no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation, and shall be documented in writing.

115.63 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency or facility documents that is has provided such notification within 72 hours of receiving the allegation. 103 DOC 519, page 11 states such notifications shall be provided as soon as possible, not no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation, and shall be documented in writing.

115.63 (d): The PAQ indicated that the agency or facility requires that allegations received from other facilities/agencies are investigated in accordance with the PREA standards. 103 DOC 519, page 11 states the Superintendent or agency office receiving such notifications shall ensure the allegation is investigated, and shall provide periodic updates and a copy of the final investigation report to the notifying institutions which currently houses the alleged inmate victim. The Agency Head Designee stated that the process would involve getting as much information as possible from the providing facility and forwarding that information for investigation. He stated that one Superintendent would send a form to the other Superintendent or agency head about the allegation. The Warden confirmed that once they receive information from another facility they would start the investigative process. He stated that BPRC has not had any allegation reported from another facility during the audit period. There were no allegations received from another agency/facility and as such no documentation was available for review.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the memo from the Superintendent and interviews with the Agency Head Designee and Warden, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.64: Staff first responder duties

115.64 (a)

- Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser?
☒ Yes ☐ No
- Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.64 (b)

- If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Memorandum from the PREA Coordinator

Interviews:

1. Interview with First Responders
2. Interviews with Random Staff
3. Interview with Inmate who Reported Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

115.64 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a first responder policy for allegations of sexual abuse. The PAQ stated that upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, the first security staff member to respond to the report shall; separate the alleged victim and abuser; preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence, request that the alleged victim and ensure that the alleged perpetrator not take any action that could destroy physical evidence including washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, eating or drinking. 103 DOC 519, page 19 states that each institution shall maintain an Emergency Response Plan and sexual assault response kits containing the items necessary to facilitate their response to sexual assault allegations. Response plans shall contain the following actions: separate alleged victim and perpetrator; immediately notify the Shift Commander; secure the scene, if warranted, for subsequent crime scene processing and ask the victim to and ensure the perpetrator does not take any action that would destroy physical evidence (e.g., washing, eating, drinking, brushing teeth, changing clothes, etc.). The PAQ indicated that during the previous twelve months, there have been zero allegation of sexual abuse and as such no first responder duties were required. The interview with the security staff first responder indicated that he would separate the victim and perpetrator, notify the Shift Commander,

secure the crime scene and make sure the inmates know not to shower, brush teeth, etc. He further stated that he would take note of area and see if there are any victims, ensure the inmate victim is seen by medical and file a confidential report. The non-security first responder stated that she would separate the inmates if she could and notify the Shift Commander. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.64 (b): The PAQ stated that agency policy requires that if the first responder is not a security staff member, that responder shall be required to request the alleged victim not take any actions to destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff. During the documentation review the auditor determined that non-security first responder duties were not outlined in policy. The PC immediately initiated a policy update. On May 28, 2021 the PC provided the auditor a memo indicating that the language under this standard has been added to 103 DOC 519, section A and is currently in final process of approval. The PAQ indicated that during the previous twelve months, there were zero allegations of sexual abuse, as such there were no instances that involved a non-security staff first responder. The interview with the security staff first responder indicated that he would separate the victim and perpetrator, notify the Shift Commander, secure the crime scene and make sure the inmates know not to shower, brush teeth, etc. He further stated that he would take note of area and see if there are any victims, ensure the inmate victim is seen by medical and file a confidential report. The non-security first responder stated that she would separate the inmates if she could and notify the Shift Commander. All eight random staff interviewed indicated that they would separate the victim and alleged perpetrator and contact their supervisor. A few of the staff stated that they would secure the scene and preserve evidence.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, memo from the PC and interviews with random staff and first responders, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.65: Coordinated response

115.65 (a)

- Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. Boston Pre-Release Center Emergency Response Plan: PREA Incidents
3. Wellpath Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance
4. 103 DOC 518 Inner Perimeter Security Team

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden

Findings (By Provision):

115.65 (a): The PAQ indicated that the facility shall develop a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators and facility leadership. The facility utilizes three documents as their coordinated response. The Boston Pre-Release Center Emergency Response Plan: PREA Incidents provides direction for staff first responders, Shift Commanders and facility leadership. The Wellpath Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance outlines the duties of medical and mental health care while 103 DOC 518 covers the uniform actions and response of all agency/facility investigators. The Warden confirmed that the facility has a plan that covers all of the areas.

Based on a review of the PAQ, Boston Pre-Release Center Emergency Response Plan: PREA Incident, Wellpath Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance, 103 DOC 518 and the interview with the Warden, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.66: Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers**115.66 (a)**

- Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.66 (b)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. Agreement with the Massachusetts Correctional Officers Federated Union (MCOFU)
3. Agreement with the Alliance, AFSCME-SEIU Local 509 Units 8 & 10

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee

Findings (By Provision):

115.66 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency, facility or any other governmental entity responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf has entered into or renewed a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement since the last PREA audit. The agency has numerous collective bargaining agreements. A review of a sample of two of the agreements confirmed that they did not prohibit the agency's ability to remove alleged staff abusers from contact with inmates. A review of the Agreement with the Massachusetts Correctional Officers Federated Union confirms that page 64 states that no employee who has been employed in Bargaining Unit 4 for six consecutive month or more, except for nine consecutive months for entry-level Correction Officers, shall be discharged, suspended or demoted for disciplinary reasons without just cause. It additionally states that any discipline imposed shall be consistent with Departmental policy. A review of the Agreement with the Alliance, AFSCME-SEIU Local Units 8 & 10, page 68 has similar language in that it states that no employee who has been employed in the bargaining units described in Article 1 for nine months or more, except for three consecutive years for teachers shall not be discharged, suspended, or demoted for disciplinary reasons without just cause. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that the agency has collective bargaining agreements however they state that staff can still be placed on no inmate contact under any allegation of inmate misconduct, which would include any allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

115.66 (b): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Based on a review of the PAQ, Agreements between the MCOFU and the Alliance, AFSCME-SEIU as well as information from the interview with the Agency Head Designee, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.67: Agency protection against retaliation

115.67 (a)

- Has the agency established a policy to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.67 (b)

- Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services, for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.67 (c)

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor any inmate disciplinary reports? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate housing changes? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate program changes? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor negative performance reviews of staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor reassignments of staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.67 (d)

- In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?
☒ Yes ☐ No

115.67 (e)

- If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation?
☒ Yes ☐ No

115.67 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Memorandum from the Superintendent

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
2. Interview with the Warden
3. Interview with Designated Staff Member Charged with Monitoring Retaliation
4. Inmates in Segregated Housing
5. Interview with Inmates who Reported Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

115.67 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy to protection all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse and sexual harassment or who cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff. 103 DOC 519, page 26 states that retaliation by any staff member against another employee, contractor, volunteer or inmate, for reporting an allegation of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior, for assisting in making such a report, or for cooperating in the investigation of such an allegation, regardless of the merits or disposition of the allegation, is strictly prohibited. Any such occurrence is a very serious matter that may result in discipline, up to and including termination. The Department protects all inmates and staff members who report sexual harassment/abuse, or who cooperate with sexual harassment/abuse investigations, from retaliation by other inmates or staff members. The PAQ indicated that IPS staff are responsible for monitoring for retaliation.

115.67 (b): 103 DOC 519, page 26 states that the Department employs multiple protective measures including, but not limited to, housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or inmate abusers from contact with victims. The Department also provides emotional support services for inmates or staff members who fear retaliation for reporting sexual harassment/abuse or for cooperating with an investigation. Interviews with the Agency Head, Warden and staff responsible for monitoring retaliation all indicated that protective measures would be taken if an inmate or staff member expressed fear of retaliation. The Agency Head stated that the agency has a stringent no tolerance policy and that staff are constantly trained on the issue. He indicated that if there is a violation related to retaliation that they have a disciplinary process and a rule book that addresses retaliation. The Agency Head Designee stated that inmates can be moved, however they are not segregated as that is a form of retaliation. He stated they can be moved to a different housing unit or transferred to another facility. He confirmed that the inmate would be removed from the climate where he/she is at risk. The interview with the Warden indicated that

the facility would look at housing changes for the victim and alleged abuser and that they could remove the inmates from contacting one another through a facility transfer. He stated that the facility would provide emotional support service and would monitor the inmate for at least 90 days. He stated with regard to staff they would monitor any staffing reports, attendance records and performance evaluations for evidence of retaliation. The staff responsible for monitoring stated that they monitor the inmate(s) and staff through the monitoring sheet. He stated that they check housing and programming changes as well as any disciplinary reports and incident reports. He also indicated that he would check emails and telephone calls as well. The staff member stated he would meet with the inmate in person to check in related to any issues. The staff responsible for monitoring stated that possible protective measures could include changing housing, transferring an inmate or placing the staff on no inmate contact. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse or inmates in segregated housing and as such no interviews were completed.

115.67 (c): The PAQ states that the agency/facility monitors the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported sexual abuse and of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are any changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff. The PAQ indicated that monitoring is conducted for 90 days and that the agency/facility acts promptly to remedy any such retaliation and that the agency/facility will continue monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need. 103 DOC 519, pages 26-27 state that for a period of at least 90 days following a report of sexual harassment/abuse, IPS staff shall regularly meet with and monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff members who reported the sexual abuse, and of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse, to see if there are claims and/or changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff members, and shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. IPS staff should monitor any inmate disciplinary reports, housing changes, program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff members. Monitoring shall continue beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continued need. The PAQ indicated that there had been no instances of retaliation in the previous twelve months. Additionally, the memo from the Superintendent stated that there have been no allegations of sexual abuse at the facility. As such, no monitoring was required. The Warden stated that if they suspected retaliation they would take it seriously and investigate it. He further stated that they would take any necessary disciplinary action required based on the findings. The staff responsible for monitoring indicated that he would review housing and programming changes, disciplinary reports, incident reports, emails, phone calls, staff rosters and would check to see if staff were moved off of their position bid. He stated he would monitor for 90 days but would extend the monitoring if needed. There were no allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such there were no monitoring documents to review.

115.67 (d): 103 DOC 519, page 27 indicates that in the case of inmates, such monitoring shall also include periodic status checks. The interview with staff responsible for monitoring indicated that he would monitor for a minimum of 90 days and that the monitoring would include periodic status checks. He stated that he tries to do the checks discretely so he typically does them while making rounds.

115.67 (e): 103 DOC 519, page 27 states that if any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, the Department shall take appropriate measures to protect that individual against any form of retaliation. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated that the agency would do an inquiry to check into the inmate's concerns. He stated the inmate could be transferred to a different setting or location to alleviate any issues and that they also have the ability to transfer outside the state if necessary. The interview with the Warden indicated that the facility would look at housing changes for the victim and alleged abuser and that they would remove the inmates from contacting one another through a facility transfer. He stated that the facility would provide emotional support service and would monitor the inmate for at least 90 days. He stated with regard to staff they would monitor any staffing reports, attendance records and performance evaluations for retaliation. The Warden stated that

if they suspected retaliation they would take it seriously and investigate it. He further indicated that they would take any necessary disciplinary action required based on the findings.

115.67 (f): Auditor not required to audit this provision.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, memo from the Superintendent and interviews with the Agency Head Designee, Warden and staff charged with monitoring for retaliation, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.68: Post-allegation protective custody

115.68 (a)

- Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.43? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Memorandum from the Superintendent
4. Memorandum from the PREA Coordinator

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden
2. Interview with Staff who Supervise Inmates in Segregated Housing
3. Interview with Inmates in Segregated Housing

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of Lack of Segregated Housing Unit

Findings (By Provision):

115.68 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy prohibiting the placement of inmates who allege to have suffered sexual abuse in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made and a determination has been made that there is no alternative means of separation from likely abusers. The PAQ also indicated that if an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made, the facility affords each such inmate a review every 30 days to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population. During documentation review the auditor determined that the required language related to involuntary segregated housing of inmates who reported sexual abuse was not in policy. The PC immediately initiated a policy update. On

May 28, 2021 the PC provided the auditor with a memo indicating that the appropriate language under this standard has been added to 103 DOC 519, section 1. The memo stated that the language was added to the same section of the restriction of involuntary segregated housing for inmates at high risk of victimization. The Warden confirmed that the agency has a policy that prohibits placing inmates who alleged to have suffered sexual abuse in involuntary segregated housing unless as assessment of all available alternatives has been made and a determination has been made that there is no alternative means of separation from likely abusers. The facility does not have a segregation housing unit and as such inmates are unable to be placed in segregated housing due to an allegation of sexual abuse. As such no interviews were conducted with staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing or inmate in segregated housing due to an allegation of sexual abuse. During the tour the auditor confirmed that the facility does not have a segregation housing unit.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the memo from the Superintendent, the memo from the PC, observations made during the tour and information from the interview with the Warden, this standard appears to be not applicable and as such compliant.

INVESTIGATIONS

Standard 115.71: Criminal and administrative agency investigations

115.71 (a)

- When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.71 (b)

- Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.34? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (c)

- Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?
☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (d)

- When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (e)

- Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as inmate or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (f)

- Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (g)

- Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (h)

- Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (i)

- Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.71(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (j)

- Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (k)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.71 (I)

- When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 518 – Inner Perimeter Security Team (IPS)
3. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
4. Investigator Training Records
5. Memorandum from the Superintendent

Interviews:

1. Interview with Investigative Staff
2. Interview with Inmates who Reported Sexual Abuse
3. Interview with the Warden
4. Interview with the PREA Coordinator
5. Interview with the PREA Compliance Manager

Findings (By Provision):

115.71 (a): The PAQ states that the agency/facility has a policy related to criminal and administrative agency investigations. 103 DOC 519, page 25 states that investigations of reported allegations of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior between inmates will be initiated by the Superintendent utilizing appropriately trained facility investigative staff or, upon request to the Chief of OIS/IAU, in conjunction with an investigator from OIS. The investigator assigned is responsible for producing an investigative report and completing the PREA database case file within 30 days. The memo from the Superintendent indicated there were no sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegations within the previous twelve months. The interviews with the investigators confirmed that an investigation is initiated immediately but per policy they have 72 hours to initiate. Both investigators stated that anonymous and third party allegations would be investigated the same as any other allegation. There were zero allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review.

115.71 (b): 103 DOC 519, page 13 states that specialized training shall be provided for those employees who respond to and investigate PREA incidents. This training is completed through the PREA/Sexual Assault Investigator Training. The agency as a whole has 149 staff that conduct criminal and administrative sexual abuse cases. A review of documentation confirmed that all 149 of the staff have received the PREA/Sexual Assault Investigator Training, including the one facility investigator. The

interviews with the investigators confirmed that both received specialized training. One indicated he actually teaches the class and topics include; different types of interviews, how to process victims into Beth Israel for SANE, how to collect evidence, how to conduct investigations and ways to gather intelligence. Both staff confirmed that the required four training topics were covered in the specialized training.

115.71 (c): 103 DOC 519, pages 23-24 state that the assigned trained sexual assault investigator shall ensure that all evidence collected at the institution or at any hospital is transported to the MSP Laboratory as soon as possible. Potential witnesses shall be interviewed in an attempt to gather information, corroborate the victim's statement, and/or to identify any suspect(s). The interviews with investigative staff indicated that the first steps of the investigative process would involve making sure the inmate was separated from the alleged abuser and received a medical examination. Both stated that their initial concern is the safety of the victim and that they would immediately take these actions. The investigators indicated that they would then initiate the investigation by entering the information into the PREA database and start the interview process. The investigators further stated that they would gather all the information related to the allegation, review prior complaints, collect evidence, including physical, DNA, video, statements, phone calls and emails, review medical and mental health evaluations, enter the information into the PREA database and review and analyze the information to write a report and determine a finding. There were zero allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review.

115.71 (d): 103 DOC 519, page 23 states that if the Superintendent believes a felony may have been committed, he/she, in consultation with the Chief of OIS/IAU, shall notify the appropriate District Attorney's office and the MSP detective unit assigned to the District Attorney's office and shall ensure that the Department seeks assistance and begins a cooperative investigation with these agencies. The interviews with the investigators confirmed that they would consult with prosecutors prior to conducting any compelled interviews. The criminal investigator stated that typically the determination would be made prior to any interviews because they need to know whether to Mirandize or give the Garrity warning. There were zero allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review.

115.71 (e): 103 DOC 519, page 22 states that all reports of sexual activity are to be considered PREA until a full investigation indicates otherwise. The interviews with the investigators confirmed that the agency does not utilize polygraph tests or any other truth-telling devices on inmates who allege sexual abuse. Additionally, the investigators stated that credibility is handled individually and that it is determined through evidence. There were zero allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review.

115.71 (f): 103 DOC 519, pages 24-25 state that the Department shall ensure that all available means are used to fully investigate allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. Within 72 hours of the reported incident, the site's Superintendent will review and assess all reported allegations of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior and determine appropriate course of action. The interviews with investigative staff confirmed that they would review logs, check video and make sure staff followed policies and procedure. They stated they check to ensure staff did what they were supposed to and if they didn't it is documented and they address it. Both staff stated that administrative investigations are documented in written reports and include the who, what, where, when, why and how. This includes the summary, statements, evidence description, steps taken in the investigation, facts and findings and a conclusion. There were zero allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review.

115.71 (g): 103 DOC 519, pages 25-26 state that the Chief of the OIS/IAU shall provide necessary access to the complaint intake and status screens of PREA cases for review by the institution's Superintendent. The format for the investigative report shall follow the procedures set forth in 103 DOC 519. The Chief of OIS/IAU, having oversight of the investigation shall also ensure that a PREA database case file is promptly opened and completed within 30 days. The interviews with investigative staff confirmed that criminal investigations would be documented in written reports and include the same information as an administrative investigation. They stated reports would include the who, what, where, when, why and how. This includes the summary, statements, evidence description, steps taken in the investigation, facts and findings and a conclusion. There were zero allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review.

115.71 (h): The PAQ indicated that substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal will be referred for prosecution. 103 DOC 519, page 10 states that the Superintendent shall ensure that the Duty Station is notified of all allegations of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior. If the allegations involve a possible violation of the law, the Chief of OIS/IAU shall be promptly notified and shall then notify the jurisdictionally appropriate District Attorney's office once it is determined that sufficient probable cause exists to warrant such notification. The PAQ indicated that there have not been any allegations referred for prosecution since the last PREA audit. The interviews with the investigators confirmed that they would refer allegations for prosecution when they believe there is a credible allegation or evidence that a crime occurred.

115.71 (i): The PAQ stated that the agency retains all written reports pertaining to the administrative or criminal investigation of alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years. There have been no allegations over the previous three years at BPRC, however the auditor reviewed historical investigation across other MADOC facilities and confirmed that the retention period is met.

115.71 (j): 103 DOC 518, page 9 states that the departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the institution or the Department shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation. The interviews with the investigators confirmed that an investigation would continue whether or not the staff member and/or inmate remained employed/incarcerated with the MADOC.

115.71 (k): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.71 (l): The interview with the Warden indicated that the facility remains informed of the progress of outside investigations through telephone calls and emails with the Office of Investigative Services. The interview with PC indicated that the MSP would provide information about staff-on-inmate investigations to the Office of Internal Affairs and that they would provide information about inmate-on-inmate investigation to the PREA office. The PCM stated that the agency's investigators would reach out to the agency for updates or the facility itself would inquire with the outside agency about the status. Investigative staff stated that they would serve as the liaison and assist with whatever the outside agency needs.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, investigator training records and information from interviews with the Warden, PREA Coordinator, PREA Compliance Manager and investigative staff this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.72: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

115.72 (a)

- Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 518 – Inner Perimeter Security Team (IPS)
3. Memorandum from the Superintendent

Interviews:

1. Interview with Investigative Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.72 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency imposes a standard of a preponderance of the evidence or a lower standard of proof when determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. 103 DOC 518, page 10 states that the Department shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. The memo from the Superintendent indicated there were no sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegations in the previous twelve months. Both investigative staff indicated that a preponderance of evidence is utilized when determining whether to substantiate an allegation. There were zero allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 518, the memo from the Superintendent and information from interviews with investigative staff this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.73: Reporting to inmates

115.73 (a)

- Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.73 (b)

- If the agency did not conduct the investigation into an inmate's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency

in order to inform the inmate? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.73 (c)

- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the inmate has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the inmate whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the inmate has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the inmate whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the inmate has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the inmate whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the inmate has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the inmate whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.73 (d)

- Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.73 (e)

- Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.73 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Attachments I, II and III
4. Memorandum from the Superintendent

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden
2. Interview with Investigative Staff
3. Interview with Inmates who Reported Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

115.73 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy requiring that any inmate who makes an allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility is informed, verbally or in writing, as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded following an investigation by the agency. 103 DOC 519, page 27 states that following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he/she suffered sexual harassment/abuse in a Department institution, the Superintendent shall inform the alleged victim as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded by utilizing Attachment I. The PAQ indicated that there were zero investigation completed within the previous twelve months and as such no notifications were made. The memo from the Superintendent confirmed that there were no allegations of sexual abuse within the previous twelve months. The interviews with the Warden and the investigative staff confirmed that inmates are informed of the outcome of the investigation into their allegation. The Warden stated that they are provided an attachment from 103 DOC 519. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse at the facility and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.73 (b): The PAQ indicated that if an outside entity conducts such investigations, the agency shall request the relevant information from the investigative entity in order to inform the inmate of the outcome of the investigation. 103 DOC 519, page 17 states that if the Department did not conduct the investigation, it shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate. The PAQ indicated that there were zero investigations completed within the previous twelve months by an outside agency.

115.73 (c): The PAQ indicated that following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, the agency/facility subsequently informs the inmate whenever: the staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit, the staff member is no longer employed at the facility, the agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or the agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. 103 DOC 519, page 27 states that following the inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual harassment/abuse against him/her, the Department shall subsequently inform the victim inmate of the staff member's status utilizing Attachment II. A review of Attachment II confirms that it includes information on whether: the staff member is no longer posted within

the inmate's unit, the staff member is no longer employed at the facility, the agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or the agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. The PAQ indicated that there were no substantiated or unsubstantiated allegations of sexual abuse committed by a staff member against an inmate in the previous twelve months. There were zero allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse at the facility and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.73 (d): The PAQ indicates that following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, the agency subsequently informs the alleged victim whenever: the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. 103 DOC 519, page 27 states that following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually harassed/abused by another inmate, the Department shall subsequently inform the alleged victim inmate of the legal status of the incident utilizing Attachment III. A review of Attachment III confirms that it contains information on whenever the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. There were zero allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse at the facility and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.73 (e): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy that all notifications to inmates described under this standard are documented. 103 DOC 519, page 27 states that following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he/she suffered sexual harassment/abuse in a Department institution, the Superintendent shall inform the alleged victim as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded by utilizing Attachment I. Additionally it states that following the inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual harassment/abuse against him/her, the Department shall subsequently inform the victim inmate of the staff member's status utilizing Attachment II. And finally, it states that that following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually harassed/abused by another inmate, the Department shall subsequently inform the alleged victim inmate of the legal status of the incident utilizing Attachment III. The PAQ stated that there were zero notifications to inmates under this standard. There were zero allegations reported during the previous twelve months and as such no investigations were available for review.

115.73 (f): This provision is not required to be audited.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, Attachments I, II and III, the memo from the Superintendent and information from interviews with the Warden and investigative staff this standard appears to be compliant.

DISCIPLINE

Standard 115.76: Disciplinary sanctions for staff

115.76 (a)

- Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.76 (b)

- Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.76 (c)

- Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.76 (d)

- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 230 – Discipline and Terminations
3. Memorandum from the Superintendent

Findings (By Provision):

115.76 (a): The PAQ stated that staff are subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. 103 DOC 230, page 10 states that staff shall be subject to disciplinary sanction up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.

115.76 (b): The PAQ indicated there were no staff members who violated the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and no staff had been terminated for violating the sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. 103 DOC 230, page 10 states that termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse. The memo from the Superintendent confirmed

there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at the facility over the previous twelve months.

115.76 (c): The PAQ stated that disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts, the staff member's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offense by other staff members with similar histories. 103 DOC 230, page 10 states that disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offense by other staff members with similar histories. The PAQ indicated there were no staff members that were disciplined, short of termination, for violating the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies within the previous twelve months.

115.76 (d): The PAQ stated that all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would not have been terminated if not for their resignation, are reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies. 103 DOC 230, page 10 states that all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would not have been terminated if not for their resignation, shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies. The PAQ indicated that there have been no staff member disciplined for violating the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies within the previous twelve months and as such no staff members have been reported to law enforcement or relevant licensing bodies.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 230 and the memo from the Superintendent, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.77: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

115.77 (a)

- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.77 (b)

- In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Memorandum from the Superintendent

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden

Findings (By Provision):

115.77 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency policy requires that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies. Additionally, it stated that policy requires that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse be prohibited from contact with inmates. 103 DOC 519, page 25 states that contractors who are accused of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior may be removed from the institution until the investigation is completed. Additionally, it states that all volunteers who are accused shall be barred from entering any correctional institution until the investigation is completed. The PAQ indicated that there have been no contractors or volunteers who have been reported to law enforcement or relevant licensing bodies within the previous twelve months. The memo from the Superintendent indicated that there were no instances of substantiated PREA cases at the facility over the previous twelve months.

115.77 (b): The PAQ stated that the facility takes appropriate remedial measures and considers whether to prohibit further contact with inmates in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer. 103 DOC 519, page 25 states that contractors who are accused of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior may be removed from the institution until the investigation is completed. Additionally, it states that all volunteers who are accused shall be barred from entering any correctional institution until the investigation is completed. The PAQ indicated that there have been no contractors or volunteers who have been reported to law enforcement or relevant licensing bodies within the previous twelve months. The interview with the Warden indicated that any violation of the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies would result in the volunteer or contractor being removed from the facility until the investigation is completed. He stated that if the investigation is substantiated they would do remedial training and/or prohibit them from returning to the facility, depending on the severity. The Warden stated there have not been any instances where a contractor or volunteer violated the sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the memo from the Superintendent and information from the interview with the Warden, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.78: Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

115.78 (a)

- Following an administrative finding that an inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, are inmates subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.78 (b)

- Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.78 (c)

- When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.78 (d)

- If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.78 (e)

- Does the agency discipline an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.78 (f)

- For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.78 (g)

- If the agency prohibits all sexual activity between inmates, does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between inmates to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between inmates.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. 103 CMR 430 – Inmate Discipline
4. 103 DOC 650 – Mental Health Services

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden
2. Interview with Medical and Mental Health Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.78 (a): The PAQ stated that inmates are subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative or criminal finding that the inmate engaged in Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse. 103 DOC 519, page 8 states that all intentional acts of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior or intimacy between an inmate and a staff member, or between inmates, regardless of consensual status, are prohibited. The perpetrators shall, where appropriate, be subject to administrative, criminal and/or disciplinary sanctions. The PAQ indicated there have been zero administrative and criminal findings of guilt for Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse within the previous twelve months.

115.78 (b): 103 DOC 430, states that if the inmate is found guilty, the Hearing Officer may recommend one or more of the sanctions listed in 103 CMR 430.25. 103 CMR 430 outlines the inmate discipline categories as well as the disciplinary process. Specifically 103 CMR 430.25 outline the sanctions that can be imposed based on the category and offense. The interview with the Warden indicated that the inmate would be charged with a category one offense and that he would more than likely be transferred from the facility. The Warden stated that the inmate could be placed in segregated housing, lose good time and/or have a restriction of privileges. The Warden confirmed that the sanctions would be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history and sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by inmates with similar histories.

115.78 (c): 103 DOC 650, pages 75-75 state that site mental health staff shall be notified prior to service of a disciplinary report on any inmate with severe mental illness who is charged with a category 1 or category 2 disciplinary offense. Additionally, it states that following the entry of a guilty finding for an inmate with a mental health classification of MH-4, the hearing office shall consult with mental health staff. The interview with the Warden confirmed that the inmate abuser's mental illness or mental disability would be taken into consideration during the disciplinary process.

115.78 (d): The PAQ states that the facility offers therapy, counseling or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse and the facility considers whether to require the offending inmate to participate in these interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits. Interviews with medical and mental health staff indicated that they do offer therapy, counseling and other services designed to address and correct underlying issues or motivations for committing sexual abuse. Staff indicated that inmates are not required to participate as a condition of access to programming and other benefits.

115.78 (e): The PAQ stated that the agency disciplines inmates for sexual contact with staff only upon finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact. 103 CMR 430 outlines the category one offense of sexual assault on a staff member, contract employee, member of the public or volunteer.

Inmates would be charged with this category one offense if they had sexual contact with a staff member that the staff member did not consent to.

115.78 (f): The PAQ stated that the agency prohibits disciplinary action for a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation. 103 CMR 430 outlines the category three offense of lying or providing false information to a staff member. Inmates would be disciplined under this code if they falsely report sexual abuse.

115.78 (g): The PAQ indicates that the agency prohibits all sexual activity between inmates and the agency deems such activity to constitute sexual abuse only if it determines that the activity is coerced. 103 DOC 519, page 6 states that inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse is defined as any of the following acts if the inmate victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by over or implied threats, or is unable to consent or refuse: contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and anus; contact between the mouth and the penis; penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight by a hand, finger, object or other instrument; and any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, 103 CMR 430, 103 DOC 650 and information from interviews with the Warden and medical and mental health care staff, this standard appears to be compliant.

MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE

Standard 115.81: Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse

115.81 (a)

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison.)
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.81 (b)

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.81 (c)

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a jail inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.81 (d)

- Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law?
☒ Yes ☐ No

115.81 (e)

- Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 650 – Mental Health Services

Interviews:

1. Interview with Staff Responsible for Risk Screening
2. Interview with Medical and Mental Health Staff
3. Interview with Inmates who Disclose Sexual Victimization During the Risk Screening

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of Risk Screening Area

Findings (By Provision):

115.81 (a): The PAQ indicated all inmates at the facility who have disclosed prior sexual victimization during a screening pursuant to 115.41 are offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioners within fourteen days of the intake screening. 103 DOC 650, page 10 states that if the screening indicates that an inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within fourteen days of the intake screening. The PAQ indicated that 100% of those inmates who reported prior victimization were seen within fourteen days by medical or mental health practitioners. The PAQ also indicated that medical and mental health maintain secondary materials documenting compliance with the required services. During the tour the auditor observed that the risk screening is conducted in a private office setting. There were no inmates identified to have disclosed prior victimization during the risk screening and as such no documentation was available for review. The interview with the staff responsible for the risk screening confirmed that inmates

who disclose prior sexual victimization during the risk screening are referred to mental health for a follow-up and that they would be seen within seven days per facility practice. There were no inmates who disclosed prior victimization during the risk screening and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.81 (b): The PAQ indicated all prison inmates who have previously perpetrated sexual abuse, as indicated during the screening pursuant to 115.41 are offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioners within fourteen days of the intake screening. 103 DOC 650, page 10 states that if the screening indicates that a prison inmate has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within fourteen days of the intake screening. The PAQ indicated that 100% of those inmates who reported prior victimization were seen within fourteen days by medical or mental health practitioners. The PAQ also indicated that medical and mental health maintain secondary materials documenting compliance with the required services. The interview with the staff abusiveness during the risk screening are referred to mental health for a follow-up and that they would be seen within seven days per facility practice.

115.81 (c): The PAQ indicated all inmates at the facility who have disclosed prior sexual victimization during a screening pursuant to 115.41 are offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioners within fourteen days of the intake screening. 103 DOC 650, page 10 states that if the screening indicates that an inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within fourteen days of the intake screening. The PAQ indicated that 100% of those inmates who reported prior victimization were seen within fourteen days by medical or mental health practitioners. The PAQ also indicated that medical and mental health maintain secondary materials documenting compliance with the required services. During the tour the auditor observed that the risk screening is conducted in a private office setting. There were no inmates identified to have disclosed prior victimization during the risk screening and as such no documentation was available for review. The interview with the staff responsible for the risk screening confirmed that inmates who disclose prior sexual victimization during the risk screening are referred to mental health for a follow-up and that they would be seen within seven days per facility practice. There were no inmates who disclosed prior victimization during the risk screening and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.81 (d): The PAQ indicated that information related to sexual victimization and abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting is not strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners. It further indicated that the information is only shared with other staff to inform security and management decisions, including treatment plans, housing, bed, work, education and program assignments. 103 DOC 650, page 10 states that any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff, as necessary, to inform treatment plans and security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State or local law. During the tour it was noted by the auditor that inmate paper medical files were maintained behind a locked door. Additionally, inmate classification files were maintained behind a locked door as well.

15.81 (e): The PAQ indicated that medical and mental health staff obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of eighteen. 103 DOC 650, page 10 states that medical and mental health practitioners shall obtain informed consent from inmates prior to reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur within an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under eighteen. Interviews with medical and mental health staff indicate that they obtain informed consent prior to reporting any sexual abuse that did not occur in an institutional setting and that they have not had any

instances of this in the previous twelve months. They both indicated that the facility does not have inmates under the age of eighteen or vulnerable adults and as such it would not apply to them.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 650, observations during the tour to include the risk screening area and medical/classification record storage as well as information from interviews with staff who perform the risk screening and medical and mental health care staff this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.82: Access to emergency medical and mental health services

115.82 (a)

- Do inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?
☒ Yes ☐ No

115.82 (b)

- If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.62? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.82 (c)

- Are inmate victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.82 (d)

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention

Interviews:

1. Interview with Medical and Mental Health Staff
2. Interview with Inmates who Reported Sexual Abuse
3. Interview with First Responders

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of Medical and Mental Health Areas

Findings (By Provision):

115.82 (a): The PAQ indicated that inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services and that the nature and scope of services are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgement. The PAQ also indicated that medical and mental health maintain secondary materials documenting the timeliness of services. 103 DOC 519, page 20 states that inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. During the tour, the auditor noted that the medical area consisted of offices and an exam room. All rooms provided privacy via doors with security windows. Interviews with medical and mental health care staff confirm that inmates receive timely and unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment. The staff stated that if it was during business hours they would be seen immediately and if it was outside of business hours they would be immediately transported to the local hospital, if appropriate, or would be seen the next day. Both staff confirmed that services are based on their professional judgment and the inmates' needs. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.82 (b): 103 DOC 519, page 19 states that each institution shall maintain an Emergency Response Plan and sexual assault response kits containing the items necessary to facilitate their response to sexual assault allegations. Response plans shall contain the following actions: separate alleged victim and perpetrator; immediately notify the Shift Commander; secure the scene, if warranted, for subsequent crime scene processing; ask the victim and ensure the perpetrator does not take any action that would destroy physical evidence (e.g., washing, eating, drinking, brushing teeth, changing clothes, etc.) and immediately escort the inmate victim to the institution's Health Services Unit for emergency medical care/mental health treatment. The interview with the security first responder indicated he would separate the victim and perpetrator, notify the Shift Commander, secure the crime scene, make sure the inmates don't shower, brush their teeth or change their clothes, take notes of the area and identify any possible witnesses, escort the inmate to medical and file a confidential report. The non-security first responder states she would separate the inmates if she could and notify the Shift Commander. She stated she would stay with the victim unless someone arrived to help.

115.82 (c): The PAQ indicated that inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis. The PAQ also indicated that medical and mental health maintain secondary materials documenting the timeliness of services. 103 DOC 519, page 20 states that if the determination is made that the inmate victim should be sent to an outside hospital, and if the inmate victim consents, the inmate victim shall be transported to the outside hospital with a SANE program where he/she shall receive essential medical intervention, including preventative treatment for HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy, if appropriate. There were not allegations of sexual abuse during the audit period and as such no documents were available for review related to information and access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis. The interview with the medical staff member

confirmed that inmates would be provided information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.82 (d): The PAQ indicated that treatment services are provided to every victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigations arising out of the incident. 103 DOC 519, page 22 states that rape crisis services shall be provided at no cost to the alleged victim unless the claim of being sexually assaulted was knowingly false.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519 and information from interviews with medical and mental health care staff and first responders, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.83: Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

115.83 (a)

- Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.83 (b)

- Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.83 (c)

- Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.83 (d)

- Are inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if “all-male” facility. *Note: in “all-male” facilities, there may be inmates who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.*) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.83 (e)

- If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.83(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if “all-male” facility. *Note: in “all-male” facilities, there may be inmates who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.*) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.83 (f)

- Are inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.83 (g)

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.83 (h)

- If the facility is a prison, does it attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners? (NA if the facility is a jail.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 650 – Mental Health Services
3. Wellpath Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance

Interviews:

1. Interview with Medical and Mental Health Staff
2. Interview with Inmates who Reported Sexual Abuse

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of Medical Treatment Areas

Findings (By Provision):

115.83 (a): The PAQ stated that the facility offers medical and mental health evaluations, and as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility. 103 DOC 650, pages 41-42 state that any inmate who reports being physically victimized by sexually abusive behavior shall be brought to the Health Services Unit for emergency medical and mental health treatment as needed. The inmate shall be evaluated by a qualified health care professional for physical injuries and emergency medical treatment. An emergency mental health referral to the on-site mental health clinician shall be made following the completion of the medical examination. Any reports of physical or verbal abuse of a sexual nature shall be referred to mental health crisis

clinician. During the tour, the auditor noted that the medical area consisted of offices and an exam room. All rooms provided privacy via doors with security windows. There were no allegations of sexual abuse reported at the facility and as such there were no medical documentation to review. The auditor confirmed that the facility provides medical services to inmates during business hours on-site and if required after hours the inmate is transported to the local hospital.

115.83 (b): There were no allegations of sexual abuse reported at the facility and as such there were no medical documentation to review. The auditor confirmed that the facility provides medical services to inmates during business hours on-site and if required after hours the inmate is transported to the local hospital. Interviews with medical and mental health care staff confirmed that follow-up services would be offered to inmate victims of sexual abuse. A few of the services include a forensic examination, individual therapy, resources for ongoing treatment, mental health groups, HIV/STI testing and medication. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse and as such no interviews were completed.

115.83 (c): All medical and mental health staff are required to have the appropriate credentials and licensures. The facility utilizes Beth Israel for forensic medical examinations. Interviews with medical and mental health care staff confirm that the services they provide are consistent with the community level of care.

115.83 (d): This provision does not apply as the facility does not house female inmates.

115.83 (e): This provision does not apply as the facility does not house female inmates.

115.83 (f): The PAQ indicated that inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate. 103 DOC 519, page 20 states that if the determination is made that the inmate victim should be sent to an outside hospital, and if the inmate victim consents, the inmate victim shall be transported to the outside hospital with a SANE program where he/she shall receive essential medical intervention, including preventative treatment for HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy, if appropriate. Additionally, Wellpath Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance, page 2 states that patient victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered testing for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate. There were no allegations of sexual abuse reported during the audit period. As such no documents were available for review related to testing of sexually transmitted infections.

115.83 (g): The PAQ indicated that treatment services are provided to every victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigations arising out of the incident. 103 DOC 519, page 22 states that rape crisis services shall be provided at no cost to the alleged victim unless the claim of being sexually assaulted was knowingly false. There were no inmates who reported sexual abuse at the facility and as such no interviews were completed.

115.83 (h): The PAQ indicated that the facility attempts to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known Inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history, and offers treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health. 103 DOC 519, page 44 states that a mental health evaluation shall be completed on all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history, and mental health staff shall offer treatment when deemed clinically appropriate. The interview with the mental health staff member confirmed that inmate-on-inmate abusers would be offered mental health services within 24 to 48 hours. There were no sexual abuse allegations reported during the audit period and as such no inmate perpetrators were required to be referred to mental health.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 650, Wellpath Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance and information from interviews with medical and mental health care staff, this standard appears to be compliant.

DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW

Standard 115.86: Sexual abuse incident reviews

115.86 (a)

- Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.86 (b)

- Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.86 (c)

- Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.86 (d)

- Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.86(d)(1) - (d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.86 (e)

- Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Memorandum from the Superintendent

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden
2. Interview with the PREA Compliance Manager
3. Interview with Incident Review Team

Findings (By Provision):

115.86 (a): The PAQ stated that the facility conducts a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. 103 DOC 519, page 28 states that the facility shall also conduct a sexual harassment/abuse incident review at the conclusion of all substantiated and unsubstantiated investigations. The PAQ indicated that zero reviews were completed within the previous twelve months. The memo from the Superintendent indicated that there were no sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegations over the previous twelve months.

115.86 (b): The PAQ stated that the facility ordinarily conducts a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days of the conclusion of the criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation. 103 DOC 519, page 28 states that incident reviews shall ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. The PAQ indicated that zero reviews were completed within the previous twelve months. The memo from the Superintendent indicated that there were no sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegations over the previous twelve months.

115.86 (c): The PAQ indicated that the sexual abuse incident review team includes upper level management officials and allows for input from line supervisors, investigators and medical and mental health practitioners. 103 DOC 519, page 28 states that each institution shall establish a PREA committee comprised of the PREA Compliance Manager, upper-level management official, line supervisors, investigators, medical and/or mental health practitioners and any other individual deemed integral to successful implementation of the PREA process at the site. The interview with the Warden confirmed that these reviews would be completed and they would include the Deputy Superintendent, medical and mental health care staff and line staff. There were no allegations of sexual abuse reported over the audit period and as such no documentation was available for review.

115.86 (d): The PAQ stated that the facility prepares a report of its findings from sexual abuse incident reviews, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1)-(d)(5) of this section and any recommendations for improvement, and submits each report to the facility head and PCM. 103 DOC 519, page 29 states that the review team shall; consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect or respond to sexual abuse; consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, LGBTI and/or gender non-conforming identification, status or perceived status or gang affiliation, or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility; examine where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse; assess the adequacy of staffing levels where the incident allegedly occurred during various shifts; assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or enhanced to supplement supervision by staff and document the review process by using the PREA database. There were no allegations of sexual abuse reported over the audit period and as such no documentation was available for review. The Warden stated that the information would be utilized to determine if there is a need for any changes. He also stated they would utilize the information to make recommendations.

115.86 (e): The PAQ indicated that the facility implements the recommendations for improvement or documents its reasons for not doing so. 103 DOC 519, page 29 states the committee shall document its findings, including, but not limited to determinations made pursuant to the above and any recommendations for improvement. The institution shall implement the recommendations for improvement or shall document its reason for not doing so.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the memo from the Superintendent and information from interviews with the Warden, the PCM and a member of the sexual abuse incident review team, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.87: Data collection

115.87 (a)

- Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.87 (b)

- Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.87 (c)

- Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.87 (d)

- Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.87 (e)

- Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its inmates.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.87 (f)

- Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. PREA Annual Report

Findings (By Provision):

115.87 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency collects accurate uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. It also indicates that the standardized instrument includes at minimum, data to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV). 103 DOC 519, page 30 states the Department shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual harassment/abuse at the institutions through the use of the PREA database. It further states that the incident-based data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all inquiries and surveys to the DOJ. A review of the annual report confirmed that aggregated data is compared for the two prior years and is broken down by incident types across the different facilities.

115.87 (b): The PAQ indicates that the agency aggregates the incident based sexual abuse data at least annually. 103 DOC 519, page 30 states that the Department PREA Coordinator/designee shall aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually and submit a report to the DOJ as required. A review of the PREA annual reports confirmed that each annual report included aggregated facility and agency data.

115.87 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency collects accurate uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. It also indicates that the standardized instrument includes at minimum, data to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV). 103 DOC 519, page 30 states the Department shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual harassment/abuse at the institutions through the use of the PREA database. It further states that the incident-based data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all inquiries and surveys to the DOJ. A review

of the annual report confirmed that aggregated data is compared for the two prior years and is broken down by incident types across the different facilities.

115.87 (d): The PAQ stated that the agency maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews. 103 DOC 519, page 30 states that the Department shall maintain, review and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigative files and sexual abuse incident reviews. The Department shall also attempt to obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates. Upon request, the Department's PREA Coordinator shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the DOJ.

115.87 (e): The PAQ indicated that the agency obtains incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates. 103 DOC 519, page 30 states that the Department shall also attempt to obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates. A review of the annual report indicates that the facility does not contract with private facilities and as such this provision is not applicable.

115.87 (f): The PAQ indicated that the agency provides the Department of Justice with data from the previous calendar year upon request. 103 DOC 519, page 30 states that upon request, the Department's PREA Coordinator shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the DOJ.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519 and PREA annual reports, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.88: Data review for corrective action

115.88 (a)

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.88 (b)

- Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.88 (c)

- Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.88 (d)

- Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. PREA Annual Reports

Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
2. Interview with the PREA Coordinator
3. Interview with the PREA Compliance Manager

Findings (By Provision):

115.88 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency reviews data collected and aggregated pursuant to 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies and training. The review includes: identifying problem areas, taking corrective action on an ongoing basis and preparing an annual report of its findings from its data review and any corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole. 103 DOC 519, pages 30-31 state the Department shall review data collected and aggregated in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual harassment/abuse response prevention policy and all such efforts related to the prevention, detection and response to any and all sexual harassment/abuse allegations. Additionally, the collection and review of such data serves to give the Department the ability to continually enhance and improve its practices and training including: identifying problem areas; taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective action for each facility, as well as the Department as a whole. A review of the last two PREA annual reports indicates that reports include agency achievements for the prior year, aggregated data for the two prior years for comparison, tables of incidents by facility, identified problem areas, corrective action for the year, resolved problem areas for the prior year and a Department assessment. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated the PC compiles the data and it is evaluated to identify any issues or identify any high risk areas. He stated any identified issues are then addressed. The Agency Head Designee stated that the agency uses the data to then push out to the facilities to make any corrective action or improvements. The PC confirmed that the agency aggregates sexual abuse data and that it is securely retained by the Office of Technology Information Services. He stated that there is not information that is redacted as the

information is only raw data. He further stated that the annual report is posted on the website and is routed through the Commissioner for review. Additionally, the PCM stated that the information is utilized for improvements in training and education as well as for the betterment of the agency. She stated that the data is compared throughout the years to review trends and enhance safety, policies and training.

115.88 (b): The PAQ indicated that the annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provides an assessment of the progress in addressing sexual abuse. 103 DOC 519, page 31 states that such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective action with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse/harassment within the Department. A review of the last two PREA annual reports indicates that reports include agency achievements for the prior year, aggregated data for the two prior years for comparison, tables of incidents by facility, identified problem areas, corrective action for the year, resolved problem areas for the prior year and a Department assessment.

115.88 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency makes its annual report readily available to the public at least annually through its website and that the annual reports are approved by the agency head. 103 DOC 519, page 21 states that the Department's report shall be approved by the Commissioner and made readily available to the public through the Department's website. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that he reviews and approves the report annually. A review of the website (<https://www.mass.gov/lists/prea-reports#annual-reports->) confirmed that the current PREA annual report as well as historical PREA annual reports dating back to 2013 are available on the agency website.

115.88 (d): The PAQ indicated when the agency redacts material from an annual report for publication the redactions are limited to specific material where publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility and must indicate the nature of material redacted. 103 DOC 519, page 31 states that the Department shall redact specific materials from the report when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and/or security of an institution, but shall indicate the nature of the material redacted. A review of the annual report confirmed that no personal identifying information was included in the report nor any security related information. The report did not contain any redacted information. The interview with the PC confirmed that there is not any information redacted as all information is raw data.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, PREA annual reports, the website and information obtained from interviews with the Agency Head Designee, PC and PCM, this standard appears to be compliant.

Standard 115.89: Data storage, publication, and destruction

115.89 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?
☒ Yes ☐ No

115.89 (b)

- Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.89 (c)

- Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.89 (d)

- Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.87 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
3. Massachusetts Statewide Record Retention Schedule
4. PREA Annual Reports

Interviews:

1. Interview with the PREA Coordinator

Findings (By Provision):

115.89 (a): The PAQ states that the agency ensures that incident based data and aggregated data is securely retained. 103 DOC 519, page 31 states that the Department shall ensure that data collected is securely retained and only shared with individuals, institutions, and/or agencies, on a “need to know basis”. The interview with the PREA Coordinator confirmed that the agency data is maintained by the Office of Technology Information Services (OTIS) and that it is securely retained through their office.

115.89 (b): The PAQ states that the agency will make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public, at least annually, through its website or through other means. 103 DOC 519, pages 31-32 state that the Department shall attempt to make all aggregated sexual harassment/abuse data from institutions under its direct control, and private facilities with which is contracts with, readily available to the public at least annually through its Departmental website. A review of the website (<https://www.mass.gov/lists/prea-reports#annual-reports->) confirmed that the current PREA annual report, which includes aggregated data, is available to the public online.

115.89 (c): 103 DOC 519, page 32 and the PAQ indicate that before making aggregated sexual harassment/abuse data publicly available, the Department shall remove all personal identifiers. A review

of the PREA annual report, which contains the aggregated data, confirmed that no personal identifiers were publicly available.

115.89 (d): 103 DOC 519, page 32 and the PAQ indicate that the Department shall maintain collected sexual harassment/abuse data collected for at least ten years after the date of initial collection. The Massachusetts Statewide Records Retention Schedule, page 190 confirms that inmate investigative records are retained for ten years. A review of historical annual reports indicated that aggregated data is available from 2013 to present.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the Records Retention Schedule, PREA annual reports, the website and information obtained from the interview with the PREA Coordinator, this standard appears to be compliant.

AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits

115.401 (a)

- During the prior three-year audit period, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (*Note: The response here is purely informational. A "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.*) ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.401 (b)

- Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (*Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.*) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If this is the second year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited during the first year of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is **not** the *second* year of the current audit cycle.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is **not** the *third* year of the current audit cycle.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.401 (h)

- Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.401 (i)

- Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.401 (m)

- Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.401 (n)

- Were inmates permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Findings (By Provision):

115.401 (a): The facility is part of the Massachusetts Department of Correction. A review of the audit schedule and audit reports indicate that at least one third of the agency's facilities are audited each year.

115.401 (b): The facility is part of the Massachusetts Department of Correction. A review of the audit schedule and audit reports indicate that at least one third of the agency's facilities are audited each year. The facility is being audited in the second year of the three-year cycle.

115.401 (h) – (m): The auditor had access to all areas of the facility; was permitted to review any relevant policies, procedure or documents; was permitted to conduct private interviews and was able to receive confidential information/correspondence from inmates.

Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings

115.403 (f)

- The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AUDIT. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or in the case of single facility agencies that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Findings (By Provision):

115.403 (a): The facility was previously audited on February 9, 2018. The final audit report is publicly available via the agency website.

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

- ☒ The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- ☒ No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review, and
- ☒ I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

Kendra Prisk

May 28, 2021

Auditor Signature

Date

ⁱ Agency and Department are used interchangeably within this report.

ⁱⁱ Superintendent and Warden are used interchangeably within this report.