### **PREA Facility Audit Report: Final**

Name of Facility: Pondville Correctional Center

Facility Type: Prison / Jail

**Date Interim Report Submitted:** 06/07/2023 **Date Final Report Submitted:** 10/06/2023

Auditor Certification	
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.	
I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate/resident/detainee or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.	
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AUDITOR INFORMATION	
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Start Date of On- Site Audit:	05/03/2023
End Date of On-Site Audit:	05/03/2023

FACILITY INFORMATION		
Facility name:	Pondville Correctional Center	
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Facility Characteristics	
Designed facility capacity:	206
Current population of facility:	91
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	94
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	No

Which population(s) does the facility hold?	Males
Age range of population:	45
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels:	Minimum/Pre-Release
Does the facility hold youthful inmates?	No
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with inmates:	53
Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	80
Number of volunteers who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	50

AGENCY INFORMATION		
Name of agency:	Massachusetts Department of Correction	
Governing authority or parent agency (if applicable):		
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### **Facility AUDIT FINDINGS**

#### **Summary of Audit Findings**

The OAS automatically populates the number and list of Standards exceeded, the number of Standards met, and the number and list of Standards not met.

Auditor Note: In general, no standards should be found to be "Not Applicable" or "NA." A compliance determination must be made for each standard. In rare instances where an auditor determines that a standard is not applicable, the auditor should select "Meets Standard" and include a comprehensive discussion as to why the standard is not applicable to the facility being audited.

Number of standards exceeded:	
0	
Number of standards met:	
45	
Number of standards not met:	
0	

POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORMATION		
GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION		
On-site Audit Dates		
1. Start date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2023-05-03	
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2023-05-03	
Outreach		
10. Did you attempt to communicate with community-based organization(s) or victim advocates who provide services to this facility and/or who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>	
a. Identify the community-based organization(s) or victim advocates with whom you communicated:	BARCC and JDI	
AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION		
14. Designated facility capacity:	206	
15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	94	
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	2	
17. Does the facility ever hold youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees?	Yes  No  Not Applicable for the facility type audited (i.e., Community Confinement Facility or Juvenile Facility)	

### **Audited Facility Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit** Inmates/Residents/Detainees Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit **36.** Enter the total number of inmates/ 101 residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit: 8 38. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees with a physical disability in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 39. Enter the total number of inmates/ 2 residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 40. Enter the total number of inmates/ 2 residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (visually impaired) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 41. Enter the total number of inmates/ 14 residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 42. Enter the total number of inmates/ 13 residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 43. Enter the total number of inmates/ 2 residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:

44. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
45. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
46. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	1
47. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
48. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit (e.g., groups not tracked, issues with identifying certain populations):	The facility does not have a segregated housing unit.
Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit	
49. Enter the total number of STAFF, including both full- and part-time staff, employed by the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	53
50. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	48

51. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of	39
the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	
52. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of staff, volunteers, and contractors who were in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	No text provided.
INTERVIEWS	
Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
53. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	10
54. Select which characteristics you	Age
considered when you selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees: (select all that apply)	Race
	Ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic, Non-Hispanic)
	Length of time in the facility
	Housing assignment
	Gender
	Other
	None

#### 55. How did you ensure your sample of At least one random inmate was selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE from each of the housing units. There are only interviewees was geographically two housing units based on the definition, diverse? however there are "hallways" that make up seven housing areas. One of the housing areas was closed at the time of the on-site portion of the audit (1-3). The following inmates were selected from the housing areas: one from 1-1, six from 1-2, four from 2-1, two from 2-2, four from 2-3 and three from 2-4. 56. Were you able to conduct the ( Yes minimum number of random inmate/ resident/detainee interviews? O No 57. Provide any additional comments The facility houses male inmates and as such regarding selecting or interviewing all 20 inmates interviewed were male. Four of the inmates interviewed were black, thirteen random inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, were white (includes those who were barriers to completing interviews, Hispanic) and three were another race. With barriers to ensuring representation): regard to ethnicity, five were Hispanic and fifteen were non-Hispanic. The ages of the inmates interviewed were broken into categories; zero were under eighteen, zero were eighteen to 25; four were 26-35, two were 36-45, eleven were 46-55 and three were over 55. Interview demographics related to time in custody at the facility was also broken into categories; fourteen were less than a year and six were one to five years. **Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews** 58. Enter the total number of TARGETED 10 **INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who**

were interviewed:

As stated in the PREA Auditor Handbook, the breakdown of targeted interviews is intended to guide auditors in interviewing the appropriate cross-section of inmates/residents/detainees who are the most vulnerable to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. When completing questions regarding targeted inmate/resident/detainee interviews below, remember that an interview with one inmate/resident/detainee may satisfy multiple targeted interview requirements. These questions are asking about the number of interviews conducted using the targeted inmate/resident/detainee protocols. For example, if an auditor interviews an inmate who has a physical disability, is being held in segregated housing due to risk of sexual victimization, and disclosed prior sexual victimization, that interview would be included in the totals for each of those questions. Therefore, in most cases, the sum of all the following responses to the targeted inmate/resident/detainee interview categories will exceed the total number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees who were interviewed. If a particular targeted population is not applicable in the audited facility, enter "0".

the audited facility, enter "0".	
60. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees with a physical disability using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
61. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	2
62. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Blind or have low vision (i.e., visually impaired) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
63. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
64. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	2

65. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	2
66. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who identify as transgender or intersex using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	■ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  ■ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The auditor confirmed through a review of risk screening documents and interviews/ conversation with LGB inmates and staff that there were zero transgender or intersex inmates.
67. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who reported sexual abuse in this facility using the "Inmates who Reported a Sexual Abuse" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.

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b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	A review of allegations over the audit period as well as conversation with staff and inmate confirmed there were zero inmates that reported sexual abuse.
68. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening using the "Inmates who Disclosed Sexual Victimization during Risk Screening" protocol:	1
69. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are or were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization using the "Inmates Placed in Segregated Housing (for Risk of Sexual Victimization/Who Allege to have Suffered Sexual Abuse)" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The auditor confirmed during the tour the facility does not have a segregated housing unit that there were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse that there were zero involuntarily segregated.

70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):	No text provided.
Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interv	views
Random Staff Interviews	
71. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:	12
72. Select which characteristics you	Length of tenure in the facility
considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that	Shift assignment
apply)	Work assignment
	Rank (or equivalent)
	Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken)
	None
If "Other," describe:	Race, Gender and Ethnicity
73. Were you able to conduct the	● Yes
minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?	○ No
74. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random staff (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	The facility has three shifts; five staff were interviewed from the 7am-3pm shift; four were from the 3pm-11pm shift and three were from the 11pm-7am shift. With regard to the demographics of the random staff interviewed; seven were male and five were female. Two were black and ten were white. All twelve were non-Hispanic. With regard to rank of those security staff interviewed, eight were Correctional Officers, two were Sergeants and one was a Shift Supervisor.

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Specialized Staff, Volunteers, and Contractor	Interviews
Staff in some facilities may be responsible for more than one of the specialized staff duties.  Therefore, more than one interview protocol may apply to an interview with a single staff member and that information would satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.	
75. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):	23
76. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?	
77. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent or their designee?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
78. Were you able to interview the PREA Coordinator?	
79. Were you able to interview the PREA Compliance Manager?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if the agency is a single facility agency or is otherwise not required to have a PREA Compliance Manager per the Standards)</li> </ul>

80. Select which SPECIALIZED STAFF Agency contract administrator roles were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that Intermediate or higher-level facility staff apply) responsible for conducting and documenting unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment Line staff who supervise youthful inmates (if applicable) Education and program staff who work with youthful inmates (if applicable) Medical staff Mental health staff Non-medical staff involved in cross-gender strip or visual searches Administrative (human resources) staff Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) staff Investigative staff responsible for conducting administrative investigations Investigative staff responsible for conducting criminal investigations Staff who perform screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness Staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing/residents in isolation Staff on the sexual abuse incident review team Designated staff member charged with monitoring retaliation First responders, both security and nonsecurity staff Intake staff

	Other
If "Other," provide additional specialized staff roles interviewed:	Mailroom staff
81. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/ residents/detainees in this facility?	Yes No
a. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS who were interviewed:	1
b. Select which specialized VOLUNTEER role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	<ul> <li>Education/programming</li> <li>Medical/dental</li> <li>Mental health/counseling</li> <li>Religious</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>
82. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
a. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS who were interviewed:	2
b. Select which specialized CONTRACTOR role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	Security/detention  Education/programming  Medical/dental  Food service  Maintenance/construction  Other

83. Provide any additional comments
regarding selecting or interviewing
specialized staff.

No text provided.

#### SITE REVIEW AND DOCUMENTATION SAMPLING

#### **Site Review**

PREA Standard 115.401 (h) states, "The auditor shall have access to, and shall observe, all areas of the audited facilities." In order to meet the requirements in this Standard, the site review portion of the onsite audit must include a thorough examination of the entire facility. The site review is not a casual tour of the facility. It is an active, inquiring process that includes talking with staff and inmates to determine whether, and the extent to which, the audited facility's practices demonstrate compliance with the Standards. Note: As you are conducting the site review, you must document your tests of critical functions, important information gathered through observations, and any issues identified with facility practices. The information you collect through the site review is a crucial part of the evidence you will analyze as part of your compliance determinations and will be needed to complete your audit report, including the Post-Audit Reporting Information.

Audit Reporting Information.	
84. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?	Yes
	○ No
Was the site review an active, inquiring proce	l ess that included the following:
85. Observations of all facility practices in accordance with the site review	Yes
component of the audit instrument (e.g., signage, supervision practices, cross-gender viewing and searches)?	○ No
86. Tests of all critical functions in the	Yes
facility in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., risk screening process,	○ No
access to outside emotional support services, interpretation services)?	
87. Informal conversations with inmates/ residents/detainees during the site	● Yes
review (encouraged, not required)?	○ No

88. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not	Yes
required)?	○ No

89. Provide any additional comments regarding the site review (e.g., access to areas in the facility, observations, tests of critical functions, or informal conversations).

The on-site portion of the audit was conducted on May 3, 2023. 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 interview as well as documents to review. The auditor conducted a tour of the facility on May 3, 2023. The tour included all areas associated with the facility to include; housing units, warehouse, intake, visitation, education, maintenance, food service, health services, recreation, front entrance and administration. During the tour the auditor was cognizant of staffing levels, video monitoring placement, blind spots, posted PREA information, privacy for inmates in housing units and other factors as indicated in the appropriate standard findings.

The auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Each housing unit had PREA Posters as well as a Securus phone number list. The PREA Posters were observed in English and Spanish on legal size paper. PREA Posters were framed and included information on the zero tolerance policy, reporting to medical and mental health and reporting via the hotline. The Securus phone number list was observed in each housing unit above the phones. The list included contact information for the IPS hotline, PREA hotline and BARCC. The list was in English and on letter size paper.

Third party reporting information was observed in the visitation area and in the front lobby via the PREA Poster. The PREA Poster was observed in English and Spanish on legal size paper and included information on the PREA hotline number.

During the tour the auditor confirmed that the facility follows the staffing plan. There were numerous security staff assigned to the building that were responsible for roving security checks. The auditor confirmed that staffing was adequate based on facility type

and physical plant. The auditor did not observe any overcrowding issues. Additionally, the auditor observed adequate lines of sight once in the housing unit areas. The auditor observed video monitoring technology in housing areas and common areas. Cameras are monitored by the staff at the main control and can also be monitored by IPS, Shift Commanders and Administrative staff. The auditor confirmed that cameras were utilized to supplement staffing and assisted with supervision and monitoring through coverage of blind spots and high traffic areas.

With regard to cross gender viewing, the auditor confirmed that housing units provide privacy through curtains and public style toilets with doors. Additionally, the entrance to the bathroom areas also had a door with a window. The auditor observed strip search areas and confirmed no cross gender viewing issues. Strip searches for visitation and intake are conducted in a holding cell that has a door with a small window. A review of the video monitoring system confirmed that none of the cameras in the facility observed any bathroom, shower or strip search areas. In addition, the auditor heard the opposite gender announcement each time the audit team entered the inmate housing units. The announcement was made upon entry into the hallway, prior to the rooms. The announcement was made verbally and was at an adequate audible level.

Inmate medical, mental health and classification records are paper and electronic. Paper records are maintained in a locked room and/or in remote storage archive. Paper records are only accessible to the medical and mental health team. Electronic records are maintained in the ERMA electronic database and are only accessible to medical and mental health care staff. The staff stated they are obligated to share with MADOC Administrative staff for any security related

concerns but they are very careful what is shared due to personal health information. Inmate risk assessments are documented electronically via the electronic inmate management system. During the tour the auditor had a security staff member pull up the risk screening information. The auditor confirmed that correctional staff at all levels had access to the risk screening information, including the inmate responses. Investigative files are maintained in the IPS office in a locked filing cabinet. Access to the IPS office is IPS staff only.

During the tour the auditor observed the mail process. The common areas had locked boxes where mail is placed. The mailroom staff indicated that incoming mail is picked up at the Post Office. Mail is opened and scanned at the building offsite. Staff scan for certain words and contraband. The staff indicated they do not read the mail unless the inmate is on mail monitor. Incoming legal mail is treated differently in that it is not opened. The legal mail is provided to the IPS staff or Shift Commander who will have the inmate open the legal mail in front of them. Outgoing mail is received sealed. The staff do not open outgoing mail. They just look at the outside to ensure a return name and address as well as postage. The staff stated if the inmate is on mail monitor they provide the mail to the IPS staff. The mailroom staff confirmed that mail to the Massachusetts State Police and to BARCC is treated as legal mail.

The auditor observed the intake process through a demonstration. Inmate are provided PREA information at intake via the Inmate Handbook. The Inmate Handbook is available in both English and Spanish. The Inmate Handbook includes information on the zero tolerance policy and methods to report.

The auditor was provided a demonstration of the initial risk assessment. Both the initial risk screening and the reassessment are

conducted in a private office setting. The initial risk screening is conducted in medical in one of the triage rooms. The initial risk screening is completed on the first day of arrival. Medical staff ask the inmate questions including; prior victimization, sexual preference, gender identity and perception of vulnerability. The medical staff stated she also looks to determine if there are any disabilities. Security staff complete a portion of the risk assessment during intake. Security staff verify information in IMS and discuss the information with the inmate. The staff indicated they also look at the electronic information to verify accuracy of information. The auditor reviewed the information on the risk screening via the computer screen and confirmed that information such as age, height, weight, prior incarcerations, current conviction, etc. were already populated. Staff had the ability to change certain information if applicable, (i.e. if the inmate had gained or lost signification weight). After the information is entered into the system, the information is calculated electronically and a designation is determined related to known victim, potential victim, unknown victim, known predator, potential predator or unknown predator. The reassessment is completed by security staff and mental health care staff. Security staff review the file as it relates to any new information and the risk screening. Mental health care staff complete the in-person portion of the reassessment. The staff indicated they complete the reassessment within seven days of arrival, but could complete it as soon as 48 business hours from arrival. The mental health staff stated she asks about disabilities, prior victimization, prior PREA incidents, sexual preference, gender identity and perception of vulnerability.

The auditor tested the PREA hotline during the tour from the dayroom phones. The auditor reached a live person who advised that if they received a report of sexual abuse

from an inmate they would immediately document the information and forward it to the facility and the PC. Inmates have access to the phones anytime they are at the facility (some inmates leave for work in the community). The auditor also called the IPS hotline during the tour. The auditor left a message on May 3, 2023. On the same date the IPS staff escorted the auditor to his office where he played the voicemail confirming that he receives the messages from the IPS hotline. He confirmed he would initiate an investigation immediately following a messages related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Additionally, the auditor tested the written reporting mechanism via a grievance. The auditor observed grievance forms above the locked grievance box. The auditor filled out the grievance form and submitted it through the locked grievance box in the common area. The auditor was provided a copy of the grievance (signed and dated by the receiving staff) on the same date it was submitted (May 3, 2023) confirming functionality of the reporting process.

The auditor tested the outside reporting mechanism by sending a letter to the MSP with the address provided in the Inmate Handbook. The auditor sent a letter on April 27, 2023 to MSP related to how they would handle an allegation of sexual abuse and whether inmates can remain anonymous. The auditor provided contact information for the MSP to respond. On May 19, 2023 the auditor received an email from the PREA Coordinator for the MSP. He provided a scanned copy of the letter and advised if it was a PREA complaint he would coordinate with the MADOC PC for investigation. He confirmed that inmates may remain anonymous upon request.

The auditor had a staff member provide an example of how they would document a

verbal report and how they can report sexual abuse of an inmate confidentially. The mechanism is the same, with the exception of a checkbox. The staff member advised they would complete a confidential incident report electronically from any of the facility computers. The staff advised when you mark confidential, the incident report bypasses any other supervisors and goes directly to the Warden. Staff confirmed all verbal reports would be documented in a confidential incident report.

The auditor tested the third party reporting mechanism via the agency website. The auditor submitted the online form on April 27, 2023. The PC provided email confirmation on the same date that the online form was received. The PC indicated it would be forwarded for investigation if it was a sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegation.

The facility provides access to victim advocates through the BARCC hotline. The auditor tested the BARCC hotline during the on-site portion of the audit. The auditor dialed the number and was provided the option for services in English or Spanish. The automated message advised to hold and that they would be providing someone soon for services. The auditor reached a live person who confirmed that they are available to provide services to any inmate who calls the line between the hours of 9am and 9pm. The BARCC hotline is an unmonitored line and a pin number is not required.

The auditor had the facility conduct a mock demonstration of the comprehensive PREA education process. The auditor observed that inmates are provided comprehensive PREA education every Friday in the first floor classroom. Inmates are shown a video on a 36 inch television and staff also go over rules and answer any questions. The auditor viewed the video and confirmed that it provides information on ADA

accommodations, right to be free from sexual abuse, the PREA hotline number (advises it is not recorded and does not require a pin), BARCC contact information (advises for support services and not a reporting mechanism), the external reporting entity contact information (MSP address) and information on the policy and that it is located in the library. The video is available in English and Spanish and also had closed captioning.

During inmate interviews the auditor tested the accessibility of the language interpretation service (Lionsbridge) for two LEP inmate interviews. The facility provided the auditor a phone number to dial and the facility's pin number for services. The auditor was able to choose the appropriate language of interpretation and was connected to a live person. The auditor conducted the interviews with the LEP inmates through translation of information by the interpreter over the speaker phone. Interpretation services are only accessible to inmates through a staff member.

#### **Documentation Sampling**

Where there is a collection of records to review-such as staff, contractor, and volunteer training records; background check records; supervisory rounds logs; risk screening and intake processing records; inmate education records; medical files; and investigative files-auditors must self-select for review a representative sample of each type of record.

90. In addition to the proof documentation selected by the agency or facility and provided to you, did you also conduct an auditor-selected sampling of documentation?



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91. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting additional documentation (e.g., any documentation you oversampled, barriers to selecting additional documentation, etc.).

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 below.

Personnel and Training Files. The facility has 53 staff assigned. The auditor reviewed a random sample of 29 personnel and/or training records that included four individuals hired within the previous twelve months, five individuals employed over five years, two staff that were promoted, five volunteers, five contractors and five medical and mental health care staff.

Inmate Files. A total of 26 inmate files were reviewed. 20 inmate files were of those that arrived within the previous twelve months, six were disabled inmates, three were LEP inmates and five were inmates with prior victimization or prior sexual abusiveness identified during the risk screening.

Medical and Mental Health Records. There were zero sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegations. The auditor reviewed documentation for five inmates with prior victimization or prior sexual abusiveness identified during the risk screening.

Grievances. In the past year, the facility had zero sexual abuse grievance. The auditor reviewed the grievance log from the previous twelve months.

Hotline Calls. The facility has a PREA hotline as well as an Internal Perimeter Security (IPS) hotline. Inmates can report sexual abuse and sexual harassment through both hotlines. The facility had zero calls to the PREA hotline and the IPS 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 a sample of incident reports to confirm no sexual abuse allegations were reported.

Investigation Files. During the previous twelve months, there were zero allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported to have occurred at the facility.

# SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS FACILITY

## Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations and Investigations Overview

Remember the number of allegations should be based on a review of all sources of allegations (e.g., hotline, third-party, grievances) and should not be based solely on the number of investigations conducted. Note: For question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, or detainee sexual abuse allegations and investigations, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

### 92. Total number of SEXUAL ABUSE allegations and investigations overview during the 12 months preceding the audit, by incident type:

	# of sexual abuse allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	
Inmate- on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff- on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

### 93. Total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT allegations and investigations overview during the 12 months preceding the audit, by incident type:

	# of sexual harassment allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

#### **Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes**

#### **Sexual Abuse Investigation Outcomes**

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently (i.e., if a criminal investigation was referred for prosecution and resulted in a conviction, that investigation outcome should only appear in the count for "convicted.") Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detainee sexual abuse investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

### 94. Criminal SEXUAL ABUSE investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/ Court Case Filed	Convicted/ Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

## 95. Administrative SEXUAL ABUSE investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

#### **Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes**

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently. Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detained sexual harassment investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

## 96. Criminal SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/ Court Case Filed	Convicted/ Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

### 97. Administrative SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

# Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review

#### **Sexual Abuse Investigation Files Selected for Review**

98. Enter the total number of SEXUAL
ABUSE investigation files reviewed/
sampled:

0

a. Explain why you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files:

There were zero allegations reported and as such no investigations were available for review. The facility is a small minimum security unit. Inmates participate in work release and are at the end of their sentence.

99. Did your selection of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li><li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files)</li></ul>
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation	files
100. Enter the total number of INMATE- ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
101. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
102. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	No NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation fil	es
103. Enter the total number of STAFF- ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
104. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</li> </ul>

105. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Select	ed for Review
106. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
a. Explain why you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files:	There were zero allegations reported and as such no investigations were available for review. The facility is a small minimum security unit. Inmates participate in work release and are at the end of their sentence.
107. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investig	gation files
108. Enter the total number of INMATE- ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
109. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT files include criminal investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)

110. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	No NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigat	ion files
111. Enter the total number of STAFF- ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
112. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
113. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
114. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.	No text provided.

SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION				
DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support S	itaff			
115. Did you receive assistance from any DOJ-CERTIFIED PREA AUDITORS at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the preonsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	Yes  No			
Non-certified Support Staff				
116. Did you receive assistance from any	Yes			
NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the preonsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	● No			
AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND	COMPENSATION			
121. Who paid you to conduct this audit?	The audited facility or its parent agency			
	My state/territory or county government employer (if you audit as part of a consortium or circular auditing arrangement, select this option)  A third-party auditing entity (e.g., accreditation body, consulting firm)  Other			

#### **Standards**

#### **Auditor Overall Determination Definitions**

- Exceeds Standard (Substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the stand for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective actions)

#### **Auditor Discussion Instructions**

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

115.11	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator		
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard		
	Au	Auditor Discussion  Documents:	
	Do		
	1.	Pre-Audit Questionnaire	
	2.	103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention Policy	
	3.	103 DOC 510 - Security Staffing and Analysis	
	4.	103 DOC 512 - Post Orders	
	5.	103 DOC 506 - Search Policy	
	6.	103 DOC 401 - Booking and Admissions	
	7.	103 DOC 408 - Reasonable Accommodations for Inmates	
	8.	103 DOC 488 - Interpreter Services	

- 9. 103 DOC 201 Selection and Hiring
- 10. 103 DOC 703 Design Criteria and Planning Guidelines
- 11. 103 DOC 216 Training and Staff Development
- 12. 103 DOC 650 Mental Health Services
- 13. 103 DOC 652 Identification, Treatment and Correctional Management of Inmates Diagnosed with Gender Dysphoria
- 14. 103 DOC 653 Identification, Treatment and Correctional Management of Gender Non-Conforming Inmates
- 15. 103 DOC 750 Hygiene Standards
- 16. 103 CMR 423 Restrictive Housing
- 17. 103 CMR 491 Inmate Grievances
- 18. 103 DOC 518 Inner Perimeter Security Team
- 19. 103 DOC 230 Discipline and Terminations
- 20. 103 CMR 430 Inmate Discipline
- 21. 103 DOC 407 Victim Services Unit
- 22. Post Order 1 Shift Commander
- 23. PREA Coordinator Appointment Letter
- 24. Agency Organizational Chart
- 25. Facility PREA Manager Appointment Letter
- 26. Facility Organizational Chart

#### Interviews:

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

Findings (By Provision):

115.11 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in facilities it

operates directly or under contract. The PAQ also stated that the facility has a policy outlining how it will implement the agency's approach to preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment and that the policy includes definitions on prohibited behaviors regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and sanctions for those found to have participated in prohibited behaviors. The PAQ further stated that the policy includes a description of agency strategies and response to reduce and prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates. The agency has a comprehensive PREA policy, 103 DOC 519. Page 6 states that the Department has a zero-tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Pages 4-5 include the definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and prohibited behavior. Pages 19-20 include the sanctions and process for those found to have participated in prohibited behaviors. 103 DOC 519 outlines the strategies and responses to preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. In addition to 103 DOC 519, the agency has numerous other policies that touch on different actions for prevention, detection and response. These policies include: 103 DOC 510, 103 DOC 512, Post Order 1, 103 DOC 506, 103 DOC 401, 103 DOC 408, 103 DOC 488, 103 DOC 201, 103 DOC 703, 103 DOC 216, 103 DOC 650, 103 DOC 652, 103 DOC 653, 103 DOC 750, 103 CMR 423, 103 CMR 491, 103 DOC 518, 103 DOC 230, 103 CMR 430 and 103 DOC 407. The policies (including 103 DOC 519) address "preventing" sexual abuse and sexual harassment through the designation of a PC and PCMs, 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 policies address "detecting" sexual abuse and sexual harassment through training (staff, volunteers, and contractors) and intake/risk screening. The policies 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 policies are consistent with the PREA standards and outline the agency's approach to sexual safety.

115.11 (b): The PAQ indicated that the agency employs or designates an upper-level, agency-wide PREA Coordinator that has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities. The PAQ stated the position of the PC is the Chief of PREA. The agency's organizational chart confirms that the PC position is an upper-level position and is agency-wide. The organization chart further confirms 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 there is a PCM at each facility, so there are fourteen total PCMs. He stated that they conduct quarterly training with the PCMs and they also conduct annual operation audits. The PC stated that his office assists, advises and trains the PCMs for the PREA audits. He stated they also visit the facilities and he is available anytime through email. The PC stated that if he identified an issue complying with PREA he would refer to the annual PREA safety and vulnerability assessment and also review the PREA standards. He stated his office would advise the facility of what changes need to be made and conduct any necessary training with staff. He confirmed the information would forwarded to the Superintendent of any findings and issues and make sure they are aware of their responsibilities.

115.11 (c): The PAQ indicated that the facility has designated a PREA Compliance Manager that has sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's effort to comply with the PREA standards. The PAQ stated the position of the PCM at the facility is PREA Manager and that position reports to the PREA Coordinator. Further communication with the facility indicated the Deputy Superintendent is responsible for PREA and this position reports to the Superintendent. The appointment letter states that the Deputy Superintendent has been selected as the PREA Manager (PREA Compliance Manager) for the facility. A review of the facility organization chart confirms that the Deputy Superintendent of Re-Entry, who is the PCM, reports directly to the Superintendent. A review of the facility organizational chart confirms that the Deputy Superintendent reports to the Superintendent. The interview with the PREA Compliance Manager indicated he has enough time to manage all of his PREA related responsibilities. He stated the facility has a PREA management team meeting once a month and they discuss PREA issues. He stated they also do drills at the facility and he reviews the reports and forwards information to the investigator. The PCM stated if he identifies an issue complying with a PREA standard he would reach out to the PC for best practices and initiate it at the facility level. He also stated he would work with the PREA committee for implementation ideas.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, 103 DOC 510, 103 DOC 512, Post Order 1, 103 DOC 506, 103 DOC 401, 103 DOC 408, 103 DOC 488, 103 DOC 201, 103 DOC 703, 103 DOC 216, 103 DOC 650, 103 DOC 652, 103 DOC 653, 103 DOC 750, 103 CMR 423, 103 CMR 491, 103 DOC 518, 103 DOC 230, 103 CMR 430, the appointment letters, the organizational charts and information from interviews with the PC and PCM this standard appears to be compliant.

115.12	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates		
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard		
	Auditor Discussion		

#### Documents:

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

#### Interviews:

Interview with the Agency's Contract Administrator

Findings (By Provision):

115.12 (a): The PAQ indicated the agency has entered into or renewed a contract for the confinement of inmates since the last PREA audit and the contracts require contractors to adopt and comply with PREA standards. The PAQ further stated that there have been seven contracts for the confinement of inmates that the agency has entered into or renewed with private entities or other government agencies since the last PREA audit. A review of interstate contract with Ohio, Florida, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina and Pennsylvania confirm that contract language indicates that contracting parties are required to adopt and comply with the national standard to prevent, detect and respond to prison rape under the PREA and applicable PREA Standards. The contract language permits the parties to monitor the aspect of the agreement to ensure compliance with PREA.

115.12 (b): The PAQ indicated all of the above contracts require the agency to monitor the contractor's compliance with PREA standards and that zero contracts did not require the agency to monitor contractor's compliance with PREA standards. A review of interstate contract with Ohio, Florida, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina and Pennsylvania confirm that contract language indicates that contracting parties are required to adopt and comply with the national standard to prevent, detect and respond to prison rape under the PREA and applicable PREA Standards. The contract language permits the parties to monitor the aspect of the agreement to ensure compliance with PREA. The interview with the Agency Contract Administrator indicated that there is language in all the interstate compact contracts to comply with the National PREA Standards. The staff stated that they utilize the Department of Justice (DOJ) website to ensure that the states they house inmates in have completed the required PREA audits and submitted the Governor's Assurance information. The staff indicated if the documentation is not available on the DOJ website they reach out to that specific state to get the information. The staff further confirmed that all states that currently house MADOC inmates have completed the required PREA audits over the last audit cycle.

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

115.13	Supervision and monitoring				
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard				
	Auditor Discussion				
	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.	Staffing Plan Development Narrative			
	7.	Annual Staffing Plan Reviews			
	8.	Daily Staffing Rosters			
	9.	Documentation of Unannounced Rounds			
	Inte	erviews:			
	1.	Interview with the Warden Designee			
	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 or Other Monitoring Materials			

Findings (By Provision):

115.13 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency requires each facility it operates to develop, document, and make its best efforts to comply on a regular basis with a staffing plan that provides adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse. 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 plan is based on 206 inmates, which is the facility capacity. The facility employs 53 staff. Security staff mainly make up three shifts, day shift works from 7am-3pm, evening shifts works 3pm-11pm and morning shift works from 11pm-7am. A review of the daily shift rosters indicate that each shift has a Shift Commander and at least three Correctional Program Officers (CPO). Staff are assigned to the building and conduct roving rounds throughout the shift. Additional staff are assigned on certain shifts to transportation, property, job assignment, classification and operations. A review of the staffing plan development process narrative indicates that the facility utilizes the American Correctional Association report related to generally accepted practices. There are no known judicial findings of inadequacies or any inadequacies from federal oversight bodies. It further stated that the Annual Safety and Vulnerability Assessment is utilized for any internal findings of inadequacies and for the analysis of the physical layout. The document states that inmate composition is reviewed via the data collection system Tableau. The document states that supervisory staff are determined and placed based on the staffing analysis and that shift logs are utilized to review and analyze programs and activities occurring on particular shifts. It further states that staffing follows all applicable state laws and that a review of the PREA database is conducted related to incidents of sexual abuse at the facility. During the tour the auditor confirmed that the facility follows the staffing plan. There were numerous security staff assigned to the building that were responsible for roving security checks. The auditor confirmed that staffing was adequate based on facility type and physical plant. The auditor did not observe any overcrowding issues. Additionally, the auditor observed adequate lines of sight once in the housing unit areas. The auditor observed video monitoring technology in housing areas and common areas. Cameras are monitored by the staff at the main control and can also be monitored by IPS, Shift Commanders and Administrative staff. The auditor confirmed that cameras were utilized to supplement staffing and assisted with supervision and monitoring through

coverage of blind spots and high traffic areas. The interview with the Warden Designee (and PCM) confirmed that the facility has a staffing plan and that the plan provides for adequate levels to protect inmates from sexual abuse. The Warden Designee stated that the staffing plan includes video monitoring and that it is documented and maintained in the American Correctional Association Coordinator's office. The Warden Designee confirmed that all required components under this provision are considered during the creation and modification of the staffing plan. He indicated they look at blind spots and any areas where staff and inmates may be isolated. The Warden Designee confirmed there are more staff on the day shifts when there is more inmate movement and that the staffing in all the units is the same as physical plant is the same. The Warden Designee indicated the current staffing plan is based on minimum custody level inmates. He further stated they submit the staffing plan annually to the policy and development unit and they review the roster daily and fill any positions through overtime.

115.13 (b): The PAQ indicated that the facility never deviates from the staffing plan and there have been zero deviations from the staffing plan have occurred in the previous twelve months. Further communication with the PC indicated that the only time a post would be "collapsed" would be through the annual staffing plan which is submit to Milford Headquarters for approval. The PC stated the agency does not deviate from the staffing plan and any posts that do not get filled would be related to temporary building closures or to low inmate-count. 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. A review of daily staffing rosters indicated that daily rosters indicate whether or not positions on the staffing plan are filled or not filled. The roster notates why certain positions were not filled. The Warden Designee confirmed that any deviations from the staffing plan are documented on the daily staffing roster.

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 see 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. Further 103 DOC 419, page 13 states at least annually, each Superintendent or designee shall conduct a PREA Safety Assessment of their institution in accordance with Attachment IV. Consideration shall be given to past PREA events, staffing plans, recent changes to the institution environment and the unique mission and population assigned to the institution. Consideration shall be given to identifying operational practices which are in need of improvement. A copy of the PREA Safety Assessment shall be submitted to the Department's PREA Coordinator for review no later than the last working day of March. The staffing plan was most recently reviewed on July 14, 2022 by the Superintendent 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. The review included a vulnerability assessment that assessed sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations, the physical layout and cameras locations. The auditor requested prior staffing plan reviews, however at the issuance of the interim report the facility only provided a review from 2018. The PC stated that he reviews the staffing plans annually for each facility. He stated that each year the facility completes a staffing analysis and it has to be reviewed by the PREA Division, where it is reviewed and signed off on.

115.13 (d): The PAQ indicated that the facility requires that intermediate-level or higher-level staff conduct unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The PAQ further indicated that the unannounced rounds are documented, they cover all shifts and the facility prohibits staff from alerting other staff of the conduct of such rounds. 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 all three shifts in one housing unit in February 2023. The auditor requested documentation for five random days to review unannounced rounds on all three shifts. The facility provided documentation for the requested days, however the auditor was unable to determine if the staff were intermediate or higher level staff. Interviews with intermediate-level or higher-level facility staff confirm that they make unannounced rounds and that the unannounced rounds are documented on the log book. Both staff stated they ensure staff don't notify one another they are making rounds by not going at the same time and not going the same route.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 510, 103 DOC 512, Post Order 1, the staffing plan, the staffing plan development narrative, annual staffing reviews, daily staffing rosters, documentation of unannounced rounds, observations made during the tour and interviews with the Warden, PC, PCM and intermediate-level or higher-level facility staff, this standard appears to require corrective action. The auditor requested prior staffing plan reviews, however at the issuance of the interim report the facility only provided a review from 2018. The auditor requested documentation for six random days to review unannounced rounds on all three shifts. The facility provided documentation for the requested days, however the auditor was unable to determine if the staff were intermediate or higher level staff.

Corrective Action

The facility will need to provide the prior annual staffing plan reviews (2021 & 2020). Additionally, the facility will need to provide additional information for unannounced rounds for the auditor to determine if intermediate or higher level staff conduct unannounced rounds.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

#### Additional Documents:

- 1. Staffing Plan Reviews
- 2. Unannounced Rounds

On June 9, 2023 the facility provided additional documentation related to unannounced rounds. A review of the documentation confirmed that unannounced rounds are consistently made throughout the facility across all three shifts.

On June 9, 2023 the facility provided the 2023 annual staffing plan review. On August 23, 2023 the facility provided the 2021 annual staffing plan review.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

115.14	Youthful inmates
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Documents:
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire

- 2. 103 DOC 519 Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention Policy
- 3. Massachusetts State Law

Findings (By Provision):

115.14 (a): The PAQ indicated that no youthful inmates are or were housed at the facility during the audit period. 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.

115.14 (b): The PAQ indicated that no youthful inmates are or were housed at the facility during the audit period. 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.

115.14 (c): The PAQ indicated that no youthful inmates are or were housed at the facility during the audit period. 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.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519 and Massachusetts State Law this standard appears to be not applicable and as such compliant.

## 115.15 Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

## **Auditor Discussion**

Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 506 Search Policy
- 3. 103 DOC 519 Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response Prevention Policy
- 4. 103 DOC 653 Identification, Treatment and Correctional Management of Gender Non-Conforming Inmates

- 5. Pondville Correctional Center Post 1 Control Officer
- 6. Body Searches Clothed Training Curriculum
- 7. Body Searches Unclothed Searches Training Curriculum
- 8. 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 Barriers
- 2. Opposite Gender Announcement

#### Findings (By Provision):

115.15 (a): The PAQ indicated that the facility does not conduct cross gender strip and 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 the facility does not house female inmates and therefore this provision of the standard does not apply. 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. Cross gender pat searches of female inmates shall not be permitted absent exigent circumstances. There were no cisgender females or transgender females housed at the facility over the audit period.

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. There were no cisgender females or transgender females housed at the facility over the audit period.

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 Institutional Management System (IMS) in the unit visitor log. Pondville Correctional Center Post 1 Control Officer Post Order, page 2 states that the Control Officer is responsible for checking Pondville Correctional Center's emergency line, conducting a radio check and making the female PREA announcement. A review of the PAQ supplemental documentation confirmed that female staff make a log entry when they enter housing units. During the tour the auditor confirmed that housing units provide privacy through curtains and public style toilets with doors. Additionally, the entrance to the bathroom areas also had a door with a window. The auditor observed strip search areas and confirmed no cross gender viewing issues. Strip searches for visitation and intake are conducted in a holding cell that has a door with a small window. A review of the video monitoring system confirmed that none of the cameras in the facility observed any bathroom, shower or strip search areas. In addition, the auditor heard the opposite gender announcement each time the audit team entered the inmate housing units. The announcement was made upon entry into the hallway, prior to the

rooms. The announcement was made verbally and was at an adequate audible level. The interviews with twelve random staff confirm that inmates have privacy from opposite gender staff when showering, using the restroom and changing their clothes. Additionally, all twelve stated that staff of the opposite gender announce when entering housing units. Interviews with 20 inmates indicated that nineteen have privacy when showering, using the restroom and changing their clothes. Additionally, nineteen of the 20 inmates stated that opposite gender staff announce when entering housing units.

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 twelve staff indicated nine were aware of a policy prohibiting searching a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. There were zero transgender inmates 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. 103 DOC 653, page 6 states that upon request by the inmate, an unclosed search will be conducted by an officer of the gender which the inmate identifies, except in exigent circumstances. 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 confirmed 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. Interviews with twelve staff indicated that nine had received training on cross gender searches and searches of transgender inmates. A review twelve staff training records indicated that all twelve had received the fully clothed and unclothed training during the academy.

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 as well as information from interviews with random staff and random indicates this standard appears to be compliant.

#### Recommendation

The auditor highly recommends that the facility add the PREA Resource Center's video on cross gender searches and searches of transgender inmates to their training curriculum. While all staff are trained on how to conduct male and female searches and transgender inmates are able to identify their search preferences, it would be best practice to also utilize the video for additional training on professionalism during these searches. Further, many staff received the search training in the academy which could have been prior to the release of the standards and as such policy, procedure and practice has changes over the years related to these searches.

# 115.16 Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 401 Booking and Admissions
- 3. 103 DOC 408 Reasonable Accommodations for Inmates
- 4. 103 DOC 488 Interpreter Services
- PREA Basic Prison Rape Elimination Act Curriculum
- 6. Protecting Yourself from Sexual Assault Brochure
- 7. Inmate Handbook
- 8. PREA Posters
- 9. Staff Translator List
- 10. Lionbridge Interactive Voice Response Information
- 11. Staff Training Documentation

#### 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. 103 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. A review of the Inmate Handbook, PREA Posters and Protecting Yourself from Sexual Assault Brochure confirm that they can be provided in larger print, if necessary. Additionally, staff (including mental health care staff) are available to read the information to any inmates with cognitive disabilities, vision impairment and limited reading skills. Page 34-35 outline information related telecommunications services and the Americans with Disabilities Act. A review of documentation confirmed that the PCM and the Director of Classification received three trainings related to dealing with reasonable accommodations and dealing with inmates with a disability. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that the agency takes appropriate steps to ensure inmates with disabilities and inmate who are limited English proficient have 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. The Agency Head Designee stated that each Superintendent ensures that inmates receive gender specific written, verbal and video education on PREA. He

stated the video is shown in English and Spanish and also has closed captioning. The Agency Head Designee indicated that inmates are provided verbal and written information through the handbook in the inmate's primary language. The interview confirmed that the facility will take appropriate steps for inmates with disabilities, such as video or verbal, closed captioning, written or access to a TTY and assistance from medical and mental health care staff. He stated that they place posters at such a height that someone in a wheelchair would be able to see and that the posters are in larger font. He also confirmed that the agency has staff who can translate for LEP inmates as well as an interpreter service line. Interviews with five disabled inmates confirmed that all five were provided PREA information in a format that they could understand. A review of documentation for six disabled inmates confirmed all six signed an acknowledgment confirming they understood the PREA information provided. The auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Each housing unit had PREA Posters as well as a Securus phone number list. The PREA Posters were observed in English and Spanish on legal size paper. PREA Posters were framed and included information on the zero tolerance policy, reporting to medical and mental health and reporting via the hotline. The Securus phone number list was observed in each housing unit above the phones. The list included contact information for the IPS hotline, PREA hotline and BARCC. The list was in English and on letter size paper.

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. Page 10 also states that all facilities' orientation manuals will include information on telephonic interpreter service information. 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. Pages 20-21 of the Inmate Handbook informs inmates that the Department of Corrections has a contracted 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 list indicates the facility has four staff that can be utilized to interpret four different languages. A review of the Lionbridge user's guide confirms that the facility is able to call the hotline, enter their pin number and select a language for interpretive services. A review of the Inmate Handbook, PREA Posters and Protecting Yourself from Sexual Assault Brochure confirmed they were available in English and Spanish. During inmate interviews the auditor tested the accessibility of the language interpretation service (Lionsbridge) for two LEP inmate interviews. The facility provided the auditor a phone number to dial and the facility's pin number for services. The auditor was able to choose the appropriate language of interpretation and was connected to a live person. The auditor conducted the interviews with the LEP inmates through translation of information by the interpreter over the speaker phone. Interpretation services are only accessible to inmates through a staff member. Interviews with two LEP inmates indicated both were provided PREA information in a format that they could understand. A review of three LEP inmate documents indicated all three signed an acknowledgment form indicating they received information. One of the three was a Spanish acknowledgment. The auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Each housing unit had PREA Posters as well as a Securus phone number list. The PREA Posters were observed in English and Spanish on legal size paper. PREA Posters were framed and included information on the zero tolerance policy, reporting to medical and mental health and reporting via the hotline. The Securus phone number list was observed in each housing unit above the phones. The list included contact information for the IPS hotline, PREA hotline and BARCC. The list was in English and on letter size paper.

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. The PAQ further indicated the facility documents the limited circumstances in individual cases where inmate interpreters, readers or other assistants are used 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 expressed that there were zero instances where an inmate was utilized to interpret, read or provide other types of assistance. Interviews with twelve random staff indicated that ten were aware of a policy prohibiting the use of inmate interpreters, readers and assistants for sexual abuse allegations. Interviews with five disabled inmates and two LEP inmates indicated they were provided information in a format they could understand and none had an inmate translate, interpret or read for them.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 401, 103 DOC 408, 103 DOC 488, the Protection Yourself from Sexual Assault Brochure, the Inmate Handbook PREA Posters, the Lionbridge user's guide, the staff training documents, the staff translator list, observations made during the tour as well as interviews with the Agency Head Designee, random staff and LEP and disabled inmates indicates that this standard

appears to be compliant.

## 115.17 Hiring and promotion decisions

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### 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. Personnel Files of Staff
- 9. Contractor 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. 103 DOC 201, page 21 states 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. Policy further sates that if a candidate for employment answers yes to 201.06 Section 9, subsection a), b), or c) (questions above) they will be prohibited from being hired or promoted by the MA Department of Corrections. 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?". A review of personnel files for two staff hired in the previous twelve months indicated that both had a criminal background records check completed. Additionally, a review of two contractor files confirmed that both had a criminal background records check completed prior to enlisting their services.

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. 103 DOC 201, page 52, 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?". Additionally, Attachment Y, page 113 includes the memorandum sent from the Executive Director of Human Resources on April 1, 2021 which states that the agency shall consider 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. The

Human Resource staff member confirmed 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 22-23 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 zero people were hired in the previous twelve months who had a criminal background records check and that Central Office conduct all background checks. Further communication with the PC indicated there was one staff member hired in the previous twelve months and the staff member had a criminal background records checks completed. A review of personnel files for two staff hired in the previous twelve months indicated that both had a criminal background records check completed and neither had prior institutional employment. The interview with the Human Resource staff member confirmed that a criminal background records 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 23 indicates that a full criminal record check and fingerprinting shall be conducted regarding all contractors as described in 103 DOC 201.09(1). The PAQ indicated that there have been zero contracts for services where criminal background record checks were conducted on all staff covered under the contract. The PAQ indicated that Central Office conducts all background checks. Further communication with the PC indicated there have been two contracts with one contractor under each contract hired in the previous twelve months and both had a criminal background records check completed. A review of two contractor personnel files indicated that both had a criminal background records check completed. The Human Resource staff member confirmed that all contractors have a criminal background records 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. Attachment Y, page 114 states that the agency shall either conduct criminal background record checks at least every five years for current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees. A review of three staff hired more than five year ago indicated that all three had a criminal background records check completed at least every five years. The auditor requested five year criminal background record checks for two contractors employed over five years. The facility provided the 2017 criminal background records check information, however there were no current five year checks. The Human Resource staff conducted the criminal background records check on June 7, 2023 for the two staff. The interview with the Human Resource staff member indicated that a criminal background records check is completed through the CJIS system. He stated the system checks all local criminal history, national criminal history, sex offender registry and any active warrants. He stated if there is any information indicating they had prior institutional work they would also reach out to that institution for information related to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The Human Resource staff confirmed the agency has a system in place to do criminal background records check on all active employees and contractors at least every five years.

115.17 (f): 103 DOC 201, page 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?". A review of two newly hired staff indicated that both completed Attachment X. In addition, the auditor requested forms for staff who were promoted over the previous twelve months. Both staff completed the Attachment X prior to promotion. The Human Resource staff stated that there is an attachment that is included with the application that asks these questions and each applicant is required to answer the questions. He further stated that the agency imposes a continuing duty to disclose any such misconduct.

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 21 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.

115.17 (h): The Human Resource staff member indicated that the agency would provide information related to any substantiated incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment when requested. He stated he was unaware of any laws that would prohibit the disclosure of this information.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 201, Rules and Regulations Governing all Employees of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, 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 require corrective action. The facility provided the 2017 criminal background records check information, however there were no current five year checks. The Human Resource staff conducted the criminal background records check on June 7, 2023 for the two staff.

#### Corrective Action

The facility will need to ensure all contractors who have been employed over five years have a current criminal background records check. The facility will need to provide a list of those contractors and their associated documentation confirming a current five year criminal background records check.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

#### Additional Documents:

- 1. Process Memorandum Related to Five Year Criminal Background Record Checks
- 2. Contractor Criminal Background Record Checks

On June 27, 2023 the facility provided a process memo related to five year criminal background record checks for contractors. The memo stated that access to the criminal background database (CJIS) was provided to the PREA Division to assist with running criminal background record checks. The memo stated that the PREA Division and Human Resource staff will request rosters of contractors and staff with five or more years of employment and ensure criminal background record checks are completed.

On July 24, 2023 the facility provided updated criminal background record checks for the two contractors requested during the on-site portion of the audit.

On August 22, 2023 the facility provide a list of contractors and the date of their last criminal background records check. On August 23, 2023 the facility provided criminal background records check confirmation for all contractors on the list that had a criminal background records check completed over five years prior.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as

such appears to be compliant.

## 115.18 Upgrades to facilities and technologies

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 703 Design Criteria and Planning Guidelines
- 3. Facility Annual PREA Safety Assessments

#### Interviews:

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

#### 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. 103 DOC 519, page 13 states that at least annually, each Superintendent or designee shall conduct a PREA Safety Assessment of his/her/their institution in accordance with Attachment IV. Considerations shall be given to past PREA events, staffing plants, recent changes to the institution environment and the unique mission and population assigned to the

institution. Consideration shall be given to identifying operational practices which are in need of improvement. During the tour the auditor confirmed there were no substantial modifications to the existing facility. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated that the agency holds monthly meetings and that the Division of Resource Management is part of the meeting. He stated that they would assist with new construction and video monitoring technology. The Agency Head Designee stated that all divisions would meet before any new construction is started and they would keep in mind the National PREA Standards during the meetings. He also stated that each year there is a PREA safety and vulnerability assessment completed at each facility which includes a review of cameras, blind spots and any new construction. He stated this information is submitted to the PC each year for review. The interview with the Warden Designee indicated they have not had any substantial modifications to the existing facility since the last PREA audit.

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. 103 DOC 519, page 13 states that at least annually, each Superintendent or designee shall conduct a PREA Safety Assessment of his/her/their institution in accordance with Attachment IV. Considerations shall be given to past PREA events, staffing plants, recent changes to the institution environment and the unique mission and population assigned to the institution. Consideration shall be given to identifying operational practices which are in need of improvement. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated that the agency has, through grant funding, secured money for cameras. He stated that cameras are placed in housing, program and common areas and areas that may be considered vulnerable. The Agency Head Designee stated that the facilities conduct an annual safety and vulnerability assessment to identify any areas that cameras are needed. He confirmed that cameras are utilized to alleviate blind spots and that these vulnerable areas are also identified during sexual abuse incident reviews and any concerns are addressed after the reviews. During the tour, the auditor observed video monitoring technology in housing units and common areas. A review of Facility Annual PREA Safety Assessments indicated that the facility installed 20 cameras from 2020 to 2021 to assist with supervision and monitoring. The document confirms PREA was considered in the camera installation and that the facility requested an additional two or three cameras in 2021. The interview with the Warden Designee confirmed that when they update or install video monitoring technology they consider how the technology will enhance their ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. He stated they do a security assessment and identify an vulnerable areas. He indicated they recently updated the camera system and they are constantly looking for any places that cameras are needed.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 73, Annual PREA Safety Assessment,

observations from the tour and information from interviews with the Agency Head Designee and Warden Designee, this standard appears to be compliant.

## 115.21 Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** Documents: Pre-Audit Questionnaire 2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention 3. Wellpath 57.00 - Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance 4. Response to Sexual Assault Incidents 5. Affiliation Agreement with Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) 6. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) 7. Incident Reports Interviews: Interview with Random Staff 1. 2. Interview with SAFE/SANE 3. Interview with the PREA Compliance Manager 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 conduct criminal investigations. Additionally, the PAQ stated that when conducting sexual abuse investigations, the agency investigators follow a uniform evidence protocol which is the institutional response plan and includes elements in the PREA response bag. 103 DOC 519, page 18 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 14, 15 and

17 further explain 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-oninmate 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. A review of the Response to Sexual Assault Incidents confirmed that it has enough detail to ensure staff take appropriate action to preserve and collect usable physical evidence. Actions include; controlling the area to prevent unauthorized personnel from entering; ensure the area and its belongings are not disturbed; log time and name of any staff entering the crime scene; recovering evidence from the inmate; bagging evidence appropriately; placement in dry cell; transportation for SAFE/SANE and appropriate medical care. Interviews with twelve random staff indicated eleven knew and understand the protocol for obtaining useable physical evidence. Additionally, all twelve staff indicated that investigations would be completed by IPS, the Superintendents Special Investigator and/or the sexual abuse investigator.

115.21 (b): The PAQ indicated that the protocol is not developmentally appropriate for youth as they do not house youthful inmates. The PAQ stated that the protocol was not 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. Further communication with the PC indicated this provision should have been marked yes and being marked no was an error. 103 DOC 519, pages 14, 15 and 17 explain 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. A review of the Response to Sexual Assault Incidents confirmed that it has enough detail to ensure staff take appropriate action to preserve and collect usable physical evidence. Actions include; controlling the area to prevent unauthorized personnel from entering; ensure the area and its belongings are not disturbed; log time and name of any staff entering the crime scene; recovering

evidence from the inmate; bagging evidence appropriately; placement in dry cell; transportation for SAFE/SANE and appropriate medical care.

115.21 (c): The PAQ indicated that the facility offers inmates who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examination at an outside hospital (approved SANE sites). It stated that forensic exams are offered without financial cost to the victim. The PAQ indicated that examinations are conducted by SAFE or SANE and that when SAFE/SANE are not available, a qualified medical practitioner performs forensic medical examinations. The PAQ further states that efforts to provide SAFE or SANE are documented. 103 DOC 519, page 15 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. Page 17 further states rape crisis services shall be provided at no cost to the alleged victim unless the claim of being sexually assaulted was knowingly false. Additionally, Wellpath 57.00, page 2 states that healthcare staff shall not engage in the collection of forensic evidence, or the investigation of the complaint. Page 3 further states that healthcare staff shall follow guidelines for referring Massachusetts State prison patients to one of the designated SANE "designated hospitals" and shall notify the designated Hospital Emergency Unit (EU) triage nurse of the referral prior to transport. The designated hospitals attachment confirms that Beth Israel Deaconess Center is a designated SANE hospital. The PAQ stated that there were zero forensic exams conducted in the previous twelve months. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero forensic examination conducted in the previous twelve months. The interview with the staff member at Beth Israel confirmed that they provide forensic medical examinations at the hospital and they would provide these services to any inmate transported to the hospital. The staff confirmed that examinations are always provided by SANE.

115.21 (d): The PAQ indicated that the facility attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to the victim, either in person or by other means and these efforts are documented. The PAQ further states that the facility provides a qualified staff member from a community based organization or a qualified agency staff member when a rape crisis center is not available to provide advocacy services. The agency utilizes BARCC to provide advocacy for all inmate victims of sexual abuse. The most recent agreement with BARCC was executed in 2021. The agreement states that that BARCC will provide 24-hour medical accompaniment for inmates transported to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) emergency department for a forensic examination. BARCC will provide an advocate to meet a survivor and their transport team at BIDMC. The agreement further states that BARCC will provide

advocates for incarcerated survivors going through an interview as a part of a PREA investigation. BARCC will provide an advocate to meet with an incarcerated survivor who has made a PREA report, and has requested an advocate be present for their investigational interview under the PREA standard 28 CFR 115.21(e). The PCM stated that if requested by the victim, a victim advocate accompanies the inmate during the forensic medical examination and investigatory interviews. He stated they have a hotline number they can contact BARCC and that BARCC works with Beth Israel for victim services. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the onsite portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.21 (e): The PAQ indicated that as 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 17 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. The agency utilizes BARCC to provide advocacy for all inmate victims of sexual abuse. The most recent agreement with BARCC was executed in 2021. The agreement states that that BARCC will provide 24-hour medical accompaniment for inmates transported to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) emergency department for a forensic examination. BARCC will provide an advocate to meet a survivor and their transport team at BIDMC. The agreement further states that BARCC will provide advocates for incarcerated survivors going through an interview as a part of a PREA investigation. BARCC will provide an advocate to meet with an incarcerated survivor who has made a PREA report, and has requested an advocate be present for their investigational interview under the PREA standard 28 CFR 115.21(e). 103 DOC 407, page 13 states that it is the responsibility of the PREA Manager to notify the Director of the Victim Services Unit (VSU) when services of the inmate advocate are necessary. VSU services include, but are not limited to: meeting with the inmate victim; providing information to the inmate on his/her rights; providing information to the inmate on the status of the case; maintaining communication with the inmate during the investigation; and coordinating with the District Attorney if referral is made. The interview with the PCM stated that the agency has an agreement with BARCC, the certified rape crisis center. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were 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. The interview with the BARCC staff member confirmed all BARCC staff complete a 40 hour rape crisis counseling training mandated by the Department of Health.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, Wellpath 57.00, Response to Sexual Assault Incidents, the contract with BARCC, the MOU with MSP, incident reports and information from interviews with the random staff, the SAFE/SANE and the PREA Compliance Manager the facility appears to meet this standard.

## 115.22 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

## **Auditor Discussion**

#### Documents:

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

#### 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 18 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. Page 19 states 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 interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that all allegations are investigated by either Internal Perimeter Security (IPS) staff, the Superintendents Special Investigator (SSI) or the Professional Standards Unit (formerly the Internal Affairs Unit). He stated that they also refer any substantiated allegations to the District Attorney for prosecution. The Agency Head Designee further stated that when an allegation is made, the Superintendent receives the information through a confidential report and he/she would then refer it to the appropriate investigator. He further stated the investigator would then take appropriate steps as outlined in policy in order to investigate the allegation. The PAQ indicated that there were zero allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment reported within the previous twelve months. A review of documentation, including a sample of incident reports, confirmed there were zero sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegations reported during the previous twelve months.

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, page 7 states that the Superintendent shall ensure that the Duty Station is notified of all allegations of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior. If the allegations involves a possible violation of law, the Chief of the Office of Investigative Services (OIS)/Internal Affairs Unit (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. Page 19 states 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/department-of-correction-public-policies) confirms that 103 DOC 519 is published and available for public review. Interviews with investigators confirmed that agency policy requires that allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment be referred to an investigative agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the activity is clearly not criminal. A review of documentation, including a sample of incident reports, confirmed there were zero sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegations reported during the previous twelve months.

115.22 (c): 103 DOC 519, page 7 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/department-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): 103 DOC 519, page 7 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/department-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 (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, incident reports,

the agency's website and information obtained via interviews with the Agency Head Designee and investigators, this standard appears to be compliant.

## 115.31 Employee training

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

## **Auditor Discussion**

#### Documents:

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 216 Training and Staff Development
- 3. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Basic Lesson Plan
- 4. 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 Basic Lesson Plan confirmed that the following topics are included: the agency's zero tolerance policy (pages 9 and 20), how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures (pages 26-32), the inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (page 19), the right of the inmate to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (pages 24-25), the dynamics of sexual

abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (pages 10-16), 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 (pages 28-29), how to avoid inappropriate relationship with inmates (pages 39-40), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex inmates (pages 42-43) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting laws (page 29). A review of twelve staff training records indicated that 100% of those reviewed received PREA training. Interviews with twelve random staff confirmed that all twelve had received PREA training. Staff stated they receive training each year during in-service and they also do drills and have PREA cards. The staff stated that the training goes over first responder duties. All twelve staff confirmed the required elements under this provision are included 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 Basic Lesson Plan confirmed that the anticipated responses section on page 14 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 no additional training was required for staff.

115.31 (c): The PAQ indicated that between training the agency provides employees who may have contact with inmates with refresher information about current policies regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The PAQ stated that staff are trained annually through a refresher training. 103 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 twelve staff received PREA training and eleven had received PREA training at least every two years. The one staff member that did not have the training every two years had training a few months after the two year mark, this is attributed to the agency using a fiscal year rather than calendar year for training.

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 twelve staff training records indicated that all twelve completed a post training guiz and received a score which indicated their understanding.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 216, the PREA Basic Lesson Plan, a review of a sample of staff training records as well as interviews with random staff indicates that the facility complies with this standard.

## 115.32 Volunteer and contractor training

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 216 Training and Staff Development
- 3. Volunteer and Contractor Training and Acknowledgment of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
- 4. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Basic Lesson Plan
- 5. Sample of Contractor Training Records
- 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. The agency has the Volunteer and Contractor Training and Acknowledgment of PREA

form which outlines the zero tolerance policy and duty to report (immediately to the Shift Commander). Additionally, certain contractors are required the PREA Basic training that staff complete which includes the zero tolerance policy and methods to report. The PAQ indicated that 125 volunteers and contractors received PREA training. The interviews with two contractors confirmed that they received training on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. A review of five contractor and five volunteer training documents confirmed that all ten had completed either the PREA Basic training or the PREA Acknowledgement. There were no volunteers available during the on-site portion of the audit.

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. The agency has the Volunteer and Contractor Training and Acknowledgment of PREA form which outlines the zero tolerance policy and duty to report (immediately to the Shift Commander). Additionally, certain contractors (those with regular contact with inmates or those who are unescorted) are required the PREA Basic training that staff complete which includes the zero tolerance policy and methods to report. Interviews with contractors indicated that they both received training online. One contractor stated they went through the information and then had to take a test at the end. The second contractor stated the training went over the information but she was she was not sure if there was a test. Both contractors confirmed the training went over the zero tolerance policy and how and who to report information to. A review of five contractor and five volunteer training documents confirmed that all ten had completed either the PREA Basic training or the PREA Acknowledgement. There were no volunteers available during the on-site portion of the audit.

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. Volunteers and contractors sign either a sign-in sheet or the Volunteer and Contractor Training and Acknowledgment of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) form to confirm receipt of the training. Contractors also can take the training electronically which includes a quiz that documents their understanding. A review of five contractor and five volunteer training documents confirmed that all ten had completed either the PREA Basic training or the PREA Acknowledgement.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 216, Volunteer and Contractor Training and Acknowledgment of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Basic Lesson Plan, a review of a sample of contractor and volunteer training records as well as the interviews with contractors and volunteers indicates that this standard appears to be compliant.

Activity During the Corrective Action Period:

On June 20, 2023 the auditor conducted a phone interview with a facility volunteer. The volunteer confirmed he has received training on the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies through online videos/PowerPoints and that the training included information on the zero tolerance policy and how and who he should report information to if ever aware of information.

115.33	Inmate education				
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard  Auditor Discussion				
	Documents:				
	1.	Pre-Audit Questionnaire			
	2.	103 DOC 401 – Booking and Admissions			
	3.	103 DOC 408 - Reasonable Accommodations for Inmates			
	4.	103 DOC 488 - Interpreter Services			
	5.	Inmate Handbook			
	6.	Inmate Orientation Video			
	7.	Protecting Yourself from Sexual Assault Brochure			
	8.	PREA Posters			
	9.	Inmate Training Records			
	10.	Staff Translator List			
	11.	Lionbridge Interactive Voice Response Information			

### 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 PAO 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 8 states that each Superintendent shall develop a written procedures to ensure that each inmate receives an orientation upon admission within 24 hours after arrival. 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. Page 9 states that all PREA orientation information contained within Attachment #2 shall be included in all correctional facilities inmate orientation manuals and will be topics covered in orientation. 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. Pages 7-10 of the Inmate Handbook confirms that it includes all the information as Attachment #2, however it is facility specific information for Pondville. The PAQ indicated that 105 inmates received information at intake on the zero tolerance policy and how to report incident of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. This is equivalent to 100% of inmates who arrived at the facility over the previous twelve months. A review of 20 inmate files of those received in the previous twelve months indicated that all 20 received PREA information at intake. The auditor observed the intake process through a demonstration. Inmate are provided PREA information at intake via the Inmate Handbook. The Inmate Handbook is available in both English and Spanish. The Inmate Handbook includes information on the zero tolerance policy and methods to report. The interview with the intake staff confirmed that inmates are provided information on the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies during intake. The staff stated inmates receive the Inmate Handbook when they first arrive, which has this information. Seventeen of the 20 inmates that were interviewed indicated that they received information on the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. It

should be noted that Pondville is not an intake facility and as such all inmates at the facility have also been previously provided PREA information upon intake, through another MADOC facility.

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. All inmates watch the PREA What You Need to Know video upon admission to the MADOC. All MADOC facilities have the same policies, procedure and information, with the exception of the IPS facility specific hotline. As such, inmates are not required to be provided additional comprehensive education upon transfer to Pondville unless for some reason they were not provided the comprehensive education upon entry into the MADOC. The PAQ indicated that 105 inmates received comprehensive PREA education within 30 days of intake, which is equivalent to 100% of those that arrived in the last twelve months and stayed longer than 30 days. While the facility is not required to complete additional comprehensive PREA education they do provide inmates with additional PREA information. The auditor had the facility conduct a mock demonstration of the comprehensive PREA education process. The auditor observed that inmates are provided comprehensive PREA education every Friday in the first floor classroom. Inmates are shown a video on a 36 inch television and staff also go over rules and answer any questions. The auditor viewed the video and confirmed that it provides information on ADA accommodations, right to be free from sexual abuse, the PREA hotline number (advises it is not recorded and does not require a pin), BARCC contact information (advises for support services and not a reporting mechanism), the external reporting entity contact information (MSP address) and information on the policy and that it is located in the library. The video is available in English and Spanish and also had closed captioning. A review of 20 inmate files of those received in the previous twelve months indicated that all 20 had received comprehensive PREA education within 30 days of intake at Pondville. The interview with the intake staff confirmed that inmates receive comprehensive PREA education on their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, their right to be free from retaliation from reporting and policies and procedures after a report of sexual abuse. The intake staff advised inmates receive orientation within seven days of arrival at the facility and that the orientation includes a video with PREA information. Interviews with 20 inmates confirmed nineteen were told about their right to be free from sexual abuse, their right to be free from retaliation from reporting sexual abuse and agency policies and procedures on responding to an allegation. The majority of the inmates stated they received this information via video when they arrived at the facility and also at other facilities.

115.33 (c): The PAQ indicated that is provision is not applicable as all inmates had

received comprehensive PREA education within 30 days of arrival. 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 confirmed that inmates receive comprehensive PREA education on their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, their right to be free from retaliation from reporting and policies and procedures after a report of sexual abuse. The intake staff advised inmates receive orientation within seven days of arrival at the facility and that the orientation includes a video with PREA information. A review of 26 total inmate files confirmed all 26 had received 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. 103 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. 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. A review of the Inmate Handbook, PREA Posters and Protecting Yourself from Sexual Assault Brochure confirm that they can be provided in larger print, if necessary and are available in English and Spanish. Additionally, staff (including mental health care staff) are available to read the information to any inmates with cognitive disabilities, vision impairment and limited reading skills. Page 34-35 outline information related telecommunications services and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Pages 20-21 of the Inmate Handbook informs inmates that the Department of Corrections has a contracted 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 list indicates the facility has four staff that can be utilized to interpret four different languages. A review of the Lionbridge user's guide confirms that the facility is able to call the hotline, enter their pin number and select a language for interpretive services. Further a review of the Orientation Video confirms it is available in English, Spanish and with subtitles. A review of six disabled inmate records and three LEP inmate records confirmed all nine signed that they received and understood PREA education.

115.33 (e): The PAQ indicated that the agency maintains documentation of inmate participation in PREA education sessions. 103 DOC 401, page 13 states that completion of all types of orientation and receipt of all materials shall be documented in the 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 26 total inmate files confirmed all 26 were documented with PREA education.

115.33 (f): The PAQ indicated 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. A review of documentation indicates that the facility has PREA information via the Inmate Handbook, PREA Posters and the Protecting Yourself from Sexual Assault Brochure. During the tour the auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Each housing unit had PREA Posters as well as a Securus phone number list. The PREA Posters were observed in English and Spanish on legal size paper. PREA Posters were framed and included information on the zero tolerance policy, reporting to medical and mental health and reporting via the hotline. The Securus phone number list was observed in each housing unit above the phones. The list included contact information for the IPS hotline, PREA hotline and BARCC. The list was in English and on letter size paper.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 401, 103 DOC 408, 103 DOC 488, the Inmate

Handbook, the Facility Orientation Video, PREA Posters, the Protection Yourself from Sexual Assault Brochure, a review of inmate records, observations made during the tour as well as information from interviews with intake staff and random inmates this standard appears to be compliant.

### 115.34 | Specialized training: Investigations

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 519 Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
- PREA/Sexual Assault Investigator Training Curriculum
- 4. 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 10 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, pages 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 indicated that six facility staff have completed the specialized investigator training. The interviews with the investigative staff confirmed that both received specialized training. One investigator stated he received the IPS training with regard to sexual assault and PREA investigations. He stated they get yearly PREA training too. The second investigator stated the training included interview techniques, evidence collection, the investigative process, the PREA database and

procedures for the SANE.

115.34 (b): 103 DOC 519, page 10 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, pages 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 indicated that six facility staff have completed the specialized investigator training. The interviews with the investigators confirmed that both received specialized training. Both investigators confirmed that the training covered techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection and the criteria and evidence required to substantiated a case for administration investigation.

115.34 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency maintains documentation showing that investigators have completed the required training and that six facility investigator had completed the required training. A review of documentation indicated that six facility staff have completed the specialized investigator training.

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 indicate that the facility appears to meet this standard.

## Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion Documents: 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire 2. Wellpath 57.00 - Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance

- 3. 103 DOC 650 Mental Health Services
- 4. 103 DOC 216 Training and Staff Development
- 5. Wellpath Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Lesson Plan
- 6. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Basic Lesson Plan
- 7. 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. Wellpath 57.00, pages 4-5 state the contracted healthcare vendor shall ensure that 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 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 to and whom to report allegations or suspicion of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. 103 DOC 650, page 44 states that the vendor, in conjunction with the Department, shall ensure that all full and part time mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and 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 to and whom to report allegations or suspicion of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. A review of the Wellpath Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) training curriculum confirms that it includes information on 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 six medical and mental health care staff and that 100% of the staff received the specialized training. Interviews with medical and mental health staff confirm that both have received specialized training. The medical staff member advised that they have a PREA module through Wellpath and that it is very specific for medical staff. The mental health care staff member stated she completed an online training through Wellpath that goes over the Federal law and goes over best practices and protocols. Both staff confirmed the required elements under this provision were included in the specialized training. A review of five medical and mental health care staff training

records confirmed that all five had completed the specialized medical and mental health 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. Wellpath 57.00, page 5 states the contracted healthcare vendor shall maintain documentation that medical and mental health care have received the training. 103 DOC 650, page 44 states that the vendor shall maintain documentation that mental health practitioners have received the training and forward a list of trained staff to the DOC on a quarterly basis. A review of five medical and mental health care staff training records confirmed that all five had completed the specialized medical and mental health training. All staff had a certificate showing completion.

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. Additionally, 103 DOC 216, page 10 states that all employees shall receive training on PREA. Medical and mental health staff are required to complete the PREA Basic staff training (contractors and employees). A review of the PREA Basic Lesson Plan confirmed that the following topics are included: the agency's zero tolerance policy (pages 9 and 20), how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures (pages 26-32), the inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (page 19), the right of the inmate to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (pages 24-25), the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (pages 10-16), 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 (pages 28-29), how to avoid inappropriate relationship with inmates (pages 39-40), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex inmates (pages 42-43) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting laws (page 29). A review of five medical and mental health care staff training records confirmed all five completed the PREA Basic (PREA Refresher) training.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 216, 103 DOC 650, 103 DOC 519, Wellpath 57.00, the Wellpath PREA lesson plan, PREA Basic 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.

### 115.41 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 650 Mental Health Services
- 3. Housing Risk Screen Assessment
- 4. 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:

- 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 seventeen inmates that arrived within the previous twelve months indicated fifteen were asked the risk screening questions

upon arrival at Pondville. The interview with the staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that inmates are screened at intake for their risk of victimization and risk of abusiveness. The auditor was provided a demonstration of the initial risk assessment. Both the initial risk screening and the reassessment are conducted in a private office setting. The initial risk screening is conducted in medical in one of the triage rooms. The initial risk screening is completed on the first day of arrival. Medical staff ask the inmate questions including; prior victimization, sexual preference, gender identity and perception of vulnerability. The medical staff stated she also looks to determine if there are any disabilities. Security staff complete a portion of the risk assessment during intake. Security staff verify information in IMS and discuss the information with the inmate. The staff indicated they also look at the electronic information to verify accuracy of information. The auditor reviewed the information on the risk screening via the computer screen and confirmed that information such as age, height, weight, prior incarcerations, current conviction, etc. were already populated. Staff had the ability to change certain information if applicable, (i.e. if the inmate had gained or lost signification weight. After the information is entered into the system, the information is calculated electronically and a designation is determined related to known victim, potential victim, unknown victim, known predator, potential predator or unknown predator.

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 105 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 20 inmate files of those that arrived within the previous twelve months indicated that all 20 had an initial risk screening completed. Seventeen of the 20 were completed within 72 hours. Interviews with seventeen inmates that arrived within the previous twelve months indicated fifteen were asked the risk screening questions upon arrival at Pondville. Most stated they were asked when they first arrived at the facility. The interview with the staff responsible for the risk screening confirmed 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. Directions are attached for staff to reference when completing the questions. The directions provide information on when to mark yes and when to mark no, as well as what it meant by the questions. The directions further explain what factor are self-reported and which factors are to be checked against other documentation. At the

bottom of the form the directions outline how to score the responses. If the response to question one is "yes", which is the question related to being a victim of institutional sexual assault (as documented – not self-reported), the inmate is classified as a victim. If the risk screening has four or more "yes" responses on the victimization identifiers, the inmate is identified as a potential victim. With regard to abusiveness, if question one is a yes, which is the question related to a history or institutional sexual abuse toward others (as known and documented), the inmate is classified as an aggressor. If the risk screening has two or more "yes" responses on the abusiveness identifiers, the inmate is classified as a potential aggressor. All designations include known victim, potential victim, unknown victim, known perpetrator, potential perpetrator and unknown perpetrator.

115.41 (d): 103 DOC 650, pages 9-10 indicate 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 of protective custody. The interview with the staff who conduct the risk screening indicated that the initial risk screening consists of questions about prior sexual victimization, disabilities, perception of vulnerability, gender identity and sexual preference, The staff stated she asks the questions and then they also use their perception and information they know about disabilities. It should be noted that the medical staff ask the initial risk screening questions while booking/security staff complete a review of all the other components under this provision through the electronic system. Most information is already pre-populated in the electronic system, such as criminal history, age, stature, violent offenses, etc.

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 offenses and history of prior institutional violence and/or sexual abuse, as known to the agency, in assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive. The interview with the staff who conduct the risk screening indicated that the initial risk screening consists of questions about prior sexual victimization, disabilities, perception of vulnerability, gender identity and sexual preference, The staff stated she asks the questions and then they also use their perception and information they know about

disabilities. It should be noted that the medical staff ask the initial risk screening questions while booking/security staff complete a review of all the other components under this provision through the electronic system. Most information is already prepopulated in the electronic system, such as criminal history, age, stature, violent offenses, etc.

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 10 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 105, 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 by mental health care staff typically within a week, but usually within fourteen days. Interviews with seventeen inmates that arrived in the previous twelve months indicated eight remember being asked the risk screening questions on more than one occasion. They stated it was a few weeks to a few months later. During the tour the facility provided a demonstration of the reassessment is completed by security staff and mental health care staff. Security staff review the file as it relates to any new information and the risk screening. Mental health care staff complete the in-person portion of the reassessment. The staff indicated they complete the reassessment within seven days of arrival, but could complete it as soon as 48 business hours from arrival. The mental health staff stated she asks about disabilities, prior victimization, prior PREA incidents, sexual preference, gender identity and perception of vulnerability. A review of a sample of 20 inmate files indicated that eighteen inmates had a reassessment completed. Two of the inmates had arrived within the last few weeks and did not yet have a reassessment due. Of the eighteen completed, sixteen were completed within 30 days.

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 interview with staff responsible for risk screening confirmed that inmates are reassessed when warranted due to request, referral, incident of sexual abuse or receipt of additional information. Interviews with seventeen inmates that arrived in the previous twelve months indicated eight remember being asked the risk screening questions on more than one occasion.

There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no reassessments were required due to incident of sexual abuse.

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 interview with the staff responsible for risk screening indicated that inmates are not disciplined for refusing to answer or not fully disclose information for any of the risk screening questions.

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 PC stated that the agency has implemented appropriate controls on information from the risk screening to ensure sensitive information is not exploited. He stated that basically only the staff with a need to know have access to the information. He further stated these staff would include medical, mental health, intake and the PCM. The interview with the PCM confirmed that the agency has outlined who should have access to the risk screening information so that sensitive information is not exploited. He stated it is only a certain amount of people with access. The staff responsible for the risk screening stated that the information from the risk screening is in ERMA and IMS and that anyone who has access to either of these systems has access to the risk screening information. Inmate risk assessments are documented electronically via the electronic inmate management system. During the tour the auditor had a security staff member pull up the risk screening information. The auditor confirmed that correctional staff at all levels had access to the risk screening information, including the inmate responses.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 650, Housing Risk Screening Assessment, 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 indicates that this standard appears to require corrective action. The interview with staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that inmates are reassessed by mental health care staff typically within a week, but usually within fourteen days. The staff indicated they complete the reassessment within seven days of arrival, but could complete it as soon as 48 business hours from arrival. During the

tour the auditor had a security staff member pull up the risk screening information. The auditor confirmed that correctional staff at all levels had access to the risk screening information, including the inmate responses.

### Corrective Action

The facility will need to ensure that reassessments are completed at an appropriate timeframe, which would be over 48 hours. The facility will need to train appropriate staff on the applicable timeframes and provide the training to the auditor. Additionally, the facility will need to modify the permissions to ensure only staff with a need to know have access to the risk screening responses. Once this is complete the facility will need to provide confirmation of the limitation.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

### Additional Documents:

- 1. Training Memorandum on Risk Assessments
- Restricted Access to Risk Screening Ticket
- 3. Memorandum Related to Risk Screening Restricted Access

On July 25, 2023 the facility provided a signed training memo that advised 30 day reassessments are not being completed appropriately in that they should not be completed within 48 hours of the inmates arrival. The memo advises that they should give the inmate time to get acclimated to the facility prior to completing the 30 day reassessment.

On May 2, 2023 the agency corrected the access issue. The agency provided an initial IT ticket requesting that access to the Housing Risk Assessment screen or corresponding reports be limited to specific profiles. The ticket included the list of profiles that can request access and noted that the basic security profile should not have access. The auditor confirmed the profiles listed for access were those that

complete the Housing Risk Assessment or those with a need to know for security and management purposes. Additionally, the PC issued a memo to all Superintendents advising of the corrective action and advising them that the IMS Basic Security profile no longer supports access to the housing risk factor response screen and that they would need to deem any line staff in specialized roles that do need access and submit a ticket to have the access added to their IMS profile.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

### 115.42 Use of screening information

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 519 Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
- 3. 103 DOC 652 Identification, Treatment and Correctional Management of Inmates Diagnosed with Gender Dysphoria
- 4. 103 DOC 653 Identification, Treatment and Correctional Management of Gender Non-Conforming Inmates
- 5. 103 DOC 750 Hygiene Standards
- 6. 103 DOC 401 Booking and Admission
- 7. Sample of Housing Determination Documents
- 8. Transgender/Intersex Inmate Biannual Reviews
- 9. LGBTI Inmate Housing Documents

### Interviews:

- 1. Interview with Staff Responsible for Risk Screening
- 2. Interview with PREA Coordinator
- 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, pages 10-11 state 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. Policy 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 12 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 information from the risk screening is utilized to ensure that potential victims and potential predators are separated and not housed together. The interview with the staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that the information from the risk screening is utilized to notify the Shift Commander and mental health if there is any prior sexual victimization. The staff stated she was unsure how the score was utilized. Further communication with the security staff indicated that the information is utilized for housing and other assignments within the facility to keep victims and perpetrators separated. 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 and did not work/program together.

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, pages 10-11 state 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. Policy 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 12 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 indicated that the information from the risk screening is utilized to notify the Shift Commander and mental health if there is any prior sexual victimization. The staff stated she was unsure how the score was utilized. Further communication with the security staff indicated that the information is utilized for housing and other assignments within the facility to keep victims and perpetrators separated.

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 agency indicates that 103 DOC 653 outlines housing related to gender non-conforming inmates. Page 7 states if an inmate selfidentifies as gender non-conforming (transgender), a facility based medical provider or qualified mental health professional assigned to the inmate, shall review the inmate's gender non-conforming status to determine whether the inmate's gender is sincerely held as part of the inmate's core identity. Page 9 further states that a gender non-confirming inmate may request to be housed in a facility of the gender with which the inmate identifies. Upon receipt of the request, the site administrator shall notify the Department's Director of Behavioral Health. In the event that a request may potentially present security, safety, or operational difficulties within the correctional environment, the Director of Behavioral Health shall refer the request to the Deputy Commissioner of the Prison Division and the Deputy Commissioner of Clinical Services and Reentry for a security review. The security review shall take into account the inmate's individual history of incarceration and present circumstances. The auditor requested information related to transgender and intersex inmate housing assignments across the agency. At the issuance of the interim report only one document was provided. The PCM stated that program and placement of transgender and intersex inmates is determined through the risk assessment. He stated they are not all housed together and they would be housed so that they would not be victims or perpetrators. The PCM confirmed that housing and program assignments take into consideration the inmate's health and safety as well as any security or management problems. There were zero transgender inmates housed at the facility during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.42 (d): 103 DOC 519, page 12 states that placement and programming assignments for each transgender or inters ex inmate shall be reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate.103 DOC 652, page 13 and 103 DOC 653, page 5 state 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/gender non-confirming inmate. The biannual review will include a review of any threats to safety experienced by the inmate. The auditor requested information related to transgender and intersex inmate's biannual assessments. At the issuance of the interim report only two document were provided from another MADOC facility being audited. The staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that she was unsure if transgender and intersex inmates would be reassessed biannually as they have not had any transgender or intersex inmates at the facility. The PCM stated that transgender and intersex inmates are reassessed every 30 days.

115.42 (e): 103 DOC 652, page 13 and 103 DOC 653, page 5 state that a GD/gender non-conforming inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety will be given serious consideration. The interviews with the 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 zero transgender inmates housed at the facility during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews

were conducted.

115.42 (f): 103 DOC 652, page 14 states that inmates diagnosed with Gender Dysphoria shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates per 103 DOC 750 - Hygiene Standards. 103 DOC 750, page 7 states that Superintendents shall develop procedures to ensure inmates identified as Gender Non-Conforming shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates. During the tour it was confirmed that all showers were single person with a curtain. The interviews with the PCM and the staff responsible for risk screening confirmed that transgender and intersex inmates are given the opportunity to shower separately. The PCM stated that they have a quarantine unit and that they would make that are available or they would adjust times for separate showers. There were zero transgender inmates housed at the facility during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.42 (g): 103 DOC 519, pages 10-11 state 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. Policy 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 12 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 facility does not have a tracking mechanism for LGB inmates. As such the auditor requested that staff identify some of the LGB inmates known to staff for interview purposes and documentation purposes. A review of housing assignments for two inmates who identified as LGB indicated that the inmates were not assigned to the same room. The interviews with the PC and PCM confirmed that the agency does not have a consent decree and that LGBTI inmates are not placed in one housing unit or one facility based on their gender identify and/or sexual preference. The PC stated that the PREA standard prohibits it and as such they follow the standard. He indicated that each inmate is given a housing risk assessment and that they are housed based on the assessment. He stated that if LGBTI inmates are at an increased risk they may be placed closer to the officer station or something like that if they are more vulnerable. Interviews with two LGB inmates indicated that neither felt that they were placed in

any specific housing unit, facility or wing based on their sexual preference and/or gender identity.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, 103 DOC 652, 103 DOC 401, inmate housing determinations, transgender housing determinations, biannual reviews, LGB inmate housing assignments and information from interviews with the PC, PCM, staff responsible for the risk screenings and LGB inmates, indicates that this standard appears to require corrective action. The auditor requested information related to transgender and intersex inmate housing assignments across the agency. At the issuance of the interim report only one document was provided. The auditor requested information related to transgender and intersex inmate's biannual assessments. At the issuance of the interim report only two document were provided from another MADOC facility being audited. The staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that she was unsure if transgender and intersex inmates would be reassessed biannually as they have not had any transgender or intersex inmates at the facility. The PCM stated that transgender and intersex inmates are reassessed every 30 days.

### Corrective Action

The agency will need to provide additional documentation related to transgender and intersex inmate housing determinations and biannual assessments. Additionally, the facility will need to complete training with the appropriate staff on information related to transgender and intersex inmates under this standard. A copy of the training will need to be provided to the auditor.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

### Additional Documents:

- 1. Transgender and Intersex Inmate Housing Determination Documents
- 2. Biannual Assessments
- 3. Memorandum Related to Risk Screening Restricted Access

### 4. Staff Training Records

On June 2, 2023 the agency provided documentation through another MADOC audit that confirmed that the Gender Dysphoria Treatment/Security Committee meets to discuss housing of transgender and intersex inmates on a case-by-case basis. Inmates are able to express their preference on being housed at a male or female facility based on their gender identity. The documentation confirms that the facility reviews safety and security concerns. The reviews were from 2018 to current and document transgender female inmates being approved to be housed at female facilities.

On June 16, 2023 the facility provided documentation for four agency identified transgender inmates under this standard. Documentation confirmed that all four were assessed biannually for their risk through the Housing Risk Screen Assessment. Because Pondville did not house transgender inmates during the on-site portion of the audit and has not housed a transgender inmate over the audit period, the auditor confirmed that the four documents provided conclude that the agency as a whole completes biannual assessments. The auditor determined that because the biannual assessments are completed at each facility, the auditor could not hold Pondville accountable for other facility biannual assessments. As such, the four completed biannual assessments provided show compliance.

On July 25, 2023 the facility provided electronically signed documentation confirming that appropriate staff reviewed four policies related to transgender and intersex inmates. These policies covered the requirements under this standard.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

# Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion Documents: 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire 2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention

3. 103 CMR 423 - Restrictive Housing

Site Review Observations:

1. Observation of No Segregated Housing Unit

Findings (By Provision):

115.43 (a): The PAQ indicated that the facility does not have a segregation unit and as such this does not apply. The agency as a whole however does prohibit placing inmates at high risk of sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment has been made, and there has been a determination that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers, 103 DOC 519, page 11 states that inmates at high risk for sexual harassment/abuse victimization, and those who have reported being a victim of sexual abuse/harassment in the past either while housed in a prison setting or in the community 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 interview with the Warden confirmed that the agency has a policy that prohibits placing inmates at high risk of victimization in segregated housing unless there are no other available alternative means of separation of likely abusers. The Warden Designee confirmed the facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such this provision would not be applicable. The auditor confirmed during the tour that the facility does not have a segregated housing unit.

115.43 (b): 103 DOC 519, page 11 states that inmates at high risk for sexual harassment/abuse victimization, and those who have reported being a victim of sexual abuse/harassment in the past either while housed in a prison setting or in the community 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 Warden Designee confirmed the facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such this provision would not be applicable. The auditor confirmed during the tour that the facility does not have a segregated housing unit.

115.43 (c): The PAQ indicated that the facility does not have a segregation unit and as such this does not apply. 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 Warden Designee confirmed the facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such this provision would not be applicable. The auditor confirmed during the tour that the facility does not have a segregated housing unit.

115.43 (d): The PAQ indicated that the facility does not have a segregation unit and as such this does not apply. 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 Warden Designee confirmed the facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such this provision would not be applicable. The auditor confirmed during the tour that the facility does not have a segregated housing unit.

115.43 (e): T The PAQ indicated that the facility does not have a segregation unit and as such this does not apply. The agency does require 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. 103 CMR 423, page 8 states that such inmates will be reviewed thereafter by the Placement Review Committee every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Additionally, it states that all inmates in Restrictive Housing for 30 days or more shall be provided a review of his or her Restrictive Housing placement. The Warden Designee confirmed the facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such this provision would not be applicable. The auditor confirmed during the tour that the facility does not have a segregated housing unit.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, 103 CMR 423, observations from the facility tour as well as information from the Warden Designee this standard appears to be compliant

115.51	1 Inmate reporting		
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard		
	Auditor Discussion		
	Documents:		
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire		
	2. 103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention		
	3. Inmate Handbook		
	4. PREA Posters		
	5. Incident Reports (Verbal Reports)		
	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, page 8 states 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), and third party reporting. A review of additional documentation to include the Inmate Handbook and PREA Posters, indicates that there are multiple ways for inmates to report. These methods include: the PREA hotline, a site specific IPS hotline, the Massachusetts State Police Division of Investigative Services, the facility PREA Compliance Manager, verbally, in writing, anonymously and through a third party. During the tour the auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Each housing unit had PREA Posters as well as a Securus phone number list. The PREA Posters were observed in English and Spanish on legal size paper. PREA Posters were framed and included information on the zero tolerance policy, reporting to medical and mental health and reporting via the hotline. The Securus phone number list was observed in each housing unit above the phones. The list included contact information for the IPS hotline, PREA hotline and BARCC. The list was in English and on letter size paper. Additionally, the PREA hotline was observed on the back of each inmate identification card. The auditor tested the PREA hotline during the tour from the dayroom phones. The auditor reached a live person who advised that if they received a report of sexual abuse from an inmate they would immediately document the information and forward it to the facility and the PC. Inmates have access to the phones anytime they are at the facility (some inmates leave for work in the community). The auditor also called the IPS hotline during the tour. The auditor left a message on May 3, 2023. On the same date the IPS staff escorted the auditor to his office where he played the voicemail confirming that he receives the messages from the IPS hotline. He confirmed he would initiate an investigation immediately following a messages related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Additionally, the auditor tested the written reporting mechanism via a grievance. The auditor observed grievance forms above the locked grievance box. The auditor filled out the grievance form and submitted it through the locked grievance box in the common area. The auditor was provided a copy of the grievance (signed and dated by the receiving staff) on the same date it was submitted (May 3, 2023) confirming functionality of the reporting process. Interviews with 20 inmates confirm that all 20 were aware of at least one method to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Inmates advised they would report to staff, through the hotline or through a written slip. Interviews with twelve staff confirm that inmates have multiple pays to report including written, verbal, through the hotlines and through their family.

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, pages 8-9 state inmates may also report sexual harassment/abuse to external public or private agencies via correspondence or via the use of the inmate telephone systems. Calls to "privileged" numbers, including universally approved legal assistance phone numbers, pre-authorized personal attorney telephone numbers, a foreign national's pre-authorized telephone number to his/her/their consulate office or diplomat, pre-authorized clergy telephone numbers, and preauthorized licensed psychologist, social worker and/or mental health professional telephone numbers, are not subject to telephone monitoring and are not recorded. 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. Pages 8-9 of the Inmate Handbook state 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 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 did not observe any information related to the external reporting mechanism (MSP). During the tour the auditor observed that mail process. The common areas had locked boxes where mail is placed. The mailroom staff indicated that incoming mail is picked up at the Post Office. Mail is opened and scanned at the building offsite. Staff scan for certain words and contraband. The staff indicated they do not read the mail unless the inmate is on mail monitor. Incoming legal mail is treated differently in that it is not opened. The legal mail is provided to the IPS staff or Shift Commander who will have the inmate open the legal mail in front of them. Outgoing mail is received sealed. The staff do not open outgoing mail. They just look at the outside to ensure a return name and address as well as postage. The staff stated if the inmate is on mail monitor they provide the mail to the IPS staff. The mailroom staff confirmed that mail to the Massachusetts State Police is treated as legal mail. The auditor tested the outside reporting mechanism by sending a letter to the MSP with the address provided in the Inmate Handbook. The auditor sent a letter on April 27, 2023 to MSP related to how they would handle an allegation of sexual abuse and whether inmates can remain anonymous. The auditor provided contact information for the MSP to respond. On May 19, 2023 the auditor received an email from the PREA Coordinator for the MSP. He provided a scanned copy of the letter and advised if it was a PREA complaint he would coordinate with the MADOC PC for investigation. He confirmed that inmates may remain anonymous upon request. The interview with the PCM indicated that inmates can report externally through the BARCC hotline or the PREA hotline or they can also write to these organizations. He further stated that these organizations contact the PC who then forwards the information to the facility for investigation. Interviews with 20 inmates indicated nine were aware that they could report to the MSP as an outside reporting mechanism, while sixteen stated they knew they could report anonymously. The PAQ 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 no later than the end of shift. 103 DOC 519, page 7 states 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. Page 9 further states the Department shall accept and investigate all verbal, written and anonymous third party reports of sexual harassment/abuse. Page 17 also states any staff member receiving such a complaint shall follow institutional notification procedures, including the filing of an incident report. The Inmate Handbook notifies inmates that the department shall accept and investigate verbal, written, anonymous and third party reports of sexual abuse and harassment. Interviews with 20 inmates confirmed that seventeen knew they could report allegations of sexual abuse verbally or in writing to staff and sixteen knew they could report via a third party. Interviews with twelve random staff confirmed that inmates can report verbally, in writing, anonymously and through a third party. The staff stated that they would report any information immediately to their supervisor and that they would document verbal reports in writing (via a confidential incident report) before the end of the shift. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported, however the auditor observed that staff document all information that occurs at the facility through incident reports. During the tour the auditor had a staff member provide an example of how they would document a verbal report and how they can report sexual abuse of an inmate confidentially. The mechanism is the same, with the exception of a checkbox. The staff member advised they would complete a confidential incident report electronically from any of the facility computers. The staff advised when you mark confidential, the incident report bypasses any other supervisors and goes directly to the Warden. Staff confirmed all verbal reports would be documented in a confidential incident report.

115.51 (d): The PAQ indicated that the agency has established procedures for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates and staff are informed of these procedures through annual training. 103 DOC 519, page 7 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. Further communication with the PC indicated staff are able to submit a confidential incident report to the Superintendent as the confidential reporting method. Interviews with twelve staff confirmed all twelve knew they could privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates. Most staff stated that they could submit a confidential report, which goes directly to the Superintendent. A few staff stated they could do directly to the supervisor. During the tour the auditor had a staff member provide an example of

how they would document a verbal report and how they can report sexual abuse of an inmate confidentially. The mechanism is the same, with the exception of a checkbox. The staff member advised they would complete a confidential incident report electronically from any of the facility computers. The staff advised when you mark confidential, the incident report bypasses any other supervisors and goes directly to the Warden. Staff confirmed all verbal reports would be documented in a confidential incident report.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the Inmate Handbook, PREA Posters, observations from the facility tour and interviews with the PCM, random inmates and random staff, this standard appears to be compliant.

Recommendation

The auditor recommends that the facility educate all staff, including the PCM on MSP as the external reporting mechanism.

115.52	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 CMR 491 Inmate Grievances
- 3. Grievance Log and Sample Grievances
- 4. Inmate Handbook

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. It also states that inmates shall not be required to exhaust informal processes with regard to allegations of sexual abuse. A review of the Inmate Handbook indicated that it contains information on grievances on pages 7-8.

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. A review of the Inmate Handbook indicated that it contains information on grievances on pages 7-8.

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 8 indicates that the absence of a grievance response after six months shall be deemed a denial of the grievance. The PAQ indicated that there were zero grievances of sexual abuse in the previous twelve months. The auditor reviewed the grievance log and sample grievances and confirmed that there were zero sexual abuse grievances reported during the previous twelve months. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

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 and 103 DOC 522. It further states that 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. The auditor reviewed the grievance log and sample grievances and confirmed that there were zero sexual abuse grievances reported during the previous twelve months.

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. The PAQ stated there were zero grievances alleging imminent risk of sexual abuse over the previous twelve months. The auditor reviewed the grievance log and sample grievances and confirmed that there were zero sexual abuse grievances reported during the previous twelve months.

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 field the grievance in bad faith. 103 CMR 491, page 15 states inmates who misuse the grievance process by knowingly submitting false documents, intentionally and in bad faith misrepresenting or omitting material information or utilizing threatening or abusive language or language that otherwise constitutes a violation of 103 CMR 430, Inmate Discipline, are subject to suspension of grievance privileges and/or disciplinary action. The PAQ noted there were zero inmates grievances alleging sexual abuse that resulted in disciplinary action by the agency against the inmate for having filed the grievance in bad faith.

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

## 115.53 Inmate access to outside confidential support services Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** Documents: 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire 103 DOC 401 - Booking and Admissions 3. Inmate Handbook 4. Affiliation Agreement with Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) Interviews: Interview with Random Inmates 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; and enabling reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations in as confidential a manner as possible. The PAQ indicated that the agency does not detail inmates solely for immigration purposes and as such this part of the provision does not apply. The agreement with BARCC states that BARCC agrees to: Provide a confidential crisis counseling hotline available every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Inmates do not have access to telephones outside of these hours. This ensures 84 hours of hotline access each week. The hotline is not recorded in order to preserve rape crisis center confidentiality, and to

encourage usage from inmates. The hotline is accessible from normal inmate telephones and does not require inmates to spend money or to call the hotline

incarcerated survivors. The advocate is trained to listen and provide emotional support, to offer appropriate referrals and information, and to help callers manage anxiety attacks or similar experiences caused by trauma. Especially for survivors who

are newly incarcerated, the experience of being in prison or jail can trigger panic

collect. The hotline provides immediately accessible emotional support to

attacks and stress because of the drastic change in life circumstances. Further it states that BARC agrees to: Provide healing resources through a comprehensive mail program. The mail program provides reading material for incarcerated survivors who need longer-term emotional support resources. Inmates can send letters to BARCC requesting such materials, or can request them during a hotline call. Letters from inmates will go through standard procedures to ensure they do not contain dangerous substances or contraband, but will not be otherwise read, and the same applies to letters BARCC sends back to survivors. Materials include brochures and pamphlets about coping strategies survivors can use to lessen anxiety and stress while incarcerated. For inmates who are concerned about calling the hotline because it does not feel safe to do so, the mail program provides essential access to healing tools. Because a large number of inmates experience sexual assault before incarceration, many inmates choose to communicate with emotional support agencies through letters instead of telephones, where other members of the facility population may overhear their conversation. Additionally, the agreement states BARCC agrees to provide training to incoming inmates at MADOC's two intake facilities, MCI Cedar Junction and MCI Framingham about support resources available to sexual assault survivors. The Inmate Handbook, page 8 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 9am to 9pm. These confidential support services can be provided in English and in Spanish. The Inmate Handbook provides the mailing address and information on BARCC PREA Hotline. The Inmate Handbook further states that BARCC is not a third party entity to which you should report allegations of abuse, BARCC's purpose is to provide confidential support services. 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 PREA information posted throughout the facility. Each housing unit had PREA Posters as well as a Securus phone number list. The Securus phone number list was observed in each housing unit above the phones. The list included contact information for the IPS hotline, PREA hotline and BARCC. The list was in English and on letter size paper. Additionally, inmate identification cards contained the BARCC hotline number on the back. The facility provides access to victim advocates through the BARCC hotline. The auditor tested the BARCC hotline during the on-site portion of the audit. The auditor dialed the number and was provided the option for services in English or Spanish. The automated message advised to hold and that they would be providing someone soon for services. The auditor reached a live person who confirmed that they are available to provide services to any inmate who calls the line between the hours of 9am and 9pm. The BARCC hotline is an unmonitored line and a pin number is not required. During the tour the auditor observed that mail process. The common areas had locked boxes where mail is placed. The mailroom staff indicated that incoming mail is picked up at the Post Office. Mail is opened and scanned at the building offsite. Staff scan for certain words and contraband. The staff indicated they do not read the mail unless the inmate is on mail monitor. Incoming legal mail is treated differently in that

it is not opened. The legal mail is provided to the IPS staff or Shift Commander who will have the inmate open the legal mail in front of them. Outgoing mail is received sealed. The staff do not open outgoing mail. They just look at the outside to ensure a return name and address as well as postage. The staff stated if the inmate is on mail monitor they provide the mail to the IPS staff. The mailroom staff confirmed that mail to BARCC is treated as legal mail. Interviews with 20 random inmates indicated that sixteen were familiar with BARCC and were provided a mailing address and telephone number to the organization. Most inmates stated the information on BARCC is posted. Most inmates were unaware of the specifics to the organization.

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. The Inmate Handbook, page 8 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 9am to 9pm. These confidential support services can be provided in English and in Spanish. The Inmate Handbook provides the mailing address and information on BARCC PREA Hotline. The Inmate Handbook further states that BARCC is not a third party entity to which you should report allegations of abuse, BARCC's purpose is to provide confidential support services. Interviews with 20 random inmates indicated that sixteen were familiar with BARCC and were provided a mailing address and telephone number to the organization. Most inmates stated the information on BARCC is posted. Most inmates were unaware of the specifics to the organization.

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 agency has an agreement with BARCC that was signed in 2021. The agency maintains copies of the agreement with BARCC.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 401, the Inmate Handbook, the contract with BARCC, observations from the facility and interviews with random inmates, this standard appears to be compliant.

**Auditor Overall Determination:** Meets Standard

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

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

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, pages 8-9 state the Massachusetts Department of Corrections has incorporated and enhanced a third-party reporting system which includes a form for the public to access through www.mass.gov/doc. At this site, released inmate, a family member or loved one of an inmate will have access to report a PREA Allegation. It further states the Department shall accept and investigate all verbal, written, and anonymous thirdparty reports of sexual harassment/abuse. Third party entities may report abuse to the Department Duty Station at 508-422-3486. These reports shall be immediately forwarded to the appropriate Superintendent or Division Head. A review of the agency's website confirms that third parties can report by calling the PREA Division or by completing an online form. The third party reporting information is found at https://www.mass.gov/how-to/report-a-prea-allegation. The auditor viewed the agency PREA website and confirmed that the agency has an online form that the public can complete related to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The PREA Poster further advises that third parties can immediately contact the facility Superintendent or call the Department hotline at 508-422-3486. The auditor submitted the form on April 27, 2023. The PC provided email confirmation on the same date that the online form was received. The PC indicated it would be forwarded for investigation if it was a sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegation. During the tour third party reporting information was observed in the visitation area and in the front lobby via the PREA Poster. The PREA Poster was observed in English and Spanish on legal size paper and included information on the PREA hotline number.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, the PREA Poster, the agency's website and the submission of the online form this standard is compliant.

### 115.61 Staff and agency reporting duties

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 519 Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
- 3. Wellpath 57.00 Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance
- 4. Incident Reports

### Interviews:

- 1. Interview with Random Staff
- 2. Interview with Medical and Mental Health Staff
- 3. Interview with the Warden Designee
- 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, page 7 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. 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 twelve random staff confirm that they are required to report any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. Staff stated

that they would immediately report the information to the Shift Commander, IPS and/ or the Duty Officer.

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 decision. 103 DOC 519, page 7 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 or anyone other than to the extent necessary to provide treatment, to conduct an investigation, and/or to make other security and management decision. Interviews with twelve random staff confirm that they are required to report any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. Staff stated that they would immediately report the information to the Shift Commander, IPS and/or the Duty Officer.

115.61 (c): 103 DOC 650, page 43 states that unless precluded by Federal, State or local law, medical and mental health practitioners shall be required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (A) of this section (per 103 DOC 519) and to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services. Wellpath 57.00, pages 2-3 state that Healthcare staff shall maintain confidentiality regarding care and condition of the patient. However, healthcare professionals shall immediately report to the Shift Commander any acts of violence or reports of sexual activity between patients and with staff. Policy further states that medical and mental health practitioners are required to inform patients at the initiation of services of their duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State or local law. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported at the facility. Interviews with medical and mental health care staff confirm that at the initiation of services with an inmate they disclose their limitation of confidentiality and their duty to report. Both stated they are required to report any allegation, incident or information related to sexual abuse that occurred within an institutional setting. The mental health care staff indicated that she had an inmate report institutional sexual abuse and she reported the information to security.

115.61 (d): 103 DOC 650, page 43 states that if the alleged victim is under the age of eighteen or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable person statue, the agency shall report the allegation to the designated State or local service agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported at the facility. The PC stated that he is not familiar with the juvenile system because the agency does not house youthful

inmates. He stated that as mandated reporters the agency would follow-up and report the information to the appropriate agencies. The interview with the Warden Designee indicated that they do not house inmates under eighteen, but for those under eighteen and/or vulnerable adults they would notify MSP under mandatory reporting laws.

115.61 (e): 103 DOC 519, page 7 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. Additionally, page 13 states that each Superintendent or designee shall ensure that reports by staff members and third parties regarding reasonable suspicion of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior or related activities are referred to investigators for follow-up and/or investigation. The interview with the Warden Designee confirmed that all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are reported to the facility investigator. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported at the facility.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, Wellpath 57.00, incident reports and interviews with random staff, medical and mental health care staff, the PREA Coordinator and the Warden Designee confirm this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.62 Agency protection duties

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

# **Auditor Discussion**

# Documents:

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

# Interviews:

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

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 10 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 stated that there have been zero inmates who were subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse within the previous twelve months. The Agency Head Designee stated that they would assess the inmate's housing needs and potentially place that inmate in a single cell or in a cell closest to the officer's station. He stated they want to ensure that they do not victimize the inmate and that they would more than likely send the inmate to medical or the Health Services Unit and then conduct interviews and an investigation. The Warden Designee stated that if there was an inmate deemed at risk of imminent sexual abuse they would review the housing risk assessment to make sure they are housed appropriately and they would protect them from any sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The interviews with twelve random staff confirmed that all twelve would take immediate action by notifying the Shift Commander, removing the inmate from the area and making sure they were safe.

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

# 115.63 Reporting to other confinement facilities

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

# **Auditor Discussion**

# Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 519 Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
- 3. Inmate Risk Assessments
- 4. Incident Reports

### Interviews:

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

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 sexual abuse is alleged to have occurred. 103 DOC 519, page 8 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. 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. The PAQ indicated that during the previous twelve months, the facility had zero inmates report that they were sexually abused while confined at another facility. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse that occurred at another agency/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 ours after receiving the allegation. 103 DOC 519, page 8 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. 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. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse that occurred at another agency/facility.

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 8 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. 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. A review of documentation confirmed there were

zero inmates who reported sexual abuse that occurred at another agency/facility.

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 8 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 Superintendent at each facility would be the designated point of contact for receiving allegations from other facilities/agencies. He stated that the Superintendent would ensure an investigation is completed for any allegation that was provided to the Superintendent. The Agency Head Designee confirmed that they have had examples of receiving allegations from other facilities/agencies and that the information is reviewed annually during audits. He also stated that if they received an allegation at one of their facilities, the Superintendent would write the Warden at the facility where it occurred within 72 hours. The interview with the Warden Designee confirmed that if they received an allegation that an inmate was abused while housed at Pondville they would do an investigation. He stated they have not had any instances of receiving an allegation from another agency/facility. The PAQ stated that there were zero allegations received from another Warden/Agency Head within the previous twelve months. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported at the facility.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, inmate risk assessments, incident reports and interviews with the Agency Head Designee and Warden Designee, this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.64 Staff first responder duties

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

# Documents:

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

Interviews:

- 1. Interviews with First Responders
- 2. Interviews with Random Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.64 (a). The PAQ indicated that the agency has a first responder policy for allegations of sexual abuse. The PAQ states 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, pages 14-15 state 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 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 were zero allegations of sexual abuse. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported over the previous twelve months. The interview with the security first responder indicated he would separate the victim and perpetrator, notify the Shift Commander, secure the scene for evidence, ask the victim and ensure the perpetrator do not take any action to destroy evidence, make note of any behavior/ appearance, escort the victim to health services and write an incident report. The non-security first responder stated she would stay with the person until someone else is able to help secure the scene and she would report it to the Shift Commander. She stated she would also write a report before she left. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the on-site portion of the audit 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. The PC further stated that the agency policy does not differentiate between security and non-security first responders. All first responders are trained on first responder duties. 103 DOC 519, pages 14-15 state 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 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 were zero allegations of sexual abuse that involved a non-security staff first responder. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported over the previous twelve months. The interview with the security first responder indicated he would separate the victim and perpetrator, notify the Shift Commander, secure the scene for evidence, ask the victim and ensure the perpetrator do not take any action to destroy evidence, make note of any behavior/appearance, escort the victim to health services and write an incident report. The non-security first responder stated she would stay with the person until someone else is able to help secure the scene and she would report it to the Shift Commander. She stated she would also write a report before she left. Interviews with twelve random staff confirmed that they were aware of their first responder duties.

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

115.65	Coordinated response							
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard							
	Auditor Discussion							
	Documents:							
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire							
	2. PREA Emergency Response Plan							
	Interviews:							
	1. Interview with the Warden Designee							
	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 PREA Emergency Response Plan is a four page document that outlines the duties to take after a reported sexual abuse allegation. The document includes duties for the Shift Commander, evidence collection protocol, investigative and record keeping directions, medical and mental health duties and duties of the Superintendent. The interview with the Warden Designee confirmed that the facility has a written plan to coordinate actions among first responders, medical, mental health, investigators and facility leadership.

Based on a review of the PAQ, the PREA Response to Sexual Assault Incidents, and the interview with the Warden Designee, this standard appears to be compliant.

# Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

# **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Agreement with Alliance, AFSCME-SEIU Local 509 Units 8 & 9
- 3. Agreement with the Massachusetts Correctional Officers Federated Union (MCOFU)

# 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.. A review of the Agreement with the Alliance, AFSCME-SEIU Local Units 8 & 10, page 70 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. Additionally, the agency has agreement with MCOFU. 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. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that the agency has a collective bargaining agreement however the agreement does not prohibit the facility/agency's ability from removing the staff or disciplining the staff, up to and including termination.

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.

115.67	Agency protection against retaliation								
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard  Auditor Discussion								
	Documents:								
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire								
	2.	103 DOC 519 - Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention							
	3.	Incident Reports							
	4.	Sexual Abuse Retaliation Monitoring Log - Attachment V							
	Interviews:								
	1.	Interview with the Agency Head Designee							
	2.	Interview with the Warden Designee							
	3.	Interview with Designated Staff Member Charged with Monitoring Retaliation							

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 20 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 20 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. There were zero sexual abuse allegation reported and zero allegations of retaliation reported. Interviews with the Agency Head Designee, Warden Designee 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 Designee 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 within the PREA policy (103 DOC 519) there is an attachment that is started and conducted by IPS. He stated some of the monitoring tools utilized would be a review of video, phone calls and email. He stated they look at disciplinary reports, staff attendance and any overall change in the individual. The Agency Head Designee confirmed that if there was a conflict they would take appropriate action such as housing changes, transfers and removal of alleged staff abuser from contact with the inmate. The interview with the Warden Designee indicated that retaliation is prohibited and can result in discipline. He confirmed they can take protective measures such as moving housing, transferring to another facility, removing staff abusers and providing emotional support. The staff responsible for monitoring indicated that once an allegation is reported the victim would typically not stay at the facility. He stated they have a PREA committee and they conduct a 30 day review of the allegation. He stated the inmates would be returned to another facility under investigative status and that is what they have done in the past unless the victim signs a waiver to return to general population. The staff stated they would conduct a face to face status check every month. There were

zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.67 (c): The PAQ stated 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 abut to see if there are any changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff. The PAQ indicated that monitoring is conducted for at least 90 days and that the agency/facility acts promptly to remedy any such retaliation. The PAQ further stated that the agency/facility will continue monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need. 103 DOC 519, pages 20-21 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 zero instances of retaliation in the previous twelve months. The Warden Designee stated that if they suspect retaliation they would investigate the allegation. The staff responsible for monitoring indicated that he asks about any retaliation or threats and asks about comfort level. He stated he would ask about any adjustments at the facility. The monitoring staff stated he did not know the exact timeframe for monitoring but he would do it for six months and extend it if necessary. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no monitoring documentation was reviewed. It should be noted that the Sexual Abuse Retaliation Monitoring Log includes a template for staff to complete where they document what they review as well as information from the face to face contact with the inmate.

115.67 (d): 103 DOC 519, page 21 indicates that in the case of inmates, such monitoring shall also include periodic status checks. The staff responsible for monitoring retaliation stated they would conduct a face to face status check every month. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no monitoring documentation was reviewed.

115.67 (e): 103 DOC 519, page 21 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 there are policies in place to protect individual who cooperate with an investigation or express a fear of retaliation. He stated procedures could include housing changes, transfers, removal of staff

abusers, reassignments of staff, emotional support services and 90 day monitoring. The Agency Head Designee confirmed that individuals would be afforded the same monitoring as an alleged victim. The Warden Designee indicated that they would employ the same protective measures as stated in provision (b). There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no monitoring documentation was reviewed.

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

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, incident reports and information from interviews with the Agency Head Designee, Warden Designee and staff charged with monitoring for retaliation, this standards appears to require corrective action. The staff responsible for monitoring indicated that once an allegation is reported the victim would typically not stay at the facility. He stated they have a PREA committee and they conduct a 30 day review of the allegation. He stated the inmates would be returned to another facility under investigative status and that is what they have done in the past unless the victim signs a waiver to return to general population. The staff stated they would conduct a face to face status check every month. The staff responsible for monitoring indicated that he asks about any retaliation or threats and asks about comfort level. He stated he would ask about any adjustments at the facility. The monitoring staff stated he did not know the exact timeframe for monitoring but he would do it for six months and extend it if necessary.

Corrective Action

The facility will need to train appropriate staff on monitoring for retaliation. The training documentation will need to be provided to the auditor.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

Additional Documents:

1. Staff Training Records

On June 9, 2023 the facility provided a training acknowledgement confirming that the monitoring for retaliation staff was providing training on June 9, 2023 related to this standard.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

# 115.68 Post-allegation protective custody

**Auditor Overall Determination:** Meets Standard

### **Auditor Discussion**

# Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 519 Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
- 3. 103 CMR 423 Restrictive Housing

# Site Review Observations:

1. Observation of No Segregated Housing Unit

# Findings (By Provision):

115.68 (a): The PAQ indicated the facility does not have a segregated housing unit and as such this provision does not apply. The agency does however have 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. 103 DOC 519, page 11 states that inmates at high risk for sexual harassment/abuse victimization, and those who have reported being a victim of sexual abuse/harassment in the past either while housed in a prison setting or in the community 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 that zero inmates who alleged sexual abuse were involuntarily segregated for zero to 24 hours or longer than 30 days. The Warden Designee confirmed the agency has a policy, however the facility does not have a segregated housing unit. The auditor confirmed during the tour that the facility does not have a segregated housing unit.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, 103 CMR 423 and observations during the tour, this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.71 Criminal and administrative agency investigations

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

# **Auditor Discussion**

# Documents:

- 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. Massachusetts Statewide Records Retention Schedule

Interviews:

- 1. Interview with Investigative Staff
- 2. Interview with the Warden Designee
- 3. Interview with the PREA Coordinator
- 4. 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 18 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. Page 19 further 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. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no investigations were available for review. The agency investigator stated that the investigation should be started immediately but that investigations are typically started at the facility level and referred to him, if necessary. The facility investigator stated an investigation would be initiated within 24 hours. Both investigators confirmed that a third party and/or anonymous report would be investigated through the same process. The agency investigator stated that the only difference is how the allegation was received and regardless of how it is received the process would start by interviewing the inmate victim and then going through the normal investigative process.

115.71 (b): 103 DOC 519, page 10 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, pages 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 indicated that six facility staff have completed the specialized investigator training. The interviews with the investigators confirmed that both received specialized training. Both investigators confirmed that the training covered techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and

Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection and the criteria and evidence required to substantiated a case for administration investigation.

115.71 (c): 103 DOC 519, page 18 states that the assigned trained sexual assault investigator shall ensure that all evidence collected at the institution or at any hospital is transported to the State Police 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 Massachusetts Statewide Records Retention Schedule, page 190 confirms that inmate investigative records are retained for ten years. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no investigations were available for review. The interview with the agency investigation indicated the initial investigative steps include talking to the alleged victim to see what the complaint is and then collect any evidence. The investigator stated that if the inmate needs to go to the hospital that decision is made at the facility level. The crime scene would then be protected and any potential witnesses and the perpetrator would be conducted. The agency investigator further stated he would then monitoring calls, video and mail and then come to a determination on the outcome. He stated he would then write an investigative report. The facility investigator indicated his initial steps would be ensuring the victim and perpetrator are separated, ensuring no one destroys evidence and ensuring the scene is isolated. He stated he would then make sure any evidence is collected. Further he indicated his investigative process would involving getting the confidential report, talking to all staff on scene, talking to the victim and getting a statement, looking for video, interviewing any potential witnesses, collecting any evidence and interviewing any other witnesses. The investigators confirmed that they would be responsible for collecting physical evidence, video evidence, statements, phone calls, emails, etc. The agency investigator stated he would check the inmate history but that does not bear on the outcome.

115.71 (d): 103 DOC 519, page 17 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 State Police 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. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no investigations were available for review. The interview with the facility investigator confirmed he would consult with prosecutors prior to conducting any compelled interviews. The agency investigator stated they would contact prosecutors to determine the route to take and that if compelled interviews were necessary he would do Miranda or Garrity or have the MSP conduct the interviews.

115.71 (e): 103 DOC 519, page 17 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 require the inmate victim to submit to a polygraph test or any other truth-telling device in order to continue with the investigation. Additionally, the agency investigator stated that credibility is based on consistency, details and corroborating evidence. The facility investigator stated credibility is based on evidence, body language and other factors. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.71 (f): 103 DOC 519, page 19 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. Page 20 states 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 518. Additionally, 103 DOC 518, page 9 states that all PREA investigations shall be in a six part format and the six part investigation shall remain on file in the IPS office, in a secure area, and be kept confidential. Pages 8-9 state that the six-part folder investigation shall include: table of contents; case activity chronology; executive summary; reports; supportive documentation and evidence and miscellaneous. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no investigations were available for review. The interviews with investigative staff confirmed that administrative investigations are documented in a written report. The facility investigator stated the report includes a table of contents, information on those involved, an introduction, camera review information, interviews and statements, a conclusion and support documents such as incident reports. The agency investigator stated similar elements and stated reports would also include lab results for DNA and any policy violations. He also stated that the investigation is documented in a six part folder that includes incident reports and information on the inmates and staff involved. Both investigators stated that during the investigative process they determine if staff actions or failure to act contributed to the sexual abuse. They stated they determine this through a review of video, phone calls and other evidence. The agency investigators stated that they would document any violations in the report which would potentially involve discipline.

115.71 (g): 103 DOC 519, page 20 states 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 518. 103 DOC 518, page 9 states that all PREA investigations shall be in a six part format and the six part investigation shall remain on file in the IPS office, in a secure area, and be kept confidential. Pages 8-9 state that the six-part folder investigation shall include: table of contents; case activity chronology; executive summary; reports; supportive documentation and evidence

and miscellaneous. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no investigations were available for review. The interviews with investigative staff confirmed that criminal investigations would be documented in written reports and include similar information as an administrative investigative report. This would include all available evidence, testimony, findings, etc.

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 17 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 State Police 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 PAQ indicated that there have been zero allegations referred for prosecution since the last PREA audit. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no investigations were available for review. The interviews with the investigators indicated cases are referred for prosecution when a felony/crime has been committed.

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. The Massachusetts Statewide Records Retention Schedule, page 190 confirms that inmate investigative records are retained for ten years.

115.71 (j): 103 DOC 518, page 10 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 regardless of whether the staff member and/or inmate remained employed/incarcerated with the MADOC. The agency investigator stated that whether the staff member or inmate leaves the MADOC it is still a significant allegation and potentially a crime. The investigation would proceed and there would still be an investigative outcome.

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

115.71 (I): 103 DOC 519, page 17 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 State Police 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 interview

with the Warden Designee (and PCM) indicated that the facility remains informed of the investigation on the ground and MSP lets them know anything they report on. The interview with the PC indicated that leadership or the PREA Division would stay informed through emails, phone calls and written correspondence. Investigative staff stated that when an outside agency conducts an investigation they serve as a liaison and provide them with any assistance or information that they need.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 519, 103 DOC 518, investigator training records, the Massachusetts Statewide Records Retention Schedule and information from interviews with the Warden Designee, PREA Coordinator, PREA Compliance Manager and investigative staff the facility appears to meet this standard.

# 115.72 **Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations** Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** Documents: Pre-Audit Questionnaire 103 DOC 518 - Inner Perimeter Security Team (IPS) 2. 3. Incident Reports Interviews: 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. There were zero sexual abuse allegations

reported and as such no investigations were available for review. Interviews with the

investigators confirmed that the level of evidence required to substantiate an administrative investigation is a preponderance of evidence.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 518, investigative reports and information from the interviews with investigative staff it appears this standard is compliant.

# 115.73 Reporting to inmates

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 519 Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
- 3. Attachments I, II and III (Notification Letters)
- 4. Incident Reports

# Interviews:

- Interview with the Warden Designee
- 2. Interview with Investigative Staff

# 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 21 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 zero inmates were notified verbally or in writing of the results of the investigation. The interview with the Warden Designee confirmed

that inmate victims are notified whether the investigation is substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded The interviews with investigative staff confirmed that inmates are informed of the outcome of the investigation into their allegation. The agency investigator stated that he does not personally notify the inmate victim but that facility staff do. The facility investigator confirmed that inmate victims are notified via a notification letter. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse and as such no interviews were conducted. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no notifications were completed.

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 21 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. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no notifications were completed.

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. The PAQ stated that there have not been any substantiated or unsubstantiated complaint of sexual abuse committed by a staff member against an inmate in an agency facility in the past twelve months. 103 DOC 519, page 21 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. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse and as such no interviews were conducted. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no notifications were completed.

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 21 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 inmates who reported sexual abuse and as such no interviews were conducted. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no notifications were completed.

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 21 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 sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no notifications were completed.

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 (notification letters), incident reports and information from interviews with the Warden and investigative staff this standard appears to be compliant.

115.76	Disciplinary sanctions for staff						
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard						
	Auditor Discussion						
	Documents:						

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 230 Discipline and Terminations
- 3. Incident Reports

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 zero staff members who violated the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and one staff member who was terminated (or resigned prior to termination) for violating agency 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. There were zero sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations reported and as such no discipline was necessary.

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 zero staff members that were disciplined, short of termination, for violating the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies within the previous twelve months. There were zero sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations reported and as such no discipline was necessary.

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 zero staff member who were reported to law enforcement or licensing boards following their termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. There were zero sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations reported and as such no discipline was necessary.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 230 and incident reports indicates that this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.77 Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

# **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

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

# Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden Designee

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, pages 19-20 state that contractors who are accused of sexual harassment/sexually abusive behavior may be removed from the institution until the investigation is completed. Policy further 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 zero contractors or volunteers who have been

reported to law enforcement or relevant licensing bodies within the previous twelve months. There were zero sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations reported and as such no discipline was necessary.

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, pages 19-20 state 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 Designee indicated that any violation of the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies by contractors or volunteers would result in an investigation and they would be barred from entering until the investigation is completed.

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

# 115.78 Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

# **Auditor Discussion**

#### 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
- 5. Incident Reports

# Interviews:

1. Interview with the Warden Designee

# 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 6 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 finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse and zero criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse within the previous twelve months. There were zero sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations reported and as such no discipline was necessary.

115.78 (b): 103 DOC 430, page 15 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. The inmate's disciplinary chronology shall not be consider by the Hearing Officer in determining the guilt or innocence of the inmate, but may be considered in deciding appropriate sanctions. Specifically 103 CMR 430.25 outline the sanctions that can be imposed based on the category and offense. The interview with the Warden Designee indicated that the inmate perpetrator would receive a category one disciplinary offense. He stated sanctions could include loss of good time, disciplinary detention, loss of privileges and restitution. The Warden Designee confirmed that sanctions would be 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.

115.78 (c): 103 DOC 650, page 77 states that site mental health staff shall be notified prior to service of a disciplinary report on any inmate with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) who is charged with a category 1 or category 2 disciplinary offense. It further states that during regularly scheduled reviews of recently issued disciplinary reports, the Superintendent or designee shall receive consultation from a site mental health staff member regarding mental health issues that may be implicated in the events described by the disciplinary report, and whether there are appropriate alternatives for addressing the matter by means other than the disciplinary process. The interview with the Warden Designee confirmed that the inmates' mental illness or mental disability would be considered in 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. 103 DOC 650, page 45 states that a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers shall be conducted within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and mental health staff shall offer treatment when deemed clinically appropriate. Interviews with medical and mental health staff indicated that medical staff were unaware but the mental health staff member confirmed that they do offer therapy, counseling and other services designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for sexual abuse. She stated they provide services based on needs but that they do not require the inmate's participation in order to gain access or privileges to other benefits or services/programs.

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, pages 18-19 outline 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 who did not consent.

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, pages 20-21 outline 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 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. It further states that the Department resolves to prohibit all forms of sexual harassment and sexual activity involving inmates.

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

# 115.81 Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

# **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 650 Mental Health Services
- Housing Risk Screen Assessments
- 4. Medical/Mental Health Documents (Secondary Documents)

# Interviews:

- 1. Interview with Staff Responsible for Risk Screening
- 2. Interview with Medical and Mental Health Staff

### 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. The PAQ stated that the meetings were not offered within fourteen days of the intake screening. Further communication with the PC indicated there was one inmate who was not seen within fourteen day. 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 1% of those inmates who reported prior victimization were seen within fourteen days by medical or mental health practitioners. Further communication with the PC indicated this should have been all inmates were offered and one was not seen within fourteen days. The PAQ also indicated that medical and mental health maintain secondary materials documenting compliance with the required services. The interview with staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that after an inmate discloses prior victimization they would be

offered a follow-up with mental health. The staff stated it would depend on how recent the victimization was but they would typically see them the next day. A review of secondary medical and mental health documents confirmed that the facility keeps appointment logs related to medical and mental health contacts. It should be noted that in addition to the housing risk assessment screening, mental health staff also conduct an initial screening with inmates on the first day of arrival. Mental health staff ask inmates about prior sexual victimization during their initial risk screening. All inmates that arrive at the facility meet with mental health prior to being housed. All inmates are provided the opportunity to disclose prior sexual victimization to mental health care staff during this assessment. Additionally, the risk screenings do not differentiate from prior sexual victimization that was previously disclosed on prior risk assessments and any sexual victimization that was not disclosed previously. As such, many inmates have already disclosed the prior sexual victimization and had a mental health follow-up at prior MADOC facilities. The interview with the inmate who disclosed prior victimization indicated he was offered a follow-up with mental health on the same day he disclosed. A review of documentation for five inmates that disclosed prior sexual victimization indicated all five were seen by mental health, two were seen within fourteen days.

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. The PAQ stated that the follow-up meetings were offered within fourteen days of the intake screening. 103 DOC 650, page 10 states that if the screening indicates that an 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 0% of those inmates who reported prior victimization were seen within fourteen days by medical or mental health practitioners. Further communication with the PC indicated this should have been 100%. The PAQ also indicated that medical and mental health maintain secondary materials documenting compliance with the required services. During documentation review the auditor did not identify any inmates with prior sexual abusiveness. It should be noted that in addition to the housing risk assessment screening, mental health staff also conduct an initial screening with inmates on the first day of arrival. All inmates that arrive at the facility meet with mental health prior to being housed. All inmates are provided the opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns with mental health at that time. Additionally, the risk screenings do not differentiate from prior sexual abusiveness that was already addressed/referred to mental health during a prior risk screening. As such, many inmates have already had the opportunity to meet with mental health for a follow-up at prior MADOC facilities. The interview with the risk screening staff indicated that inmates who are identified with prior sexual abusiveness are offered a follow-up with mental health and seen typically the next day.

115.81 (c): The facility is not a jail and as such this provision does not apply.

115.81 (d): The PAO indicated that information related to sexual victimization and abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting is 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. Further communication with the PC indicated information is not strictly limited to medical and mental health but it is only shared with those to inform security and management decisions. 103 DOC 650, page 11 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. Inmate medical, mental health and classification records are paper and electronic. Paper records are maintained in a locked room and/or in remote storage archive. Paper records are only accessible to the medical and mental health team. Electronic records are maintained in the ERMA electronic database and are only accessible to medical and mental health care staff. The staff stated they are obligated to share with MADOC Administrative staff for any security related concerns but they are very careful what is shared due to personal health information. Inmate risk assessments are documented electronically via the electronic inmate management system. During the tour the auditor had a security staff member pull up the risk screening information. The auditor confirmed that correctional staff at all levels had access to the risk screening information, including the inmate responses. Investigative files are maintained in the IPS office in a locked filing cabinet. Access to the IPS office is IPS staff only.

15.81 (e): The PAQ indicated that medical and mental health practitioners do not 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. Further communication with the PCM indicated medical and mental health care staff do obtain informed consent prior to reporting sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting. 103 DOC 650, page 11 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 indicated they obtain informed consent prior to reporting any sexual abuse that did not occur in an institutional setting. Both staff indicated the facility does not house anyone under eighteen.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 650, housing risk screening assessments, medical and mental health documents and information from interviews with staff who

perform the risk screening, medical and mental health care staff and inmates who disclosed victimization during the risk screening, this standard appears to require corrective action. A review of documentation for five inmates that disclosed prior sexual victimization indicated all five were seen by mental health, two were seen within fourteen days. During the tour the auditor had a security staff member pull up the risk screening information. The auditor confirmed that correctional staff at all levels had access to the risk screening information, including the inmate responses.

# Corrective Action

The facility will need to ensure that any inmates who disclose prior sexual victimization are offered a follow-up with mental health and are seen within fourteen days (if accepted). A list of inmates who disclose prior sexual victimization and their associated mental health follow-up documents will need to be provided to the auditor. Additionally, the facility will need to modify the permissions to ensure only staff with a need to know have access to the risk screening responses. Once this is complete the facility will need to provide confirmation of the limitation.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

# Additional Documents:

- 1. Assurance Memorandum Related to Mental Health Follow-Ups
- 2. Staff Training Records
- Restricted Access to Risk Screening Ticket
- 4. Memorandum Related to Risk Screening Restricted Access
- 5. Mental Health Follow-Up Documents
- 6. Training Process Memorandum

On May 2, 2023 the agency corrected the access issue. The agency provided an initial IT ticket requesting that access to the Housing Risk Assessment screen or

corresponding reports be limited to specific profiles. The ticket included the list of profiles that can request access and noted that the basic security profile should not have access. The auditor confirmed the profiles listed for access were those that complete the Housing Risk Assessment or those with a need to know for security and management purposes. Additionally, the PC issued a memo to all Superintendents advising of the corrective action and advising them that the IMS Basic Security profile no longer supports access to the housing risk factor response screen and that they would need to deem any line staff in specialized roles that do need access and submit a ticket to have the access added to their IMS profile.

On June 9, 2023 the facility provided a memo from the Health Service Administrator indicating the mental health follow-ups were not being offered during risk reassessments, but that they have implemented the process at the facility and would offer them moving forward.

On July 17, 2023 the facility provided a process memo from the Mental Health Director. The memo indicated that those that have a "yes" response to prior victimization or abusiveness will have it documented whether the patient engaged or declined the offer. The memo advises that is the responsibility of Wellpath Mental Health to track and ensure these follow-ups are completed within fourteen days.

On August 15, 2023 the facility provided documentation confirming that mental health staff were provided training on this process during Health Service Administrative meetings on August 8, 2023 and August 15, 2023.

On September 22, 2023 the facility provided one example of an inmate who reported prior sexual victimization during the risk screening. The inmate was provided a follow-up with mental health, however it was outside of the fourteen day timeframe.

On October 6, 2023 the facility uploaded a signed training process memorandum that detailed the process for the intake risk screening process and any necessary mental health follow-ups. The memo included a signature page from all staff that touch any portion of this process. Due to the low number of individuals with prior sexual victimization and prior abusiveness at this facility type the auditor accepted additional training with staff on this process. Additionally, medical and mental health staff see every inmate that arrives at the facility and are able to provide necessary services. Additionally, all inmates that arrive at Pondville have been screened for their risk of victimization at least one, if not multiple other MDOC facilities.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

# 115.82 Access to emergency medical and mental health services Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

# **Auditor Discussion**

## Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 519 Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
- 3. 103 DOC 650 Mental Health Services
- 4. Medical/Mental Health Documents (Secondary Documents)

# Interviews:

- 1. Interview with Medical and Mental Health Staff
- 2. 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 15 states that inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. A qualified health care professional shall evaluate and document the extent of physical injury and provide emergency medical treatment as needed. 103 DOC 650, page 43 states 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. Page 45 further states that inmate victims of sexual abuse shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment. During the tour the auditor noted that the health services are consisted of a small reception area with benches and two exam rooms. Both exam rooms had a door with a window and window blinds. Interviews with medical and mental health care staff confirm that inmates receive timely and unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. Both staff stated that inmates are provided services immediately. The staff confirmed services are based on their professional judgement as well as policy and procedure. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment reported and as such no medical or mental health documentation was reviewed. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.82 (b): 103 DOC 519, pages 14-15 state 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.), receive the reporter's information on what took place, immediately escort the inmate victim to the institution's Health Services Unit for emergency medical care/mental health treatment; enter detailed information on the IMS incident report before the end of the shift and remain on shift until debrief by the sexual assault investigator. 103 DOC 650, page 45 states that if no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, security staff first responders shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim and shall immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners. The interview with the security first responder indicated he would separate the victim and perpetrator, notify the Shift Commander, secure the scene for evidence, ask the victim and ensure the perpetrator do not take any action to destroy evidence, make note of any behavior/appearance, escort the victim to health services and write an incident report. The non-security first responder stated she would stay with the person until someone else is able to help secure the scene and she would report it to the Shift Commander. She stated she would also write a report before she left.

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 16 state 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. Policy further states that in cases where the inmate victim refuses treatment, the inmate victim shall sign a Refusal of Treatment form. Provisions shall be made for testing sexually transmitted diseases (e.g. HIV, gonorrhea, hepatitis) as well as prophylactic treatment, follow-up care and counseling. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment reported and as such no medical or mental health documentation was reviewed. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted. Interviews with medical and mental health care staff confirm that inmates receive timely information and access to emergency contraception and sexual transmitted infection prophylaxis.

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 17 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, a review of medical and mental health documents and information from interviews with medical and mental health care staff, this standard appears to be compliant.

# Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

# **Auditor Discussion**

# Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 103 DOC 519 Sexual Harassment/Abuse Response and Prevention
- 3. 103 DOC 650 Mental Health Services
- 4. Wellpath 57.00 Sexual Assault/PREA Compliance
- 5. Medical/Mental Health Documents (Secondary Documents)

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1. Interview with Medical and Mental Health Staff

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, page 43 states 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. Page 45 further states that mental health shall offer a mental health evaluation, and as appropriate, follow-up treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison. The evaluation and treatment of such victims shall include as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer or placement in, other facilities, or their release from DOC custody. During the tour the auditor noted that the health services are consisted of a small reception area with benches and two exam rooms. Both exam rooms had a door with a window and window blinds. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment reported and as such no medical or mental health documentation was reviewed. A review of documentation for five inmates that disclosed prior sexual victimization indicated all five were seen by mental health, two were seen within fourteen days.

115.83 (b): 103 DOC 650, page 45 states that mental health shall offer a mental health evaluation, and as appropriate, follow-up treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison. The evaluation and treatment of such victims shall include as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer or placement in, other facilities, or their release from DOC custody. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment reported and as such no medical or mental health

documentation was reviewed. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted. Interviews with medical and mental health care staff confirmed that they provide follow-up service, treatment plans and referrals to inmate victims of sexual abuse. Staff stated a few of the services include: SAFE/SANE, an exposure panel, a mental health referral and a formal mental health evaluation.

115.83 (c): All medical and mental health care staff are required to have the appropriate credentials and licensures. The facility utilizes Beth Israel for forensic medical examinations. A review of secondary medical and mental health documentation indicated that inmates have immediate access to medical and mental health care when needed, including urgent and routine services. 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 57.00, page 2 states that patient victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered testing for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment reported and as such no medical or mental health documentation was reviewed. There were zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted. A review of secondary medical documentation confirmed that inmates are provide routine and urgent medical and mental health services, including access to testing.

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 17

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 zero inmates who reported sexual abuse during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

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 650, page 45 states that a mental health evaluation of all known inmate on inmate abusers shall be conducted within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and mental health staff shall offer treatment when deemed clinically appropriate. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse reported and as such there were no known inmate-on-inmate abusers. Interviews with medical and mental health staff indicated that medical was not aware of the requirement but the mental health care staff member stated she would follow whatever policy states. She indicated because the facility is a lower security level, an inmate perpetrator would be transferred immediately to a higher security level facility where they would conduct an evaluation.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 103 DOC 650, Wellpath 57.00, a review of medical and mental health documents and information from interviews with medical and mental health care staff, this standard appears to be compliant.

## 115.86 Sexual abuse incident reviews

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

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

### Interviews:

- 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 22 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 there were zero criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility, excluding only "unfounded" incidents. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no documentation was available for review under this provision.

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 22 states that incident reviews shall ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. The PAQ indicated there were zero sexual abuse incident review completed by the facility within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation, excluding only "unfounded" incidents. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no documentation was available for review under this provision.

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 22 states that each institution shall establish a PREA committee comprised of the PREA 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. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no documentation was available for review under this provision. The interview with the Warden Designee confirmed that the facility has a sexual abuse incident review team and the team consists of upper level management, line supervisors, investigators medical staff and mental health care staff.

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 an any recommendations

for improvement, and submits each report to the facility head and PCM. 103 DOC 519, pages 22-23 state 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 cause by other group dynamics at the facility; examine where the incident where 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. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no documentation was available for review under this provision. Interviews with the Warden Designee, PCM and incident review team member confirmed that these sexual abuse incident reviews are being completed and they include all the required elements under this provision. The Warden Designee stated that they use the information from the sexual abuse incident reviews to identify adequate staffing and video monitoring, any structural concerns and any operational procedural changes or policy change and/or training. The PCM stated that sexual abuse incident reviews are completed although they have not had to complete any at Pondville. The PCM stated that after the report is submitted if there were any issues or recommendations he would ensure they take any necessary actions at the facility.

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, pages 22-23 state 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. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported and as such no documentation was available for review under this provision.

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

115.87	Data collection
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

### Documents:

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

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. 103 DOC 519, page 23 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 PREA Annual Report confirmed that aggregated data is compared for the two prior years and is broken down by incident types and outcome 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 23 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 PREA Annual Report confirmed that aggregated data for every allegation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment for each MADOC facility is compared for the two prior years and is broken down by incident types and outcome 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 23 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 this standard is not applicable as the agency does not contract with private facilities for the confinement of its inmates. 103 DOC 519, page 23 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 PREA 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 23 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.

115.88	Data review for corrective action		
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard		
	Auditor Discussion		
	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 23-24 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 that the agency collects accurate uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment through the PREA database. He stated the agency would look at any problem areas through the sexual abuse incident review data to determine if incidents could have been prevented or what corrective action needs to be implemented in order to prevent an incident in the future. The Agency Head Designee stated that the information is reviewed in real time and corrective action is taken on an ongoing basis. The PC confirmed that the agency aggregates sexual abuse data and that it is securely retained. He stated that they have a PREA database where they track allegations and they also recently purchased a new software application that gathers and aggregates data on the current inmate population. He stated that the data is backed up on servers and that the servers are very well protected from intrusion. He confirmed that if there is an issue identified from data collection and review that they would address the issue through corrective action immediately. He confirmed that corrective action is completed on an ongoing basis and they would not let issue sit. The PC stated that the agency completes an annual report which is provided to the Commissioner. He stated the report contains information on corrective action and it is published on the agency's website. The interview with the PCM indicated that the facility submits their data to the oversight agency via the PC and they make that part of the overall agency data.

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 24 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. The PAQ indicated the annual reports are approved by the Agency Head but further communication with the PC indicated this should have been marked yes. 103 DOC 519, page 24 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 the PREA Coordinator completes the annual report and it is submitted to the Agency Head for review. He stated the Agency Head will review it and sign off on it and then the report is posted to the website. 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. The PAQ stated that the agency indicates the nature of material redacted. 103 DOC 519, page 24 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 PREA 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 the agency would redact any information that is considered a security threat and any personal information such as names or numbers. He stated there would be an explanation of why the information was redacted. The PC stated that while they would redact, the annual report does not contain any information that would need redacted. He stated the report contains only numbers, data and non-specifically identifiable information.

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.

# 115.89 Data storage, publication, and destruction Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion

#### 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 24 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 PC stated that the sexual abuse and sexual harassment data is backed up on servers and that the servers are very well protected from intrusion. He confirmed that the data is securely retained.

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, page 24 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 24 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 24 states 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 PREA 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.

# 115.401 Frequency and scope of audits

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

### **Auditor Discussion**

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 on the agency's website indicates 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 on the agency's website indicates that at least one third of the agency's facilities are audited each year. The facility is being audited in the third 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 retain

physical and electronic copies of all documents; was permitted to conduct private interviews and was able to receive confidential information/correspondence from inmates.

115.401 (n): The facility provided the auditor with photos of the audit announcement indicating that the audit announcement was placed throughout the facility six weeks prior to the on-site portion of the audit. During the on-site portion of the auditor observed the audit announcement posted on the walls all over the facility, including in the housing areas. The audit announcements were on bright neon colored letter size paper in English and Spanish. The audit announcements advised inmates that information sent to the auditor would remain confidential, with limited exceptions. Additionally, the Inmate Handbook states that inmates are permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the DOJ PREA auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel.

115.403	Audit contents and findings			
Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard				
	Auditor Discussion			
	Findings (By Provision):			
	115.403 (f): MADOC facilities were audited during the three year audit cycle and reports are available online at https://www.mass.gov/lists/prea-reports. A list of all MADOC facilities is available online and a cross reference of facilities with the audit reports confirms compliance with this standard.			

Appendix: Provision Findings				
115.11 (a)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator			
	Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes		
	Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes		
115.11 (b)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment coordinator	nt; PREA		
	Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator?	yes		
	Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy?	yes		
	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		
115.11 (c)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment coordinator	nt; PREA		
	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		
	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		
115.12 (a)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement o	f inmates		
	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		
115.12 (b)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement o	f inmates		
	Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure	yes		

	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.)	
115.13 (a)	Supervision and monitoring	
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into	yes

	consideration: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards?	
	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
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any other relevant factors?	yes
115.13 (b)	Supervision and monitoring	
	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
115.13 (c)	Supervision and monitoring	
	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
	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
	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
115.13 (d)	Supervision and monitoring	
	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
	Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts?	yes
	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

115.14 (a)	Youthful inmates	
	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).)	na
115.14 (b)	Youthful inmates	
	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).)	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).)	na
115.14 (c)	Youthful inmates	
	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).)	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).)	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).)	na
115.15 (a)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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
115.15 (b)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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.)	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	na

	facility does not have female inmates.)	
115.15 (c)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?	yes
	Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates)?	na
115.15 (d)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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
	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
	Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit?	yes
115.15 (e)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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
	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
115.15 (f)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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
	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

115.16 (a)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	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
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication	yes

	with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have intellectual disabilities?	
	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
	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
115.16 (b)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English
	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
	Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
115.16 (c)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English
115.16 (c)		yes
115.16 (c) 115.17 (a)	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?	
	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?	
	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?  Hiring and promotion decisions  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	yes
	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?  Hiring and promotion decisions  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)?  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	yes

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	may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two bullets immediately above?	
	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
	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
	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 two bullets immediately above?	yes
115.17 (b)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates?	yes
	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
115.17 (c)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, does the agency perform a criminal background records check?	yes
	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
115.17 (d)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates?	yes

115.17 (e)	Hiring and promotion decisions		
	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	
115.17 (f)	Hiring and promotion decisions		
	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	
	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	
	Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?	yes	
115.17 (g)	Hiring and promotion decisions		
	Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?	yes	
115.17 (h)	Hiring and promotion decisions		
	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	
115.18 (a)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies		
	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.)	na	
115.18 (b)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies		

	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
115.21 (a)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
115.21 (b)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
	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
115.21 (c)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
	Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?	yes
	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

	Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?	yes
115.21 (d)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?	yes
	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.)	na
	Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?	yes
115.21 (e)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
	As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?	yes
115.21 (f)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
115.21 (h)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
115.22 (a)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations

Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?	yes
Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?	yes
Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations
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
Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?	yes
Does the agency document all such referrals?	yes
Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations
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
Employee training	
Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
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
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
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
Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?	yes
	investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?  Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?  Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig 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?  Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?  Does the agency document all such referrals?  Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig 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).)  Employee training  Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  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?  Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment  Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  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?

	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?	yes
	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
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates?	yes
	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
	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
115.31 (b)	Employee training	
	Is such training tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility?	yes
	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
115.31 (c)	Employee training	
	Have all current employees who may have contact with inmates received such training?	yes
	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
	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
115.31 (d)	Employee training	
	Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?	yes
115.32 (a)	Volunteer and contractor training	

	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
115.32 (b)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	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
115.32 (c)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?	yes
115.33 (a)	Inmate education	
	During intake, do inmates receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do inmates receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
115.33 (b)	Inmate education	
	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
	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
	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
115.33 (c)	Inmate education	
	Have all inmates received the comprehensive education referenced in 115.33(b)?	yes

	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
115.33 (d)	Inmate education	
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills?	yes
115.33 (e)	Inmate education	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions?	yes
115.33 (f)	lumete education	
TT3:33 (I)	Inmate education	
113.33 (1)	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
	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	yes
	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
115.34 (a)	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?  Specialized training: Investigations  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	
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	Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	
	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
	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
115.34 (c)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	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
115.35 (a)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	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
	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
	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

	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.)	
115.35 (b)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	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.)	na
115.35 (c)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	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
115.35 (d)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	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
	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
115.41 (a)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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
	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
115.41 (b)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?	yes
115.41 (c)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective	yes

	screening instrument?	
115.41 (d)	(d) Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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 nonconforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)?	yes
	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
	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
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10)	yes

	Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes?	
115.41 (e)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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
	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
	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
115.41 (f)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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
115.41 (g)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a referral?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a request?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to an incident of sexual abuse?	yes
	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
115.41 (h)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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
115.41 (i)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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	yes

	information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates?	
115.42 (a)	Use of screening information	
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
115.42 (b)	Use of screening information	
	Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate?	yes
115.42 (c)	Use of screening information	
	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
	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	yes

	present management or security problems?	
115.42 (d)	Use of screening information	
	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
115.42 (e)	Use of screening information	
	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
115.42 (f)	Use of screening information	
	Are transgender and intersex inmates given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates?	yes
115.42 (g)	Use of screening information	
	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 degree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
	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: transgender 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 degree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
	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: intersex 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	yes

	solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent degree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	
115.43 (a)	Protective Custody	
	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
	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
115.43 (b)	Protective Custody	
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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.)	na
	If the facility restricts 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.)	na
	If the facility restricts 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.)	na
115.43 (c)	Protective Custody	

	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
	Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days?	yes
115.43 (d)	Protective Custody	
	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
	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
115.43 (e)	Protective Custody	
	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
115.51 (a)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	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
	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
115.51 (b)	Inmate reporting	
	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
	Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?	yes
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	Does that private entity or office allow the inmate to remain	yes

	anonymous upon request?	
	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.)	na
115.51 (c)	Inmate reporting	
	Does staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?	yes
	Does staff promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.51 (d)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates?	yes
115.52 (a)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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.	no
115.52 (b)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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
	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
115.52 (c)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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	yes

	this standard.)	
	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
115.52 (d)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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
	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
	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
115.52 (e)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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
	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
	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
115.52 (f)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	

	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.)	
	Does the facility enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?	yes
115.53 (b)	Inmate access to outside confidential support service	es
	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
115.53 (c)	Inmate access to outside confidential support service	es
	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
	Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?	yes
115.54 (a)	Third-party reporting	
	Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate?	yes
115.61 (a)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	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
	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
	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	yes

	abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?	
115.61 (b)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	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
115.61 (c)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	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
	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
115.61 (d)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	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
115.61 (e)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	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
115.62 (a)	Agency protection duties	
	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
115.63 (a)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	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
115.63 (b)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?	yes

115.63 (c)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
115.63 (d)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?	yes
115.64 (a)	Staff first responder duties	
	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
	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
	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
	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
115.64 (b)	Staff first responder duties	
	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
115.65 (a)	Coordinated response	
	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	yes

	response to an incident of sexual abuse?	
115.66 (a)	Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers	
	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 limit 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
115.67 (a)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	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
	Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?	yes
115.67 (b)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	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
115.67 (c)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	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
	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
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of	yes

	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?	
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
115.67 (d)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
115.67 (e)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	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
115.68 (a)	Post-allegation protective custody	
	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
115.71 (a)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations	yes

	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).)	
	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
115.71 (b)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
115.71 (c)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?	yes
	Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?	yes
	Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator?	yes
115.71 (d)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
115.71 (e)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
	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
115.71 (f)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse?	yes

	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
115.71 (g)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
115.71 (h)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
115.71 (i)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
115.71 (j)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
115.71 (I)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
115.72 (a)	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations	
	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
115.73 (a)	Reporting to inmates	
	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

115.73 (b)	Reporting to inmates	
	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
115.73 (c)	Reporting to inmates	
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, 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 resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
115.73 (d)	Reporting to inmates	
	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
	Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually	yes

	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?	
115.73 (e)	Reporting to inmates	
	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
115.76 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?	yes
115.76 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes
115.76 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	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
115.76 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	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
	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
115.77 (a)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with inmates?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?	yes

	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.77 (b)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	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
115.78 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	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
115.78 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	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
115.78 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	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
115.78 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	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
115.78 (e)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	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
115.78 (f)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	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	yes

	evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation?	
115.78 (g)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	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
115.81 (a)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	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
115.81 (b)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	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
115.81 (c)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	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? (N/A if the facility is not a jail).	na
115.81 (d)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	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
115.81 (e)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior	yes

	sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18?	
115.82 (a)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	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
115.82 (b)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	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
	Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes
115.82 (c)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	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
115.82 (d)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	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
115.83 (a)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	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
115.83 (b)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	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
115.83 (c)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a	buse

	victims and abusers		
	Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?	yes	
115.83 (d)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers		
	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.)	na	
115.83 (e)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual al victims and abusers	buse	
	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.)	na	
115.83 (f)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual al victims and abusers	buse	
	Are inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?	yes	
115.83 (g)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual al victims and abusers	buse	
	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	
115.83 (h)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual al victims and abusers	buse	
	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	

115.86 (a)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	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
115.86 (b)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	yes
115.86 (c)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?	yes
115.86 (d)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	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
	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
	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
	Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?	yes
	Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?	yes
	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
115.86 (e)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	yes

115.87 (a)	Data collection	
	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
115.87 (b)	Data collection	
	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
115.87 (c)	Data collection	
	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
115.87 (d)	Data collection	
	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
115.87 (e)	Data collection	
	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.)	na
115.87 (f)	Data collection	
	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
115.88 (a)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant	yes
	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?	
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115.88 (b)	Data review for corrective action	
	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
115.88 (c)	Data review for corrective action	
	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
115.88 (d)	Data review for corrective action	
	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
115.89 (a)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?	yes
115.89 (b)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	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
115.89 (c)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes
115.89 (d)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	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
115.401 (a)	Frequency and scope of audits	

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.)  115.401    Frequency and scope of audits			
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	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, there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.)	yes