

PREA Facility Audit Report: Final

Name of Facility: Rescue Mission of Utica Community Based Residential Program

Facility Type: Community Confinement

Date Interim Report Submitted: 12/08/2023

Date Final Report Submitted: 02/04/2024

Auditor Certification	
The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.	<input type="checkbox"/>
No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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AUDITOR INFORMATION	
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Start Date of On-Site Audit:	10/24/2023
End Date of On-Site Audit:	10/24/2023

FACILITY INFORMATION	
Facility name:	Rescue Mission of Utica Community Based Residential Program
Facility physical address:	██████████, Utica, New York - 13501
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Name:	
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Facility Characteristics	
Designed facility capacity:	15
Current population of facility:	12
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	12
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:	23 - 69
Facility security levels/resident custody levels:	N/A
Number of staff currently employed at the	13

facility who may have contact with residents:	
Number of individual contractors who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	0
Number of volunteers who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	0

AGENCY INFORMATION	
Name of agency:	Rescue Mission of Utica, Inc.
Governing authority or parent agency (if applicable):	
Physical Address:	██████████, Utica, New York - 13501
Mailing Address:	
Telephone number:	

Agency Chief Executive Officer Information:	
Name:	
Email Address:	
Telephone Number:	

Agency-Wide PREA Coordinator Information			
Name:	Jennifer Hatch	Email Address:	Jennifer.Hatch@UticaMission.org

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:

2

- 115.211 - Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
- 115.231 - Employee training

Number of standards met:

39

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:	2023-10-24
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2023-10-24

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?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
a. Identify the community-based organization(s) or victim advocates with whom you communicated:	The Vera House, the local victim advocate was contacted.

AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION

14. Designated facility capacity:	15
15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	12
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	1
17. Does the facility ever hold youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit:	9
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:	0
39. Enter the total number of inmates/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:	1
40. Enter the total number of inmates/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:	0
41. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
42. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
43. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	1

<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>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):</p>	<p>The facility does not track residents with these characteristics. All residents were identified during the audit process.</p>
<p>Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit</p>	
<p>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:</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>

<p>51. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>No 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.</p>
<p>INTERVIEWS</p>	
<p>Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews</p>	
<p>Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews</p>	
<p>53. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>54. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees: (select all that apply)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic, Non-Hispanic)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Length of time in the facility</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing assignment</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p>
<p>55. How did you ensure your sample of RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees was geographically diverse?</p>	<p>To ensure the interviews were geographically diverse the auditor selected interviewees by using: age, race, ethnicity, length of time in the facility, housing assignment, and gender.</p>
<p>56. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/resident/detainee interviews?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>

57. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	No additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random residents.
Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
58. Enter the total number of TARGETED INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	2
<p>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".</p>	
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:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.

<p>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).</p>	<p>The auditor ensured no resident with this characteristic was at the facility through staff interviews and interacting with all the residents housed at the time of the audit.</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>The auditor ensured no resident with this characteristic was at the facility through staff interviews and interacting with all the residents housed at the time of the audit.</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>

<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>The auditor ensured no resident with this characteristic was at the facility through staff interviews and interacting with all the residents housed at the time of the audit.</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>The auditor ensured no resident with this characteristic was at the facility through staff interviews and interacting with all the residents housed at the time of the audit.</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>1</p>

<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>The auditor ensured no resident with this characteristic was at the facility through staff interviews and interacting with all the residents housed at the time of the audit.</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>The auditor ensured no resident with this characteristic was at the facility through staff interviews and interacting with all the residents housed at the time of the audit.</p>

<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>The auditor ensured no resident with this characteristic was at the facility through staff interviews and interacting with all the residents housed at the time of the audit.</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>

<p>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).</p>	<p>The auditor ensured no resident with this characteristic was at the facility through staff interviews and interacting with all the residents housed at the time of the audit.</p>
<p>70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):</p>	<p>No additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted residents.</p>
<p>Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interviews</p>	
<p>Random Staff Interviews</p>	
<p>71. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>72. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that apply)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Length of tenure in the facility</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shift assignment</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work assignment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rank (or equivalent)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p>
<p>73. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>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):</p>	<p>No additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random staff.</p>

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):	8
76. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
77. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent or their designee?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
78. Were you able to interview the PREA Coordinator?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
79. Were you able to interview the PREA Compliance Manager?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if the agency is a single facility agency or is otherwise not required to have a PREA Compliance Manager per the Standards)

80. Select which SPECIALIZED STAFF roles were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)

- Agency contract administrator
- Intermediate or higher-level facility staff responsible for conducting and documenting unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- Line staff who supervise youthful inmates (if 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 non-security staff
- Intake staff

	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
81. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
82. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
83. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.	No additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.

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.

84. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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Was the site review an active, inquiring process that included the following:

85. Observations of all facility practices in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., signage, supervision practices, cross-gender viewing and searches)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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<p>86. Tests of all critical functions in the facility in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., risk screening process, access to outside emotional support services, interpretation services)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>87. Informal conversations with inmates/residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>88. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not required)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>All comments regarding the site review are documented in the standard discussions.</p>
<p>Documentation Sampling</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>91. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting additional documentation (e.g., any documentation you oversampled, barriers to selecting additional documentation, etc.).</p>	<p>All additional documentation was selected by the auditor during the onsite portion of the audit.</p>

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	# of allegations that had both criminal and 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 detainee 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 no investigation at the facility during the auditing period.

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

<p>105. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</p>
<p>Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review</p>	
<p>106. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Explain why you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files:</p>	<p>There were no investigation at the facility during the auditing period.</p>
<p>107. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)</p>
<p>Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files</p>	
<p>108. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>109. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT files include criminal investigations?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</p>

<p>110. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</p>
<p>Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files</p>	
<p>111. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>112. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</p>
<p>113. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</p>
<p>114. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.</p>	<p>There were no investigation at the facility during the auditing period.</p>

SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION

DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support Staff

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 pre-onsite 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 NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the pre-onsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.

Yes

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>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.</p>

115.211	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. Organizational Chart <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator

Site Review

115.211 (a) The facility indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has a written policy mandating zero tolerance of all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in facilities it operates directly or under contract. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act dictates The Rescue Mission of Utica, Inc.'s Community Based Residential Program (CBRP) is a Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) program, and it shall maintain a zero tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Any person who becomes aware of or suspects sexual abuse, or sexual harassment must report it immediately to the Program Director, Director of Operations, the PREA Officer or higher authority. All residents and staff have the right to work in an environment free of sexual harassment and sexual abuse. I reviewed the policy in its entirety, as well as questioned staff members on its content and applicable sections to their specific duties within the facility. The staff understood the policy and its practical application to the daily operation of the facility.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.211 (b). The facility indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency employs or designates an upper-level, agency-wide PREA Coordinator who has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards. The agency has designated an agency wide PREA Coordinator. During the interview, she related that she has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards. I found the Agency PREA Coordinator to be well versed in the PREA Standards and their daily application. The PREA Coordinator is in the upper level of management and reports directly to the Executive Director.

During the interviews at the facility, I was informed that the Agency PREA Coordinator is always accessible to answer questions and provide advice on PREA related issues. I was also advised that the Agency PREA Coordinator will spot check the facilities to ensure that they are consistent in the application of the agency policies that apply to PREA.

Prior to the onsite audit all documentation was reviewed, during the onsite portion I observed the policies in daily practice, and this was further confirmed during my interviews with both staff and residents.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

	<p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with these provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.212	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator <p>115.212 (a)(b). The agency indicated in the PAQ that they have not entered into or renewed a contract for the confinement of residents on or after August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later. The PREA Coordinator confirmed that the agency does not contract for the housing of residents.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with these provisions of the standard.</p>

115.213	Supervision and monitoring
	<p data-bbox="280 188 983 224">Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="280 264 564 300">Auditor Discussion</p> <p data-bbox="280 340 1404 376">The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p data-bbox="280 416 647 452">Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="280 488 750 524">a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire <li data-bbox="280 560 1436 631">b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act <li data-bbox="280 667 715 703">c. Staffing Plan FY 2023 <p data-bbox="280 815 427 851">Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="280 887 663 922">a. PREA Coordinator <li data-bbox="280 958 529 994">b. Director <li data-bbox="280 1030 606 1066">c. Random Staff <p data-bbox="280 1173 446 1209">Site Review</p> <p data-bbox="280 1317 1468 1729">115.213 (a). The facility indicated in their response to the PAQ 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 for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against abuse. Compliance was determined by reviewing the policies. I further questioned the staff about the policies and the ability to fully staff the facility. I was informed that the facility utilizes overtime if needed. The staffing plan is predicated on an average daily population of 15 residents. According to the auditor’s interview with the Director and PREA Coordinator, the agency has adopted a model based upon the current staffing levels and are determined by identifying daily population needs.</p> <p data-bbox="280 1765 1468 1841">The auditor’s review of the agency’s staffing plan revealed the agency is detailed in defining what positions are required to meet minimum staffing levels on each shift.</p> <p data-bbox="280 1877 1468 2083">During the site review, no areas were identified that needed additional or enhanced supervision. The site review revealed sound correctional practices that serve to mitigate risk presented by physical plant, video surveillance, and/or staffing limitations (i.e. regular unannounced rounds; locked doors; open or low shelving; mirrors; controlled movement; open floor plans; adequate supervision ratios; etc.).</p>

	<p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>115.213 (b). The facility indicated in their response to the PAQ that each time the staffing plan is not complied with the facility documents and justifies all deviations from the staffing plan. In the past 12 months, the facility reported that there have been no deviations from the staffing plan. The staff confirmed any deviations from the staffing plan are documented.</p> <p>While deviations are possible, the Director stated that any reduction in staffing realized by the facility is augmented using voluntary or mandatory overtime in order to comply with the approved staffing plan.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>115.213 (c) The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that at least once every year the agency, in collaboration with the PREA Coordinator, reviews the staffing plan to see whether adjustments are needed to the staffing plan; the deployment of monitoring technology; or the allocation of agency/agency resources to commit to the staffing plan. During discussions with the PREA Coordinator it was confirmed this annual review process took place FY 2023 and was documented. The documentation was reviewed and was found to meet all provisions of the standard.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with these provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.215	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:

Documentation reviewed:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act
- c. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Cross-Gender Viewing & Personal Searches Procedure

Interviews

- a. Staff
- b. Residents

Site Review

115.215 (a) (b)(c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency does not conduct cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of residents. In the past 12 months, the staff have conducted zero cross-gender strip or cross-gender body cavity searches. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Cross-Gender Viewing & Personal Searches Procedure states that Cross gender strip searches and body cavity searches are prohibited. If exigent circumstances arise and a strip search or a cross gender strip search must be conducted for safety or security reasons, the incident shall be immediately reported to the PREA Coordinator and documented via incident report. The CBRP staff do not conduct searches of CBRP residents. If a search is needed, the staff contact the resident's parole officer, and the parole officer will conduct a limited visual search and/or a personal items search following the parole officer's policies and procedures. A private area will be made available to the parole officer and CBRP resident to complete a search in order to maintain the privacy and dignity of the CBRP resident.

The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the facility is an all-male facility. This was confirmed through interviews and during the site review.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.215 (b)(c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the facility is

an all-male facility. This was confirmed through interviews and during the site review.

115.215 (d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has implemented policies and procedures that enable residents 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 checks. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Cross-Gender Viewing & Personal Searches Procedure mandates all residents shall be able to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without being viewed by staff of the opposite gender. When a staff member of the Rescue Mission of the opposite gender is on-site, the staff member shall announce their presence when entering an area where residents are likely to be showering, performing bodily functions, or changing clothing.

During the onsite audit phase, the auditor viewed the shower areas and toilet areas from multiple vantage points, to ensure that staff did not have the ability to observe genitalia. The auditor's view of these areas confirmed that staff did not have the ability to see inside the showers or toilets which were outfitted with doors and curtains. The showers and toilets are adequately private and are single occupancy with a closing door.

All residents interviewed stated they have not been observed by an opposite gender staff member in a state of undress. All staff members affirmed that there are policies and procedures in place to prevent opposite gender viewing.

The auditor heard opposite gender announcements being made on behalf when a opposite gender staff member was not already present. Random interviewed staff members stated that the announcement is consistently completed. All interviewed residents confirmed the announcements were made.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.215 (e). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has a policy prohibiting staff from searching or physically examining a transgender or intersex residents for the sole purpose of determining the resident 's genital status. Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Cross-Gender Viewing & Personal Searches Procedure states staff shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex resident for the sole purpose of determining genital status.

In accordance with the policy, the agency reported that no such search has occurred

	<p>in the past 12 months. Interviews with staff confirmed that agency policy prohibits them from searching a transgender or intersex resident for the sole purpose of determining the resident 's genital status.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>115.215 (f). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that 0 percent of all security staff received training on conducting cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner, consistent with security needs. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Cross-Gender Viewing & Personal Searches Procedure states that Cross gender strip searches and body cavity searches are prohibited. If exigent circumstances arise and a strip search or a cross gender strip search must be conducted for safety or security reasons, the incident shall be immediately reported to the PREA Coordinator and documented via incident report. The CBRP staff do not conduct searches of CBRP residents. If a search is needed, the staff contact the resident's parole officer, and the parole officer will conduct a limited visual search and/or a personal items search following the parole officer's policies and procedures. A private area will be made available to the parole officer and CBRP resident to complete a search in order to maintain the privacy and dignity of the CBRP resident.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with these provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.216	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:

Documentation reviewed:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act
- c. Spanish PREA Information
- e. Compass Interpreters Language Line

Interviews

- a. Random staff
- b. Targeted Residents

Site Review

115.216 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that they agency has established procedures to provide disabled residents equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse or sexual harassment Policy and PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states that 1)

All residents will have every opportunity to participate in all aspects of sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection and response. The program shall ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities or limited English proficient. During the onsite review, intake staff who is tasked with providing PREA materials stated they ask all new residents if they understand the information they receive; they have not received any negative responses but would engage support services if someone responded affirmatively. The staff reported that if a person's disability prevents understanding, the agency is equipped to respond with a variety of interventions to ensure effective communications.

During the onsite audit phase interviews were conducted with residents with varying degrees of limitations. Each indicated that they are provided with access to agency services and are provided with accessible material regarding their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, as well as information about reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.216 (b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has established procedures to provide those 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 or sexual harassment. The agency utilizes Compass Interpreters Language Line. The agency shared a copy of documentation, which includes contact information for the services. As with disabled residents, the intake staff confirms understanding the LEP population when providing intake education; they are familiar with the method to connect with language assistance services.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.216 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency prohibits the use of resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties, or the investigation of the resident's allegations. The agency engages interpretation services to avoid using residents in this capacity. The agency has not used a resident in this capacity in the past 12 months.

The auditor's interview with the PREA Coordinator verified the information provided during the pre- onsite audit phase; there have not been any instances in the past 12 months where resident interpreters, readers, or other types of resident assistants have been used.

Interviews with random staff confirmed that they were not aware of any instance where a resident interpreter was used to assist with first responder or investigative actions.

During the site review of the agency, the auditor observed PREA posters displayed throughout the facility in Spanish, as well as English. Information pertaining to PREA is also provided to residents in Spanish and English during the intake process.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is

	compliant with all provisions of the standard.
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115.217	Hiring and promotion decisions
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. Sample Background Checks d. Hiring Process Policy 514 e. Criminal History Record Check Policy, Policy 516 <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Random staff b. Human Resources Staff <p>115.217 (a, b, f). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency prohibits hiring or promoting anyone who may have contact with residents and prohibits enlisting the services of a contractor who may have contact with residents who may have engaged in any of the conduct detailed in this provision. The agency also considers any incidents of sexual harassment when making such decisions. The agency does not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with resident s, who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. has engaged in sexual violence, or staff sexual misconduct of a resident in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement agency, juvenile agency or other institution; b. 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; or c. has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the

activity described immediately above.

Hiring Process Policy 514 outlines this process, all applicants/contractors complete a form through the agency which asks the questions pertaining to the behaviors outlined in the provision.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with these provisions.

115.217 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that agency policy requires that before it hires any new employees who may have contact with residents, it (a) conducts criminal background record checks, and (b) consistent with federal, state, and local law, makes 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. The agency reported one hundred percent of individuals hired in the past 12 months who may have contact with residents had a criminal background record check completed.

Criminal History Record Check Policy details the agency's criminal background check expectation. The required pre-employment process includes using data from local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, prior employers, and any agency, department, company, individual, or service may be contacted if it is deemed that such agency has pertinent background information.

The auditor reviewed random records, including those of contractors, and accompanying forms that document the application process, including the previous employer inquiry process and criminal background checks. The staff confirmed that when a prospective employee or contractor reports having been employed by another confinement agency and requests employment at the agency, contact is made with the prior agency during the background investigation process.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.217 (d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that agency policy requires a criminal background check be completed before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents. Policy states that all volunteers and contractors shall have a criminal background check completed prior to having contact with any resident. Any volunteer or contractor involved in sexual misconduct 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 shall not be enlisted to provide services to any residents.

In the past 12 months, the agency reported having zero contracts for services where criminal background record checks were conducted on all staff covered in the

contract that might have contact with residents. The auditor confirmed with the PREA Coordinator that a criminal history check would be conducted on all contractors.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.217 (e). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that agency policy requires a criminal background check be conducted at least every five years for current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents. The agency conducts criminal background records checks at least every five years for current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents. The auditor's interview with staff and random review of files confirmed the five-year criminal history checks.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.217 (g). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that agency policy states that material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states all employees shall have a criminal background check completed at the time of employment, prior to any promotion, and at least once every five years thereafter. All new employees will be appropriately screened by human resources staff before starting employment and are required to disclose any previous misconduct of a sexual nature, whether engaging in, or having attempted to engage in sexual activity facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion; or if the employee has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in any of this activity. Material omissions regarding misconduct or providing false information shall be grounds for termination.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.217 (h). Policy shall be provided 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 for work. Staff confirmed such inquiries are reviewed and responded to in accordance with agency policy.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

	<p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.218	Upgrades to facilities and technology
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <p>a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>a. PREA Coordinator</p> <p>Site Review</p> <p>115.218 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has not acquired a new agency or made a substantial expansion or modification to existing facilities since 8/20/2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later. Upon discussion with the PREA Coordinator, in addition to observations during the site review, since their last PREA audit the agency has not undergone any construction. The PREA Coordinator understood 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, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency’s ability to protect residents from sexual abuse. The staff indicated that the agency works consistently to consider safety and privacy needs of residents, while ensuring direct lines of sight and using tools, like mirrors, windows, and cameras, to assist with supervision.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance</p>

with this provision.

115.218 (b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since 8/20/2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later. The PREA Coordinator confirmed that the agency has not installed or added cameras since the last PREA audit. I confirmed that when installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, the agency would consider how such technology may enhance the department's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with all provisions of the standard.

115.221	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Pre-Audit Questionnaireb. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Actc. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Sexual Abuse Medical Examinations Policyd. Hospitals with Sexual Assault Forensic Evaluation (SAFE) Programs SAFE/ SANE Contact Information

Interviews

- a. Director
- b. PREA Coordinator

Site Review

115.221 (a)(b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency is not responsible for conducting administrative sexual abuse/sexual harassment investigations. The agency is not responsible for the administrative and criminal investigations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment incidents. These investigations are initially responded to at the facility level; the facility would immediately notify the Office of Special Investigations New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. The investigation would be conducted by the investigators in the Office of Special Investigations New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, and the New York State Police or the Utica Police Department for criminal investigations. This was confirmed with the PREA Coordinator

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.221 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency offers all residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations at an outside agency; the agency does not perform such examinations. Examinations conducted at an outside agency are performed by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners or, when not available, a qualified medical practitioner. In the past 12 months, no residents were transported for forensic medical examinations. When the need arises for care in this context, the agency documents all efforts to provide a SANE.

Any resident would be transported to Upstate University Hospital or St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center which are equipped to provide a SANE examination 24/7.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.221 (d, e, h). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency

attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to the victim, either in person or by other means; such efforts are documented. While an outside advocate is always available on-call thereby eliminating a great majority of the need for the agency to provide an alternate qualified staff member in the event an advocate is unavailable. Support services include supporting the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and providing emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals. Vera House the local Rape Crisis Center would be notified in the event of a SANE examination. Thereafter the investigative agency will make available an advocate during investigatory interviews and for emotional support services. Posters were observed throughout the agency which direct victims to the local advocacy organization, via a phone number, for support services.

During the audit, the auditor conducted an interview with a representative from Vera House who indicated that a victim advocate is available to meet with the resident victim during a SANE exam upon request. In practice, the service provider is staffed to respond to the hospital 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.21 (f). The PREA Coordinator confirmed that the Criminal sexual abuse/sexual harassment investigations are conducted by the Office of Special Investigations New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, and the New York State Police or the Utica Police Department for criminal investigations all agencies have policies in place that follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with all provisions of the standard.

115.222	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:

Documentation reviewed:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act
- c. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Sexual Abuse Medical Examinations Policy

Interviews

- a. PREA Coordinator

115.222 (a, b,c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency ensures an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act dictates that all incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment will be investigated. Any incident involving potential criminal behavior will be immediately reported to local law enforcement for criminal investigation. The Office of Special Investigations New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, and the New York State Police or the Utica Police Department possess legal authority to conduct administrative investigations and criminal investigations.

In the designated 12-month audit period, as evidenced by a review documentation, the agency received and responded to zero allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment.

The PREA Coordinator indicated that the agency ensures an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the

	information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with all provisions of the standard.
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115.231	Employee training
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. Training Records d. Sign offs <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator b. Random Staff <p>Site Review</p> <p>115.231 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency trains all employees who may have contact with resident s on the following topics: the agency’s zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment; how to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures; right of resident s to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment; right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement; 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 relationships with resident s; how to communicate effectively and professionally with resident s, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender-nonconforming resident s; and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities. PREA</p>

Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states During employee orientation and annually thereafter, staff shall receive the following PREA training:

(a) The facility's zero tolerance for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment;

(b) How to fulfill their responsibilities in regards to prevention, detection, reporting, and response;

(c) The resident's right to be free from of sexual abuse and sexual harassment;

(d) resident's and staff member's right to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and

sexual harassment

(e) The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in residential settings, including

determining which residents are most vulnerable,

(f) The common reactions of sexual assault or sexual abuse victims;

(g) How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents;

(h) How to communicate effectively and professionally with all residents, and

(i) How to comply with relevant laws related to the mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to

authorities.

2) Staff shall sign a training document acknowledging that they understand the training.

3) PREA training addresses factors pertaining to both males and females.

The auditor reviewed PREA-related guides, and modules which are utilized to educate all new and existing employees that will have contact with residents on how to fulfill their responsibilities under sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures. The training resources detail each of the sub-topics listed within this provision.

Random and specialized staff who were interviewed reported they received training consistent with each of the ten elements listed above. Staff members were able to articulate training content; knowledge of the agency's zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment policy; an understanding that all staff and residents have a right to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; familiarity with their reporting responsibilities. The auditor also reviewed training reports, which demonstrate receipt of training of the above provisions; 100% of staff completed training.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.231 (b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that training is gender specific and applicable to the male population at the facility. Random and specialized staff who were interviewed reported they received training consistent with the male population.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.231 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that, in between trainings, the agency provides employees who may have contact with residents with refresher information about current policies regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The agency provides PREA training annually.

During the onsite audit phase, the auditor confirmed through random staff interviews that each completed training prior to having contact with residents. I further confirmed the annual training courses include the elements described in provision (a). One hundred percent, as confirmed through a report, of staff members received instruction on the elements required by this provision in 2023.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.231 (d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency documents that employees who may have contact with residents understand the training they have received through employee signature. The auditor reviewed staff training records and confirmed the acknowledgment method that accompanies staff training.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

The agency provides yearly PREA training which includes a policy review. This practice far exceeds the requirements of this standard.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the

	information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with all provisions of the standard.
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115.232	Volunteer and contractor training
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator <p>Site Review</p> <p>115.232 (a)(b)(c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that they have not had any volunteers and contractors authorized to enter the facility. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states All volunteers or contractors who will be working unaccompanied by staff with residents will receive the same training as noted above for employees. All volunteers and contractors who will be working unaccompanied by staff with residents shall sign an acknowledgment that they have received PREA training and that they understand the PREA policy. Volunteers or contractors who have not had background checks conducted will not have contact with residents and will be escorted and supervised by a staff member at all times when in resident areas.</p> <p>During the onsite audit phase, it was confirmed with staff that no unaccompanied volunteers or contractors entered the facility.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic</p>

	<p>evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.233	Resident education
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. PREA Handout d. Resident Sign Off <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Intake Staff b. Random and Targeted Residents c. Random Staff <p>Site Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Posters b. PREA Audit Postings <p>115.233 (a)(b)(c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that residents receive information at the time of intake about the zero-tolerance policy and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. In the past 12</p>

months, 100 percent of newly admitted residents (52) were given this information at intake. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states that during intake orientation, all residents will receive a resident handbook, and a facility handout containing information about PREA. All residents shall sign an acknowledgment that they have received the handbook and the PREA handout which contain the following information:

(a) The facility's zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment; how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse, sexual harassment; their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment; their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents; and agency policy and procedures for responding to such incidents.

(b) The resident handbook, PREA handout, and all related material will be made available in various formats to ensure those residents with limited English proficiencies, deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled residents will be able to participate in all aspects of PREA.

During the resident interviews all interviewed residents confirmed that they had received this information upon intake. All residents were shown the handout. They were all familiar with this and were given one at intake. The residents also confirmed going through an orientation where a video was shown and PREA was further explained.

During the site review I observed a mock intake process, the intake officer indicated that all residents receive the written PREA Information, and they confirm receipt by signing. Random files were reviewed, all residents indicated in writing they had received this information.

The agency utilizes the interpretation line through Compass Interpreters. The agency shared a copy of documentation, which includes contact information for the services. As with disabled residents, the intake staff confirms understanding the LEP population when providing intake education; they are familiar with the method to connect with language assistance services.

The auditor observed that the agency has PREA posters displayed throughout the facilities printed in Spanish and English languages.

The random staff interviewed confirmed these procedures.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.233 (d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency maintains documentation of resident's participation in PREA education. Receipt of education is documented and placed in the resident file. The auditor randomly selected records to review; all records indicated receipt of education as required by this provision or agency policy.

	<p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>115.233 (e). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency ensures key information about the agency’s PREA policies is continuously and readily available or visible through posters, residents handbooks, or other written formats. The auditor observed and reviewed that PREA information at the facilities is made available to residents in several ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resident handout b. PREA Pamphlet c. PREA Posters on housing areas and in common areas <p>The auditor had an opportunity to view all the above resources and activities during the onsite audit phase and had multiple discussions with both staff and residents regarding these resources. Residents were readily able to describe how they could locate or reference a means to report incidents of sexual abuse or harassment.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.234	<p>Specialized training: Investigations</p> <p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act
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	<p>Interviews</p> <p>a. PREA Coordinator</p> <p>115.234 (a)(b)(c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency does not conduct investigations, all investigations would be conducted by the NY DOCCS, the New York State Police or the Utica Police Department. This was confirmed by the PREA Coordinator and NY DOCCS. .</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the facility interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.235	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <p>a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire</p> <p>The facility does not have medical or mental health staff. All services are provided through community providers.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the</p>

	information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with all provisions of the standard.
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115.241 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. PREA Screening forms <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff Responsible for Screening b. Random Residents <p>Site Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Intake/Screening Process <p>115.241 (a). The agency indicated in their responses to the PAQ that the agency has a policy that requires screening (upon admission to a facility) for risk of sexual abuse victimization or sexual abusiveness toward other residents. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act requires that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All residents shall be assessed upon admission to the CBRP. Intake screening shall be conducted immediately upon arrival but no later than 72 hours after arrival. 2) Resident screening shall be completed utilizing the PREA intake screening assessment and shall at a minimum consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The resident's age, physical build;

- (b) Any physical, mental, or development disabilities;
- (c) If the resident has been previously incarcerated, or whether the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization;
- (d) The residents own perception of vulnerability;

- (e) If the resident is perceived as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming;
- (f) Any prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child.

The initial screening is conducted by the case managers in a private setting one on one. They stated an initial risk screening is completed with each resident upon arrival. The risk screenings are conducted as outlined in the policy. All residents remembered completing screening questions. The auditor randomly selected resident records to corroborate the agency's intake screening process.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.241 (b). The agency indicated in their responses to the PAQ that the agency has a policy that requires residents to be screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other residents within 72 hours of intake. In the past 12 months, 51 residents reportedly entered the agency and remained there for 72 hours or more. Of these residents, the agency stated all were screened for risk within 72 hours of admission.

During the pre-onsite phase, the agency directed the auditor to review PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act as evidence of policy compliance. This section directs the screening to take place within 72 hrs.

All residents remembered being asked the applicable screening questions, they further confirmed this occurred during the intake process and within 72 hrs. of arrival at the agency. The auditor randomly selected resident records to corroborate the agency's intake screening process.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.241 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that risk assessments are conducted using an objective screening instrument. A review of the PREA Screening reveals 14 questions or screening measures.

The evidence indicates that the PREA Screening is standardized, consistently administered to all residents, structured using a weighting and scoring mechanism, and culminates in an overall determination at risk or potential predator. The overall screening is appropriately subjective and is compliant with the variables required per 115.41(d).

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.241 (d). The agency's PREA Screening tool is comprised of 14 questions; all of which meet the prescribed criteria for this provision. Specifically, the PREA Screening includes questions in the following areas:

- Whether the offender has a mental, physical, or developmental disability
- The age of the offender
- The physical build of the offender
- Whether the offender has previously been incarcerated
- Whether the offender's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent
- Whether the offender has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child
- Whether the offender is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming
- Whether the offender has previously experienced sexual victimization
- The offender's own perception of vulnerability
- Whether the resident is detained solely for civil immigration purposes

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.241 (e). The PREA Screening includes an assessment of the criteria required by this provision and described in the discussion of 115.41(d). Each of these questions attempts to elicit information about an resident's prior history of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse. Responses are recorded as part of the screening and used to determine each resident's risk of being sexually abusive. The screening tool will score these factors and if over a certain score the resident will be considered a predator.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.241 (f). The agency indicated in their responses to the PAQ that the agency has a policy that requires the agency to reassess each resident 's risk of victimization or abusiveness within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days after the resident 's arrival at the agency, based upon any additional, relevant information received by the agency since the intake screening. The PAQ indicates that in the past 12 months, 21 residents have reportedly entered the agency and remained there for 30 days or more. Of these residents, the agency stated 21 (100%) were rescreened for risk within 30 days of admission.

During the initial audit it was confirmed that the residents did not meet with anyone to conduct a screening other than the initial screening conducted by their case manager. This was confirmed during the review of the screening forms. The auditor returned to the facility on January 26,2024 and conducted further resident interviews and reviewed the 30 day screening documentation. The facility now has a process where all residents are being screened within 30 days of arrival, the screening is completed using the same screening questions asked during the initial screening.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is compliant with this provision.

115.241 (g). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has a policy requiring a resident 's risk level to be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the resident 's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states that the resident shall be reassessed no later than 30 days from arrival at the facility. Reassessment shall be noted in the Progress Notes of the resident's file. Residents shall also be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the resident's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. These assessments were confirmed by the facility staff.

	<p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>115.241 (h). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has a policy which prohibits disciplining residents for refusing to answer screening questions related to whether or not they have a mental, physical, or developmental disability; whether or not they are or perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming; whether or not they have previously experienced sexual victimization; or their own perception of vulnerability.</p> <p>PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states residents will not be disciplined for refusing to answer or discuss information requested by the intake form.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>115.241 (i). Policy states that the Mission will maintain appropriate controls on the dissemination of collected information, per the agency’s confidentiality policies. Only authorized personnel will have access to the medical record. The agency will take all appropriate steps to ensure that the information collected is not exploited to the resident’s detriment by staff or other Interviews with the Director confirmed that access is controlled by role or classification.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with the provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.242	Use of screening information
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:

Documentation reviewed:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act
- c. PREA Screening

Interviews

- a. Staff Responsible for Screening
- c. Director

115.242 (a, b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency uses the information from the risk screening as required by standard 115.241 to inform housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act outlines the process of utilization of the information to make decisions relative to housing, sleeping room, and program assignments with the goal of keeping residents safe. Any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting is limited to appropriate staff to inform treatment plans, security, and management decisions including housing, sleeping room, and program assignments.

The auditor did not observe evidence of isolated work or programming assignments. The Director indicated that risk screening information is predominately used to make safe housing placements, but that in addition supplemental security measures are being taken to ensure proper supervision within the agency.

During interviews and conversations with random and specialized staff, there is an understanding that housing assignments will not be made without approval from staff who have access to the sensitive information concerning the residents at high risk for victimization and high risk of abusiveness.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.242 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that when deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex resident to a facility for male or female residents, and in making other housing and programming assignments, the agency

considers on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident 's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems. According to Policy and Procedures PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states the facility shall make individual determinations on a case by case basis about how to ensure the safety of all residents and shall utilize the screening information to determine housing, work, education, and programming assignments.

The PREA Coordinator and Director both confirmed that the facility is equipped to house transgender and intersex residents and can meet their individual needs. The auditor interviewed case managers and the Director they confirmed a case-by-case determination in accordance with agency policy.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.242 (d). The case manager confirmed that the reassessment process for transgender and intersex residents mirrors the initial classification review process. As previously stated, all residents meet with their case manager and are asked about any safety issues during this review process. Following the review, the case manager documents the information. During case manager reviews any pertinent information for any resident would be shared with the Director.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.242 (e). Policy and Procedures PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act requires that placement and programming assignments for all residents including transgender or intersex residents shall be made on an individualized basis. In the case of a transgender or intersex offender, the safety and health of the offender and the management and security of the facility as well as their own views regarding their safety are taken into consideration.

An interview with the case manager corroborated that agency practice aligns with agency policy. They indicated that the facility gives serious consideration to their own views about their safety within the institution.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.242 (f). A review of the facilities physical plant and showering accommodations, as well as interviews with residents and staff confirmed that transgender residents have an opportunity to shower separately and privately by space. Modesty curtains are in place in all showering areas. All residents confirmed that they can shower

	<p>without being viewed by others.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>115.242 (g). The PREA Coordinator confirmed that the agency is not subject to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment requiring lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents be placed in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of their sexual orientation, genital status, or gender identity. He stated that residents who identify as gay or bisexual are housed in accordance with their security and programming needs.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.251	Resident reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. Handouts d. PREA Posters

Interviews

- a. PREA Coordinator
- b. Random Residents
- c. Random Staff

Site Review

- a. Informal Interviews
- b. Posted Information

115.251 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has established multiple internal methods for residents to privately report sexual abuse; sexual harassment; retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. According to the PREA Handout and signage a resident may report allegations of sexual misconduct or retaliation by other residents or staff verbally, in writing, using the toll-free hotline, or to a third-party. Residents shall be given the opportunity to remain anonymous during the report. There is no time limit on when a resident may report sexual misconduct.

During the site review, posted information was observed throughout the agency. Informal conversations with residents during the site review and formal random and target resident interviews indicated that all residents could recite at least one way to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment. All random staff members interviewed were able to recite appropriate reporting options.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.251 (b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency provides at least one way for residents to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity that is not part of the agency, and that is able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the resident to remain anonymous upon request. The residents can report to the following outside entity:

NYS Sexual Violence Hotline: 1-800-942-6906 or the NYS DOCCS

The agency does not house residents solely for immigration purposes and, as such,

does not have a policy or provide residents detained solely for civil immigration purposes information on how to contact consular or Department of Homeland Security officials.

The facility handout further states that reporters can request to remain anonymous.

An interview with staff confirmed that a resident may report externally and, if chosen, anonymously by phone or letter. All random and targeted residents interviewed stated they all understood anonymous reporting options.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.251 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ 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. Moreover, staff are required to accept and promptly document any report made verbally, in writing, anonymously, or from a third party. This is further outlined in PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act. All random staff interviewed stated residents can report in any of the ways described. All also stated that they would complete a written report immediately upon accepting a report from a resident, regardless of the report method. All interviewed residents stated they were aware of written, verbal, or third-party reporting options; they confirmed that they can report in any of the accepted ways.

A review of the agency public website revealed a list of ways in which sexual abuse or sexual harassment may be reported.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.251 (d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has established procedures for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment by reporting immediately and confidentially to the PREA Coordinator or Supervisory Staff.

The auditor reviewed PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act, which confirm reporting options. All interviewed random staff stated they can report privately. They further described multiple methods including notifying the PREA Coordinator and facility Director.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic

	<p>evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.252	Exhaustion of administrative remedies
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator <p>115.252 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has an administrative procedure for dealing with resident grievances regarding sexual abuse. After speaking with the PREA Coordinator it was confirmed that any sexual abuse in New York State is a criminal offense and a violation of criminal law. These incidents would immediately be reported to the NY DOCCS and the Utica Police Department for investigation.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>

115.253	Resident access to outside confidential support services
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. PREA Handout e. PREA Posters <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator b. Random Residents c. VERA House Staff <p>Site Review</p> <p>115.253 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that they provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse. They also indicated that they provide residents with access to such services by giving residents mailing addresses and telephone numbers (including toll-free hotline numbers where available) for local, state, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations; and provide residents with access to such services by enabling reasonable communication between residents and these organizations in as confidential a manner as possible. The agency does not house residents solely for civil immigration purposes and does not provide information for immigrant services agencies.</p> <p>The auditor observed the telephone number for Vera House on posters displayed throughout the facilities including housing areas and common areas.</p> <p>Staff at Vera House confirmed that the services are available. The agency would provide emotional support through Vera House for non-English speaking residents utilizing an interpretation service.</p> <p>During the interviews all residents stated that external support services are</p>

available and have seen the contact information on posters in the housing units. All residents interviewed indicated that the posters are in the housing units and common areas, the posters include information on victim advocacy.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.253 (b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency informs residents, prior to giving them access to outside support services, the extent to which such communication will be monitored and of the mandatory reporting rules governing privacy, confidentiality, and/or privilege that apply to disclosures of sexual abuse made to outside victim advocates, including any limits to confidentiality under relevant federal, state, or local law. The residents were aware of these services assumed their communication with an advocate would remain confidential. The residents have their own cellular telephones and can leave the facility to meet with the Vera House staff. This was confirmed by both staff and residents.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.253 (c). During the initial onsite audit, the agency indicated that the agency does not maintain a letter of agreement with a community service provider for the provision of emotional support services related to sexual abuse experienced by residents. The agency is in the process of obtaining a written agreement with Vera House to provide these services. The agreement was provided to me evidence of the efforts by the agency to obtain the agreement.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with these provisions of the standard.

115.254	Third party reporting
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Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:

Documentation reviewed:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- b. Agency public website screenshots

Interviews

- a. Random residents

Site Review

115.254 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency provides a method, and publicly distribute reporting information on their website, to receive third-party reports of resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The auditor observed this information is posted publicly by navigating to <https://uticamission.org/programs/community-based-residential-program/> There readers will learn that, specifically, third parties may contact the Agency directly, and review the reporting avenues.

During the pre-onsite phase, the auditor tested this reporting mechanism by calling the number for Corporate Compliance Hotline (315-624-0046) the call was immediately answered by the agency.

In addition to posting methods on the public website, the agency circulates such information in the PREA Handbooks and PREA Brochure. The term "third party" includes residents, family members, attorneys, or outside advocates.

Interviews with random and target residents confirmed that they are aware they may report to a person external to the agency or have someone report on their behalf.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the

	information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.
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115.261	Staff and agency reporting duties
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. PREA Staff Guide <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Random Staff b. PREA Coordinator c. Director <p>115.261 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that all staff must 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. Staff are also required to immediately report according to policy any retaliation against residents or staff who reported such an incident. Finally, staff must immediately report according to agency policy any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states all staff are required to report any instance of alleged or actual sexual abuse or sexual harassment, retaliation, or staff neglect to their Program Director, the Director of Operations or the PREA Coordinator immediately. Staff members shall not reveal any information related to the report to anyone other than the extent necessary. The agency's training modules restate the reporting requirement as defined in policy.</p> <p>Random staff interviews demonstrated that staff are familiar with reporting requirements should a resident disclose an experience of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.</p>

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.261 (b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials and designated state or local services agencies, the agency prohibits staff from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions, this is outlined in the PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act.

All random staff interviewed reported they would immediately contact a supervisor; they would refrain from sharing the information other than with staff who have a need to know.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.261 (c). The facility does not employ any medical or mental health providers. This was confirmed with the Director and during the onsite audit.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.261 (d). As discussed, the agency does not house youthful residents. If the alleged victim is considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, the agency shall report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws. This report would be made as required by state law.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.261 (e). PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states that staff are responsible for accepting reports in a multitude of formats from any source and, thereafter, notify a supervisor for investigation referral. An interview with random staff confirmed this practice.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic

	<p>evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.262	Agency protection duties
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Random Staff b. PREA Coordinator c. Director <p>115.262 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that when the agency or agency learns a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it takes immediate action to protect the resident. The agency reported that there have been zero instances of substantial imminent risk in the past 12 months. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states upon receiving any information that a resident is subject to or at risk of sexual abuse the Program Director, PREA Coordinator and Director of Operations will be notified, and appropriate action will be taken to protect the resident. The PREA Coordinator stated all staff are responsible for immediately intervening when they receive information that a resident may be at imminent risk. They are required to notify a supervisor. A qualified person will assess their circumstances and discuss alternate housing options if necessary. There are several tools at their disposal to ensure continued safety to include separate from the</p>

	<p>threat; or adjust bed status. A case-by-case determination will be made to determine the best course of action to maximize safety with the lowest level intervention.</p> <p>Interviews with random staff verified those at imminent risk would be separated from the threat immediately. Staff further articulated that they would act immediately; ask preliminary questions to better understand the risk; monitor; act immediately as safety is paramount; notify a supervisor; and keep the person at imminent risk separate from the threat until a placement decision could be made.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.263	Reporting to other confinement facilities
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator b. Director <p>115.263 (a)(b)(c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has a policy requiring that, upon receiving an allegation that a resident was</p>

sexually abused while confined at another agency, the head of the agency must notify the head of the agency or appropriate office of the agency or agency where the sexual abuse is alleged to have occurred. In the past 12 months, the agency has not received any allegations of abuse at another confinement agency.

PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states upon receiving information or allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the Program Director shall notify the NYS DOCCS Parole and the facility head of the facility from which the inmate arrived and, if a Community Confinement facility, the head of that facility will be notified immediately (but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation) and an incident report completed documenting such notification.

The PREA Coordinator confirmed the practice outlined by policy.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.263 (d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that agency or agency policy requires that allegations received from other facilities and agencies are investigated in accordance with the PREA policy. In the past 12 months, the agency has not received any notification from other confinement facilities.

The PREA Coordinator understood the obligations under the policy.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.

115.264

Staff first responder duties

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:

Documentation reviewed:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act

Interviews

- a. Random Staff

115.264 (a)(b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has a first responder policy for allegations of sexual abuse. The policy requires that, upon report of an allegation of sexual abuse staff shall:

- 1) Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, the first responding staff member shall separate the alleged victim and abuser ensuring that neither showers, bathes, eats, drinks, uses the toilet, or changes clothes if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence.
- 2) The staff member will also secure the crime scene to preserve any physical evidence available and make appropriate notifications.

In the past 12 months, the agency indicated they have not had any allegation of sexual abuse that occurred within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence.

PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act directs all employees to follow the response steps described in the policy,.

All staff members interviewed successfully articulated a majority of their first responder duties, including separating the victim and abuser; preserving and protecting the crime scene; and ensuring the alleged abuser not take any actions that might destroy physical evidence. The majority also added they would notify a supervisor.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the

	information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.
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115.265	Coordinated response
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Coordinated Response Plan <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator <p>115.263 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that they have a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and agency leadership. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Coordinated Response Plan describes the respective role of each critical contact, including security staff first responders, supervisors, emergency medical treatment providers, and mental health treatment providers. The agency reviews and revises the plan which details the agency’s coordinated response. During interviews staff confirmed that the Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Coordinated Response Plan guides the agency’s response following an allegation of sexual abuse.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This</p>

	<p>assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.266	Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <p>a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire</p> <p>115.263 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency or agency has not entered into or renewed collective bargaining agreements since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later. It was confirmed by the staff, the agency is an “At Will” employer.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>

115.267	Agency protection against retaliation
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p>

The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:

Documentation reviewed:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act
- c. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Non-Retaliation Policy

Interviews

- a. PREA Coordinator
- b. Director

115.267 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has a policy to protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff. At the facility, the PREA Coordinator, CBRP Case Manager, and the CBRP Program Director are responsible for retaliation monitoring. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Non-Retaliation Policy dictates that The Rescue Mission CBRP Program will protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff. Any retaliation by staff will lead to disciplinary actions.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.267 (b) The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Non-Retaliation Policy directs the agency to employ multiple protection measures, including housing or program changes, for those who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations.

An interview with the PREA Coordinator confirmed that the agency protects reporters from retaliation by implementing a zero-tolerance policy for such conduct. She stated the agency will employ a variety of safety solutions such as housing changes, removal of the alleged abuser, and offering support.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.267 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency/ agency monitors the conduct or treatment of residents or staff who report sexual abuse and of resident who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are any changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff. When revealed, the agency acts promptly to remedy any such retaliation. Retaliation monitoring lasts for at least 90 days and continues beyond 90 days if there is a continuing need. The agency reported that there have been zero instances of reported retaliation in the last 12 months.

As described above, The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Non-Retaliation Policy tasks the PREA Coordinator, CBRP Case Manager, and the CBRP Program Director with ensuring that reporters and alleged victims of sexual abuse are monitored in accordance with this provision. They would meet with reporters or alleged victims for a period of 90 days following the report unless the allegation is deemed unfounded. Retaliation monitors are instructed to document their findings. Per policy, retaliation monitoring may continue beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need.

Monitoring, as directed by policy shall include reviewing: disciplinary reports; housing reports; program changes; negative performance reviews; and reassignments of staff.

The PREA Coordinator stated that when the agency suspects retaliation, they will investigate the potential action and protect the alleged victim from real or perceived threat by separating the victim and suspect or threat, for instance.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.267 (d). According to The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Non-Retaliation Policy the PREA Coordinator, CBRP Case Manager, and the CBRP Program Director is responsible for conducting periodic status checks as part of retaliation monitoring. If the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need, the periodic status checks shall be extended beyond 90 days. The CBRP Case Manager was interviewed in there role as a retaliation monitor affirmed that retaliation monitoring includes monthly status checks for a period of no less than 90 days post- allegation.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

116.267 (e) The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Non-Retaliation Policy dictates that retaliation against any resident or staff member who reports sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment, or who cooperates with an investigation of said report, is prohibited and is subject to administrative or criminal action. According to the policy the PREA Coordinator, CBRP Case Manager, and the CBRP Program Director is required to monitor staff and resident reporters and alleged victims following an allegation of sexual abuse to ensure they are free from retaliation. An interview with the , CBRP Case Manager indicated the agency would monitor that person for a period of 90 days and take appropriate remedial action to eliminate the risk. As stated earlier, the agency has not received any reports of retaliation, or fears of retaliation, from a resident or staff in the last 12 months.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.

115.271	Criminal and administrative agency investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment Investigations and Referrals Policy <p>Interviews</p>

a. PREA Coordinator

115.271 (a)(d). The facility indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency/facility has a policy related to criminal and administrative agency investigations. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment Investigations and Referrals Policy asserts that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Referrals for criminal investigations shall be made to entities with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior.

The policy further states that all reports of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment must be investigated thoroughly by trained personnel. The Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division will conduct the investigation into all criminal matters.

Staff confirmed that the agency does not conduct any investigations.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.271 (b). According to The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Investigations Policy all investigators will receive special training in sexual abuse investigations pursuant to § 115.234. Through interviews all investigations are conducted by highly trained law enforcement personnel from the Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.271 (c). Policy indicates that the first responding agency staff are immediately responsible for establishing and maintaining a perimeter around the crime scene. The Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division are responsible for collecting and securing direct and circumstantial evidence, including physical and DNA evidence.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.271 (d). The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Investigations Policy dictates that all criminal misconduct by persons under the jurisdiction of the department or occurring on facility property will be reported to the Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division for possible investigation and prosecution. If a criminal investigation is opened, the staff will coordinate with those members of the Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division assigned to the criminal investigation as to the timing and process of the investigations to protect the integrity of the administrative and criminal investigations. The decision to refer a criminal case for prosecution shall be made by the prosecutor with jurisdiction. Compelled interviews in a criminal investigation will be conducted by Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division, following their policies and procedures.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.271 (e). The Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division do not have the authority to order any person to take a polygraph examination.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.271 (f). When conducting sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigations, the Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division prepare a written report which includes an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse, a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings. Investigative staff indicated efforts made to comply with this provision include receiving and reviewing evidence. If review of the evidence calls into question staff actions or inactions, this will be reported to the PREA Coordinator.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.271 (g). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that criminal investigations shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible. As per their policies the Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division document in a written report a thorough description of physical, testimonial, and

documentary evidence with attached copies of all documentary evidence where feasible.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.271 (h). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal are referred for prosecution. Since August 20, 2012, or the facility's last PREA audit, whichever is later, the facility reported there has been no substantiated allegation of sexual abuse which was referred for prosecution. Any referral for prosecution would come from the Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division and follow their policies and procedures.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.271 (i). The facility indicated in their response to the PAQ 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 auditor confirmed through conversations with the PREA Coordinator that the agency would maintain investigative records for the period of time required by this provision.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.271 (j). During interviews with staff, they confirmed the departure of an alleged victim or abuser from the employment or control of the facility or agency shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation. Investigators were asked how the facility proceeds when a staff member alleged to have committed sexual abuse terminates employment prior to completion of an investigation. They indicated that the investigation would proceed, including a reasonable effort to interview the involved parties. All efforts would be documented.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.271 (l). I confirmed with the Director that when the Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and/or the NYS State Trooper Division, investigate an allegation they would stay in contact with them, through email or phone.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the facility is in substantial compliance

	<p>with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the facility interviews, I found that the agency is compliant with the provisions of this standard.</p>
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115.272	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment Investigations and Referrals Policy <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Investigators <p>115.272 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency does not impose 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. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Investigations Policy states that The Mission will impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. Through discussion with staff, I confirmed that they utilize 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. This was further confirmed through review of incident reports.</p>

	<p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.273	Reporting to residents
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Investigations Policy c. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Director <p>115.273 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has a policy requiring that any resident who alleges they suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility is informed, verbally or in writing, as to whether the allegation has been determined substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded following an investigation by the agency. In the 12-month review period, no sexual abuse investigations were completed.</p> <p>Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Investigations Policy states that following an investigation into a resident's</p>

allegation of sexual abuse, the Mission will inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded. In practice, the agency notifies the alleged victim of the outcome and documented.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency substantially exceeds compliance with this provision.

115.273 (b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that If an outside entity conducts such investigations, the agency requests the relevant information from the investigative entity in order to inform the resident of the outcome of the investigation. The outcomes of the investigations are provided to the agency and the resident is notified and this notification would be documented. The auditor confirmed this practice with the Director.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.273 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that following an resident 's allegation that a staff member committed sexual abuse against the resident , the agency subsequently informs the resident (unless the disposition is unfounded) whenever: the staff member is no longer posted within the resident 's unit; the staff member is no longer employed at the agency; the agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the agency; or the agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the agency. In the 12-month review period, there were no staff-on-resident sexual abuse allegations to review.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.273 (d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that following an resident 's allegation that they have been sexually abused by another resident , 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 agency; or the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the agency. In the 12-month review period, there were no resident-on-resident sexual abuse allegations to review.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

	<p>115.273 (e). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that all notifications to residents described under this standard are documented. In the 12-month review period, there were sexual abuse allegations to review.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency substantially exceeds compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.276	Disciplinary sanctions for staff
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance: Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Corrective Action Policy <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator <p>115.276 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that staff is subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Corrective Action Policy states that at the conclusion of an investigation, corrective action must be taken to assure that the sexual harassment or sexual abuse stops. The priority will be the safety of the victim and the other residents. Staff will be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment</p>

policies In the past 12 months, zero staff members have been terminated for violating the policies.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.276 (b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that in the past 12 months zero staff members have violated agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies; this assertion was verified during conversation with the PREA Coordinator. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Corrective Action Policy states that at the conclusion of an investigation, corrective action must be taken to assure that the sexual harassment or sexual abuse stops. The priority will be the safety of the victim and the other residents.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.276(c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) are 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. As stated above, they indicated that in the past 12 months zero staff members have been terminated for violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.276(d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that 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, are reported to law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal) and to any relevant licensing bodies. In the past 12 months, zero staff members were reported to law enforcement or licensing bodies following their termination (or resignation prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.

The discipline practices were verified through interviews with the PREA Coordinator.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

	<p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.277	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Corrective Action Policy <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator <p>115.277(a)(b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that agency policy requires 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. They shall, further, be prohibited from contact with residents. In the past 12 months, no contractors or volunteers have been reported for engaging in sexual abuse of residents. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Corrective Action Policy states Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse will be prohibited from contact with residents and will be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies. The facility will take appropriate remedial measures and will consider whether to prohibit further contact with residents, in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.</p>

	<p>The PREA Coordinator indicated that they would immediately restrict facility access.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.278	Disciplinary sanctions for residents
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Corrective Action Policy <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator <p>115.278 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that residents are subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative and/or criminal finding that a resident engaged in resident- on- resident sexual abuse. In the past 12 months, zero residents have been found to have engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Corrective Action Policy outlines the disciplinary sanctions.</p>

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.278 (b). The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Corrective Action Policy describes a uniform process by which to impose sanctions so as to conform with the expectation of this provision which requires that disciplinary sanctions must be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories.

An interview with the staff affirmed practice consistent with this provision. They indicated that residents found to have engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse are subject to the internal disciplinary process, which includes a range of progressive sanctions such as restrictions, segregation, loss privileges, and prosecutorial referral.

As noted above, there have been no administrative findings of resident-on-resident sexual abuse; as such, the auditor was unable to review resident sanctions related to a finding of sexual abuse. However, policy supports a process in place to ensure resident perpetrators are held accountable.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.278 (c).). The disciplinary process takes into consideration the resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed. This process is outlined in The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Corrective Action Policy.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.278 (d). The agency does not offer therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for sexual abuse. This practice was confirmed through interviews.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.278 (e). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency disciplines residents for sexual conduct with staff only upon finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact. Any allegations of this nature are criminal

and fall under NY Criminal Law. In the preceding 12 months, there were no instances of sexual conduct with staff in which the staff person did not consent. Accordingly, there was no documentation available for review of a substantiated case of staff-on-resident sexual contact in which the evidence showed there was a lack of consent of the involved staff member.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.278 (f). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ 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. The good faith reporting document provided by the agency addresses the provisions of the standard.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.278 (g). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency prohibits all sexual activity between residents and disciplines residents for such conduct when an investigation reveals the conduct was not coerced. All sexual activity between residents is prohibited, and residents are subject to disciplinary action for such behavior.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.

115.282	Access to emergency medical and mental health services
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:

Documentation reviewed:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- b. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Sexual Abuse Medical Examinations Policy

Interviews

- a. Random Staff

115.282 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that resident victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. The nature and scope of such services are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Sexual Abuse Medical Examinations Policy states that resident victims of sexual abuse shall 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. The Mission CBRP will offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiary or medically appropriate. Such examinations will be performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible. They are transported to the nearest SAFE/SANE hospitals (for the Mission are St. Joseph's Hospital (301 Prospect Ave., Syracuse) and Upstate University Hospital (750 East Adams St., Syracuse) in Syracuse, NY.) for a Sane Examination.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.282 (b). All victims will be immediately provided with the opportunity to go for a medical and mental health assessment. Security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the alleged victim and immediately notify the appropriate supervisors following an emergency. All staff members successfully articulated their medically related protection and first responder duties pursuant to 115.262 and 115.264, respectively (as noted in those discussions).

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.282 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that resident victims

	<p>of sexual abuse while incarcerated are 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. The program Director will coordinate medical services and referrals for treatment in the community, in accordance with professionally accepted standards, to include: offered pregnancy tests for resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration during incarceration, timely and comprehensive information about and access to emergency contraception; lawful pregnancy-related services (if pregnancy results from sexually abusive vaginal penetration); Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) testing and follow-up treatment.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>115.282 (d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that treatment services are provided to every victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. This is outlined in the Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Sexual Abuse Medical Examinations Policy.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.283	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p>

a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire

b. The Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Sexual Abuse Medical Examinations Policy

Interviews

a. Random Staff

115.283 (a, b, c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency offers medical and mental health evaluations and, as appropriate, treatment to all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in a confinement setting and that such services are consistent with the community level of care. Policy states the Rescue Mission's CBRP program does not employ medical or mental health staff. Any victim of sexual assault or sexual abuse will be transported to a local hospital for appropriate treatment and information about sexually transmitted diseases in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care by SAFE/SANE qualified staff. shall coordinate medical and mental health evaluations and, as appropriate, treatment for all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, juvenile facility, or community confinement facility. This includes follow-up services, treatment plans, and referrals for continued care following their release from the facility. Staff discussions confirmed residents will receive ongoing treatment in accordance with hospital discharge instructions.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.283 (d, e,f). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency does not offer pregnancy tests or information about lawful pregnancy related medical services to female victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration. The facility is an all-male facility.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.283 (g). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that treatment services are 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. This is outlined in the Rescue Mission of Utica DOCCS Community Based Residence Program (CBRP) PREA Sexual Abuse Medical Examinations Policy.

	<p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>115.283 (h). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency attempts to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offers treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states the Rescue Mission of Utica will conduct a mental health evaluation within 60 days on all known resident-on-resident abusers and offer treatment when appropriate by mental health practitioners. There were no known resident-on-resident abusers at the facility in the 12-month review period.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.286	Sexual abuse incident reviews
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act c. Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklist <p>Interviews</p>

- a. Director
- b. PREA Coordinator

115.286 (a). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency 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. In the past 12 months, the agency has not conducted any investigation reviews. All substantiated or unsubstantiated PREA sexual abuse cases would be reviewed by the agency and documented on the Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklist. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states that the PREA Coordinator in consultation with the Incident Review Team, which includes the CEO, Director of Operations, Director of Human Resources, PREA Coordinator, the CBRP Program Director and other pertinent individuals will conduct an incident review within 30 days of the conclusion of all sexual abuse investigations including allegations that are found to be unsubstantiated. During the interview the staff were able to articulate the review process.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.286 (b). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency ordinarily conducts a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days of the conclusion of the criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation. The PREA Coordinator confirmed that a review would be conducted within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.286 (c). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the sexual abuse incident review includes upper-level management officials and allows for input from line supervisors, and investigators. The policy indicates that the PREA Coordinator in consultation with the Incident Review Team, which includes the CEO, Director of Operations, Director of Human Resources, PREA Coordinator, the CBRP Program Director and other pertinent individuals will conduct an incident review within 30 days of the conclusion of all sexual abuse investigations including allegations that are found to be unsubstantiated.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.286 (d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency prepares a report of its findings from sexual abuse incident reviews including, but not necessarily limited to, determinations made pursuant to the above provisions and any recommendations for improvement and submits such report to the agency head and PREA Coordinator. The review committee considers the following:

The Incident Review Team shall 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 was motivated or otherwise caused by a group of dynamics at the facility.

The Incident Review Team shall examine the area where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area enabled the abuse; assess staffing levels; assess use of monitoring equipment; and prepare a report of its findings and recommendations for improvement.

The review team prepares a report of its findings and any recommendations for improvement

The staff interviewed, properly identified the objective of such review, which includes an analysis of contextual variables, incident causes or motivations, policy failures, trends, physical plant needs, staffing levels, technology or tools to supplement staff supervision, etc. and any respective corrective actions.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.286 (e). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency implements recommendations for improvement or documents its reasons for not doing so. This practice was confirmed by the PREA Coordinator.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:

Documentation reviewed:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act

115.287 (a)(b)(c)(d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency:

- (a) 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.
- (b) The agency aggregates the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually.
- (c) The standardized instrument includes, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV) conducted by the Department of Justice.
- (d) The agency maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.

PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states the Rescue Mission shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse that has taken place in each of its programs/facilities. Data shall be aggregated according to facility as well as the agency as a whole.

2) A standardized tool shall be used, which answers all of the questions from the most recent Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice. The following shall be collected on each alleged report:

- On each alleged report, creating a total number of reports and their outcome
- What type of alleged harassment / abuse occurred - client on client, client on staff, staff on client, staff on staff
- What type of client --- originating referral source
- Type of abuse or harassment - nonconsensual sexual acts, abusive sexual

	<p>contact, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the alleged claim of sexual harassment /abuse substantiated, unfounded, or the investigation is still on going • Contributing factors – race, gang affiliation, sexual identity, sexual orientation, physical plan issues, staff supervision, violation of Codes of Ethics. <p>(e) The agency does not obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private agency with which it contracts for the confinement of its residents. In the agency responses to provision (e) in the PAQ they indicate that they do not hold any contracts for the confinement of residents.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>115.287 (f). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency has not provided the Department of Justice (DOJ) with data from the previous calendar year.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.288	Data review for corrective action
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination

Act

Interviews

a. PREA Coordinator

115.288 (a)(b)(c)(d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency is in compliance with the following provisions:

(a) 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, response policies, and training, including:

- 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 agency, as well as the agency as a whole.

(b) The annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and the annual report provides an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

(c) The agency makes its annual report readily available to the public at least annually through its website and approved by the agency head.

(d) When the agency redacts material from an annual report for publication, the redactions are limited to specific materials where publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of the agency and the agency indicates the nature of material redacted.

PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states that data shall be aggregated and presented in an annual report. The facility shall prepare an annual report of its findings and corrective actions. The report shall include a comparison of the current year's data with those of previous years and shall provide an assessment of the facility's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

The annual report shall be approved by the Executive Director and shall be made readily available to the public through its website or other means upon request.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

During interviews it was confirmed that the agency has never had an incident reported to them and has never had any data to collect from incidents. The PREA Coordinator understood the agencies responsibilities under the provisions of this

	<p>standard.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.289	Data storage, publication, and destruction
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator <p>115.289 (a)(b)(c)(d). The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that the agency ensures incident-based and aggregate data are securely retained. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states the Rescue Mission shall collect data and maintain records of all incidents related to sexual abuse and sexual harassment whether alleged or actual. The data collected shall 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. prior to making the data public, all personal identifiers shall be redacted. This data, minus redactions, shall also be provided to the NY DOCCS for inclusion in their annual report. records will be maintained for at least 10 years after the date of initial collection. The agency indicated in their response to the PAQ that sexual abuse data from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it</p>

	<p>contracts be made readily available to the public at least annually through its website. PREA Policy & Procedures Policy #1101 Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act states that the annual report shall be approved by the Executive Director and shall be made readily available to the public through its website or other means upon request.</p> <p>During interviews it was confirmed that the agency has never had an incident reported to them and has never had any data to collect from incidents. The PREA Coordinator understood the agency’s responsibilities under the provisions of this standard.</p> <p>A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.401	Frequency and scope of audits
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator <p>115.401 (a). The auditor confirmed by review of the public website that beginning in Audit Cycle I, and during each three-year period thereafter, the agency ensured each agency operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was and is audited at least once.</p>

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.401 (b). An interview with the PREA Coordinator indicated the agency has one facility.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.401 (h). During the onsite review, the auditor had unrestricted access to all areas of the agency. The auditor was invited, and accommodated, to observe any area or operation within the agency upon request.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.401 (i). During all phases of the audit, the staff consistently made available to the auditor documents, records, files, photographs, etc. in a timely manner. During the onsite phase of the audit, the auditors had unrestricted access to files, reports, and automated information systems at the agency and agency levels.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.401 (m). During the onsite phase of the audit, the auditor and staff worked cooperatively to develop a private process and location for conducting interviews of both staff and residents. The auditor benefited greatly from the agency's active coordination of interviews and attempts to troubleshoot refusals.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

115.401 (n). Audit notices included a confidentiality statement and instructions to contact the auditor via mail, if desired. The notices were forwarded on September 5, 2023. The auditor did not receive any correspondence from any resident or staff member during any phase of the audit.

A final analysis of the evidence indicates the agency is in substantial compliance with this provision.

	<p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the agency interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.403	Audit contents and findings
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making a determination of compliance:</p> <p>Documentation reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire b. Public website <p>115.403 (f). The agency’s website has a link dedicated to PREA-related information, including applicable policies and procedures; directions to report an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment; and obtain a copy of the audit report and PREA policy.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases, I conducted a systematic evidence review of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of the standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After reviewing all documentation, and the information received during the facility interviews, I found that the agency is in compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>

Appendix: Provision Findings		
115.211 (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
115.211 (b)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	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 community confinement facilities?	yes
115.212 (a)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents	
	If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its residents with private agencies or other entities, including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to adopt and 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 residents.)	na
115.212 (b)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents	
	Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents.)	na
115.212 (c)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents	
	If the agency has entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards, did the agency do so only in	na

	emergency circumstances after making all reasonable attempts to find a PREA compliant private agency or other entity to confine residents? (N/A if the agency has not entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards.)	
	In such a case, does the agency document its unsuccessful attempts to find an entity in compliance with the standards? (N/A if the agency has not entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards.)	na
115.213 (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 residents against sexual abuse?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The physical layout of each facility?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The composition of the resident population?	yes
	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
115.213 (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? (NA if no deviations from staffing plan.)	na
115.213 (c)	Supervision and monitoring	
	In the past 12 months, has the facility 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 assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to prevailing	yes

	staffing patterns?	
	In the past 12 months, has the facility 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 assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adequate staffing levels?	yes
115.215 (a)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?	yes
115.215 (b)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female residents, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)	na
	Does the facility always refrain from restricting female residents' access to regularly available programming or other outside opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)	na
115.215 (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 residents?	yes
115.215 (d)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility have policies that enable residents 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?	yes
	Does the facility have procedures that enable residents to shower,	yes

	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?	
	Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an area where residents are likely to be showering, performing bodily functions, or changing clothing?	yes
115.215 (e)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex residents for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status?	yes
	If the resident's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the resident, 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
115.215 (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?	no
	Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?	no
115.216 (a)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient	
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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: Residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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: Residents who are blind or have low vision?	yes

	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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: Residents who have intellectual disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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: Residents who have psychiatric disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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: Residents who have speech disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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 residents 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 with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have intellectual disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents 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 residents with disabilities including residents who: Who are blind or have low vision?	yes
115.216 (b)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient	

	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 residents 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
115.216 (c)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient	
	Does the agency always refrain from relying on resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.264, or the investigation of the resident's allegations?	yes
115.217 (a)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents 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 hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents 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 hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two questions immediately above ?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents 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 the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of	yes

	force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two questions immediately above ?	yes
115.217 (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 residents?	yes
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?	yes
115.217 (c)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Perform a criminal background records check?	yes
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents, 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
115.217 (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 residents?	yes
115.217 (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 residents or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?	yes
115.217	Hiring and promotion decisions	

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	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents 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 residents 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
115.217 (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
115.217 (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
115.218 (a)	Upgrades to facilities and technology	
	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 residents 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
115.218 (b)	Upgrades to facilities and technology	
	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	na

	agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated any video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012 or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	
115.221 (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.)	na
115.221 (b)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (NA if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	na
	Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (NA if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	na
115.221 (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
115.221 (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?	yes
	Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?	yes
115.221 (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
115.221 (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
115.221 (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 attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.221(d) above).	na

115.222 (a)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	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
115.222 (b)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	Does the agency have a policy 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
115.222 (c)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	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 conducting criminal investigations. See 115.221(a).)	yes
115.231 (a)	Employee training	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents 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 residents on: Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with	yes

	residents on: The right of residents 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 residents on: The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents 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 residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?	yes
115.231 (b)	Employee training	
	Is such training tailored to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility?	yes
	Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male residents to a facility that houses only female residents, or vice versa?	yes
115.231 (c)	Employee training	
	Have all current employees who may have contact with residents 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,	yes

	does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies?	
115.231 (d)	Employee training	
	Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?	yes
115.232 (a)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures?	yes
115.232 (b)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents 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 residents)?	yes
115.232 (c)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?	yes
115.233 (a)	Resident education	
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: The agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: How to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes

	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?	yes
115.233 (b)	Resident education	
	Does the agency provide refresher information whenever a resident is transferred to a different facility?	yes
115.233 (c)	Resident education	
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are limited English proficient?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are deaf?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are visually impaired?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are otherwise disabled?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Have limited reading skills?	yes
115.233 (d)	Resident education	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions?	yes
115.233 (e)	Resident education	
	In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to residents through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats?	yes
115.234 (a)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.231, does the agency ensure that, to the extent	na

	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 criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	
115.234 (b)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	Does this specialized training include: Techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims?(N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	na
	Does this specialized training include: Proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings?(N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	na
	Does this specialized training include: Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings?(N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	na
	Does this specialized training include: The criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	na
115.234 (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 criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).)	na
115.235 (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.)	na

	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	na
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	na
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	na
115.235 (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 does not employ medical staff or the medical staff employed by the agency do not conduct forensic exams.)	na
115.235 (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.)	na
115.235 (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 §115.231? (N/A for circumstances in which a particular status (employee or contractor/volunteer) does not apply.)	na
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by	na

	and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.232? (N/A for circumstances in which a particular status (employee or contractor/volunteer) does not apply.)	
115.241 (a)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all residents assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other residents or sexually abusive toward other residents?	yes
	Are all residents assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other residents or sexually abusive toward other residents?	yes
115.241 (b)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?	yes
115.241 (c)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?	yes
115.241 (d)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has a mental, physical, or developmental disability?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The age of the resident?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The physical build of the resident?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has previously been incarcerated?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization:	yes

	Whether the resident's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent?	
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident 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 residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the resident about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener's perception whether the resident is gender non-conforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The resident's own perception of vulnerability?	yes
115.241 (e)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse?	yes
	In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses?	yes
	In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?	yes
115.241 (f)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the resident's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the resident's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening?	yes

115.241 (g)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Referral?	yes
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Request?	yes
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Incident of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Receipt of additional information that bears on the resident's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness?	yes
115.241 (h)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Is it the case that residents 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
115.241 (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 information is not exploited to the resident's detriment by staff or other residents?	yes
115.242 (a)	Use of screening information	
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents 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 § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents 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 § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents 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 § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents 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 § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments?	yes
115.242 (b)	Use of screening information	
	Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each resident?	yes
115.242 (c)	Use of screening information	
	When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex resident to a facility for male or female residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns residents 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 residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems?	yes
115.242 (d)	Use of screening information	
	Are each transgender or intersex resident'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
115.242 (e)	Use of screening information	
	Are transgender and intersex residents given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents?	yes
115.242	Use of screening information	

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	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 residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual residents 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 residents pursuant to a consent decree, 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 residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: transgender residents 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 residents pursuant to a consent decree, 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 residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: intersex residents 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 residents pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
115.251 (a)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?	yes
115.251 (b)	Resident reporting	

	Does the agency also provide at least one way for residents 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 resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?	yes
	Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request?	yes
115.251 (c)	Resident reporting	
	Do staff members accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?	yes
	Do staff members promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.251 (d)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents?	yes
115.252 (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 resident grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because a resident 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
115.252 (b)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency permit residents 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.)	na
	Does the agency always refrain from requiring a resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve	na

	with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	
115.252 (c)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency ensure that: a resident who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Does the agency ensure that: such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.252 (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 residents in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	If the agency determines that the 90-day timeframe is insufficient to make an appropriate decision and claims an extension of time (the maximum allowable extension is 70 days per 115.252(d)(3)), does the agency notify the resident 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.)	na
	At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the resident does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may a resident consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.252 (e)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Are third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of residents? (If a third party files such a request on behalf	na

	of a resident, 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.)	
	If the resident declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the resident's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.252 (f)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	After receiving an emergency grievance alleging a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the resident is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.252 (g)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	If the agency disciplines a resident for filing a grievance related to	na

	alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	
115.253 (a)	Resident access to outside confidential support services	
	Does the facility provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving residents mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?	yes
	Does the facility enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations, in as confidential a manner as possible?	yes
115.253 (b)	Resident access to outside confidential support services	
	Does the facility inform residents, 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
115.253 (c)	Resident access to outside confidential support services	
	Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide residents 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
115.254 (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 a resident?	yes
115.261 (a)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or	yes

	information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?	
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against residents 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 abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?	yes
115.261 (b)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, do 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
115.261 (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 residents of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?	yes
115.261 (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
115.261 (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

115.262 (a)	Agency protection duties	
	When the agency learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the resident?	yes
115.263 (a)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Upon receiving an allegation that a resident 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
115.263 (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
115.263 (c)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
115.263 (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
115.264 (a)	Staff first responder duties	
	Upon learning of an allegation that a resident 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 a resident 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 a resident 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,	yes

	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?	
	Upon learning of an allegation that a resident 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
115.264 (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
115.265 (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 response to an incident of sexual abuse?	yes
115.266 (a)	Preservation of ability to protect residents 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 limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any residents pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?	no
115.267 (a)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Has the agency established a policy to protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff?	yes

	Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?	yes
115.267 (b)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for resident victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for residents or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations?	yes
115.267 (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 residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents 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 residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents 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: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation?	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 any resident 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:4. Monitor resident 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 resident 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 reassignment of staff?	yes
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
115.267 (d)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	In the case of residents, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
115.267 (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
115.271 (a)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).)	na
	Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).)	na
115.271 (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 115.234?	yes
115.271 (c)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial	yes

	evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?	
	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
115.271 (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
115.271 (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 resident or staff?	yes
	Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring a resident who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding?	yes
115.271 (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
115.271 (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
115.271	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	

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	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
115.271 (i)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.271(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years?	yes
115.271 (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 facility or agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?	yes
115.271 (l)	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 any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).)	yes
115.272 (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
115.273 (a)	Reporting to residents	
	Following an investigation into a resident's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?	yes
115.273 (b)	Reporting to residents	
	If the agency did not conduct the investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency	yes

	request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the resident? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.)	
115.273 (c)	Reporting to residents	
	Following a resident'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 posted within the resident's unit?	yes
	Following a resident'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 a resident'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 a resident'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
115.273 (d)	Reporting to residents	
	Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, 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 a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform	yes

	the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	
115.273 (e)	Reporting to residents	
	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
115.276 (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
115.276 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes
115.276 (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
115.276 (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
115.277 (a)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	

	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with residents?	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
115.277 (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 residents?	yes
115.278 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Following an administrative finding that a resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse, are residents subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?	yes
115.278 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories?	yes
115.278 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether a resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior?	yes
115.278 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	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 resident to participate in such interventions as a	yes

	condition of access to programming and other benefits?	
115.278 (e)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Does the agency discipline a resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact?	yes
115.278 (f)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation?	yes
115.278 (g)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between residents to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between residents.)	yes
115.282 (a)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	Do resident 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
115.282 (b)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	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 § 115.262?	yes
	Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes
115.282 (c)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	Are resident victims of sexual abuse offered timely information	yes

	about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate?	
115.282 (d)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	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
115.283 (a)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?	yes
115.283 (b)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	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
115.283 (c)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?	yes
115.283 (d)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are resident 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 residents 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
115.283 (e)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.283(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive	na

	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 residents 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.)	
115.283 (f)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?	yes
115.283 (g)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	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
115.283 (h)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the facility attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners?	yes
115.286 (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
115.286 (b)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	yes
115.286 (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

115.286 (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 §§ 115.286(d)(1)-(d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?	yes
115.286 (e)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	yes
115.287 (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
115.287 (b)	Data collection	
	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
115.287	Data collection	

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	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
115.287 (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
115.287 (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 residents? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents.)	na
115.287 (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.)	na
115.288 (a)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.287 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas?	yes
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.287 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis?	yes
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.287 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole?	yes

115.288 (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
115.288 (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
115.288 (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
115.289 (a)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.287 are securely retained?	yes
115.289 (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
115.289 (c)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes
115.289 (d)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.287 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.)	yes
115.401 (b)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	no
	If this is the second year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited during the first year of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the second year of the current audit cycle.)	yes
	If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the third year of the current audit cycle.)	na
115.401 (h)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?	yes
115.401 (i)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?	yes
115.401 (m)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with residents?	yes
115.401 (n)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Were inmates, residents, and detainees permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the	yes

	same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel?	
115.403 (f)	Audit contents and findings	
	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.)	no