

# PREA Facility Audit Report: Final

**Name of Facility:** Taconic Correctional Facility

**Facility Type:** Prison / Jail

**Date Interim Report Submitted:** NA

**Date Final Report Submitted:** 10/15/2024

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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<b>End Date of On-Site Audit:</b>	09/20/2024

FACILITY INFORMATION	
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<b>Facility physical address:</b>	250 Harris Road, Bedford Hills, New York - 10507
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<b>Facility Characteristics</b>	
<b>Designed facility capacity:</b>	387
<b>Current population of facility:</b>	197
<b>Average daily population for the past 12 months:</b>	189
<b>Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?</b>	No
<b>Which population(s) does the facility hold?</b>	Females
<b>Age range of population:</b>	Over 18
<b>Facility security levels/inmate custody levels:</b>	Medium
<b>Does the facility hold youthful inmates?</b>	No
<b>Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with inmates:</b>	193
<b>Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:</b>	62
<b>Number of volunteers who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:</b>	240

<b>AGENCY INFORMATION</b>	
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<b>Facility AUDIT FINDINGS</b>	
<b>Summary of Audit Findings</b>	
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<b>Number of standards exceeded:</b>	
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 115.11 - Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator</li> <li>• 115.16 - Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient</li> <li>• 115.17 - Hiring and promotion decisions</li> <li>• 115.21 - Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 115.31 - Employee training</li> <li>• 115.32 - Volunteer and contractor training</li> <li>• 115.33 - Inmate education</li> <li>• 115.34 - Specialized training: Investigations</li> <li>• 115.41 - Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</li> <li>• 115.42 - Use of screening information</li> <li>• 115.53 - Inmate access to outside confidential support services</li> <li>• 115.54 - Third-party reporting</li> <li>• 115.67 - Agency protection against retaliation</li> <li>• 115.71 - Criminal and administrative agency investigations</li> <li>• 115.73 - Reporting to inmates</li> <li>• 115.81 - Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse</li> <li>• 115.86 - Sexual abuse incident reviews</li> </ul>
<b>Number of standards met:</b>	
28	
<b>Number of standards not met:</b>	
0	

## POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORMATION

### GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION

#### On-site Audit Dates

1. Start date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2024-09-18
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2024-09-20

#### 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:	Just Detention International, WestCop (advocacy services) Unity House (initial calls)

### AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION

14. Designated facility capacity:	387
15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	189
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	17
17. Does the facility ever hold youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input 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**

<b>36. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit:</b>	199
<b>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:</b>	0
<b>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:</b>	0
<b>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:</b>	1
<b>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:</b>	2
<b>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:</b>	5
<b>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:</b>	33

<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>13</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>9</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>16</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>0</p>
<p><b>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):</b></p>	<p>There is no restrictive housing unit or special management housing unit at this facility.</p>
<p><b>Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit</b></p>	
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>64</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>4</p>



<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>7</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>The number reflects staff/volunteers present at the time of the onsite audit. Contractual number reflects escorted construction workers.</p>
<p><b>INTERVIEWS</b></p>	
<p><b>Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews</b></p>	
<p><b>Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews</b></p>	
<p><b>53. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:</b></p>	<p>20</p>
<p><b>54. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees: (select all that apply)</b></p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic, Non-Hispanic)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Length of time in the facility  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing assignment  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender  <input type="checkbox"/> Other  <input type="checkbox"/> None </p>
<p><b>55. How did you ensure your sample of RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees was geographically diverse?</b></p>	<p>Interviewees were selected from each housing unit.</p>
<p><b>56. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/resident/detainee interviews?</b></p>	<p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  <input type="radio"/> No </p>

<b>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):</b>	No text provided.
<b>Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews</b>	
<b>58. Enter the total number of TARGETED INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:</b>	14
<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>	
<b>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:</b>	0
<b>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</b>	<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>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).</b></p>	<p>Overall observations and assessment of the facility's mission did not lead to any concern that they have an incarcerated individual with a physical disability. This facility is not designed to house disabled incarcerated individuals.</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>2</p>

<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>5</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>2</p>
<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>0</p>
<p><b>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</b></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>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).</b></p>	<p>this facility does not have a restrictive housing unit or any unit that would be deemed special management housing.</p>

<b>70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):</b>	No text provided.
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**Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interviews**

**Random Staff Interviews**

<b>71. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:</b>	12
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<b>72. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that apply)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Length of tenure in the facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shift assignment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work assignment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rank (or equivalent) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken) <input type="checkbox"/> None
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<b>If "Other," describe:</b>	Bilingual staff were interviewed.
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<b>73. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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<b>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):</b>	No text provided.
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**Specialized Staff, Volunteers, and Contractor Interviews**

Staff in some facilities may be responsible for more than one of the specialized staff duties. Therefore, more than one interview protocol may apply to an interview with a single staff member and that information would satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.

<b>75. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):</b>	31
<b>76. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>77. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent or their designee?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>78. Were you able to interview the PREA Coordinator?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>79. Were you able to interview the PREA Compliance Manager?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>If "Other," provide additional specialized staff roles interviewed:</b>	Grievance Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, advocacy service providers (2), non-security staff (5), construction workers, mailroom staff, staffing lieutenant, Disciplinary officer, Watch Commander, Movement and Control officer
<b>81. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>a. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS who were interviewed:</b>	4
<b>b. Select which specialized VOLUNTEER role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education/programming <input type="checkbox"/> Medical/dental <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health/counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>82. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>83. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.</b>	Only construction workers were interviewed, however they are under continual escort and do not provide services to the incarcerated individual population.



## 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?**

Yes

No

**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)?**

Yes

No

**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)?**

Yes

No

**87. Informal conversations with inmates/residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?**

Yes

No

**88. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not required)?**

Yes

No

<p><b>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).</b></p>	<p>No text provided.</p>
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**Documentation Sampling**

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

<p><b>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?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
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<p><b>91. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting additional documentation (e.g., any documentation you oversampled, barriers to selecting additional documentation, etc.).</b></p>	<p>No text provided.</p>
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**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:**

	<b># of sexual abuse allegations</b>	<b># of criminal investigations</b>	<b># of administrative investigations</b>	<b># of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations</b>
<b>Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse</b>	3	0	0	3
<b>Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse</b>	3	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	6	0	0	6

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

	<b># of sexual harassment allegations</b>	<b># of criminal investigations</b>	<b># of administrative investigations</b>	<b># of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations</b>
<b>Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment</b>	1	0	1	0
<b>Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment</b>	1	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	2	0	2	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
<b>Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse</b>	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse</b>	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	6	0	0	0	0

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

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
<b>Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse</b>	3	0	0	0
<b>Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse</b>	3	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	6	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
<b>Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0

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

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
<b>Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment</b>	1	0	1	0
<b>Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment</b>	1	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	2	0	2	0

**Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review**

**Sexual Abuse Investigation Files Selected for Review**

<b>98. Enter the total number of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/ sampled:</b>	6
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<p><b>99. Did your selection of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files)</p>
<p><b>Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files</b></p>	
<p><b>100. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:</b></p>	<p>3</p>
<p><b>101. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</p>
<p><b>102. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</p>
<p><b>Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files</b></p>	
<p><b>103. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:</b></p>	<p>3</p>
<p><b>104. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</p>

<p><b>105. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</p>
<p><b>Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review</b></p>	
<p><b>106. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:</b></p>	<p>2</p>
<p><b>107. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?</b></p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)</p>
<p><b>Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files</b></p>	
<p><b>108. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:</b></p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>109. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT files include criminal investigations?</b></p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</p>
<p><b>110. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</p>

<b>Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files</b>	
<b>111. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:</b>	1
<b>112. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
<b>113. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
<b>114. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.</b>	No text provided.
<b>SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION</b>	
<b>DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support Staff</b>	
<b>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.</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No



**Non-certified Support Staff**

<p><b>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.</b></p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
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**AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMPENSATION**

<p><b>121. Who paid you to conduct this audit?</b></p>	<p><input type="radio"/> The audited facility or its parent agency</p> <p><input type="radio"/> My state/territory or county government employer (if you audit as part of a consortium or circular auditing arrangement, select this option)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> A third-party auditing entity (e.g., accreditation body, consulting firm)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other</p>
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<p><b>Identify the name of the third-party auditing entity</b></p>	<p>American Correctional Association</p>
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<b>Standards</b>	
<b>Auditor Overall Determination Definitions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceeds Standard (Substantially exceeds requirement of standard)</li>   <li>• Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the stand for the relevant review period)</li>   <li>• Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective actions)</li> </ul>	
<b>Auditor Discussion Instructions</b>	
<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>	

<b>115.11</b>	<b>Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response, 12/1/2023</li> <li>• Policy on the Prevention of Sexual Victimization August 2023 Commissioner (20th anniversary)</li> <li>• Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual, 2022</li> <li>• Employee Manual, 2019</li> <li>• Memo from the Commissioner dated April 23, 2013, appointing the Agency-wide PREA Coordinator who currently holds the position today</li> <li>• Email announcement dated 12/13/2021 announcing Director of PREA Compliance</li> </ul>

- DOCCS Organizational Chart which indicates that the PREA Coordinator reports directly to the Commissioner 5/23/2024
- Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Office (SAPEO) Central Office organization Chart
- Email from PREA Coordinator appointing ADS PREA August 2023.
- Email from Superintendent designating the Lieutenant the PREA Point Person June 2024
- Organization chart Taconic Correctional Facility
- Interview with the PREA Coordinator
- Interview with the ADS PREA
- Interview with the PREA Point Person
- Interview with the Superintendent

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention & Response, eleven pages defines the following:

Zero Tolerance Statement

PREA Coordinator

PREA Compliance Managers

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual

Policies to Ensure Referral of Allegations for Investigations

Reporting

Incarcerated Individual and Releasee Reporting

Third Party Reporting

Medical and Mental HealthCare

Agency Protection Duties

Monthly Report of Sexual Victimization Summary

Reports of Sexual Victimization

Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews

Audits

The Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual provides authority and direction for the following standards: 115.6, 115.13, 115.41, 115.42, 115.53, 115.63, 115.65, 115.67, 115.86, 115.87, 115.88, and 115.89. It states, SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION PREVENTIONPOLICY MANUAL

*The Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual (SVPPM) supplements this Directive and shall have the same force and effect as a Directive in setting forth the Department's policies for the prevention of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, unauthorized relationships, and retaliation related to such incidents or investigations, and provides detailed operating procedures implementing the National PREA Standards.*

*1. The SVPPM is issued by the Associate Commissioner and electronically maintained and distributed by the Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Office (SAPEO). Relevant sections of the SVPPM shall be distributed by the ADS PCM or designated PPP to staff who have an operational need within their respective disciplines.*

*2. Requests for interpretation of a SVPPM section or for a variance from the direction or requirements set forth in a section of the SVPPM shall be submitted, in writing, to the Associate Commissioner.*

*3. Each SVPPM section shall be coded as either "A B", "A", or "D" (as noted in the "Distribution" box in the printed heading) for distribution and security purposes using the distribution codification established by Directive #0001, "Introduction to the Policy and Procedure Manual. "The SVPPM is reviewed on an annual basis. Revisions to the content are made as warranted by SAPEO.*

The Employee Manual, dated 2019, reinforces numerous aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect and respond to PREA requirements: zero tolerance for sexual abuse, sexual harassment or retaliation; professionalism when communicating with incarcerated individuals, particularly those who identify as transgender or gender non-conforming; reinforcing reporting requirements to include retaliatory actions; supervisory unannounced rounds and prohibition on alerting staff of the rounds; opposite gender announcements; and continuing duty to report any allegations made against them regarding sexual abuse as required in standard §115.17.

(b)The following documents support that the Agency has an agency-wide PREA coordinator with sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities:

- Memo from the Commissioner dated March 14, 2012 appointing the Agency-wide PREA Coordinator who currently holds the position today.
- Email announcement dated April 25, 2013 announcing that Jason Effman holds the rank of Associate Commissioner.
- DOCCS Organizational Chart which indicates that the PREA Coordinator reports directly to the Commissioner.

Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention & Response

states, ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE states,

*PREA Coordinator (PREA Standard 115.11[b]): The Commissioner has designated the Associate Commissioner for PREA Compliance as the agency-wide PREA Coordinator, who is responsible for the implementation of policies and programs to address sexual victimization of incarcerated individuals and others under the jurisdiction of the Department, unauthorized relationships, and related forms of misconduct. 1. The Associate Commissioner for PREA reports to the Commissioner and is a member of the Executive Team. 2. The Associate Commissioner for PREA oversees the Sexual Abuse Prevention & Education Office.*

*Director of PREA Compliance: The Director of PREA Compliance serves under the Associate Commissioner for PREA as the assistant agency-wide PREA Coordinator. The Director of PREA Compliance is responsible for administering the PREA Audit program; provides direct oversight of agency-wide PREA implementation activities; and assists in the development and implementation of programs and policies in areas relating to compliance with PREA and the reduction of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and unauthorized relationships within the Department.*

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The interview with the Agency PREA Coordinator (Associate Commissioner) confirmed the following when asked if he has enough time to manage all of the PREA-related responsibilities: "Yes, my time is almost exclusively devoted to PREA compliance and the prevention of sexual victimization, as well as work on policy matters concerning our transgender and gender diverse population and workforce. With the invaluable assistance of the Director PREA Compliance, the creation within my office of an Assistant Deputy Superintendent for LGBTIQ+ Inclusivity, and the addition of eight Assistant Deputy Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager items last year, I am able to manage agency PREA-related responsibilities, and to advance our work to mitigate all forms of sexual victimization within the Department. DOCCS has twenty-four (24) Assistant Deputy Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager (ADS PREA) items.

In addition, each of the 44 facilities has a senior security supervisor designated as the

PREA Point Person. I interact with the ADS PREA Compliance Managers routinely. We have a monthly conference call to discuss policy updates, new initiatives and to discuss any other concerns. In addition, Director Woodworth hosts a monthly mentor call which is used to more deeply explore policy updates, standards interpretation, practical implementation issues, and other day-to-day challenges that our staff must address. We email and speak on an ongoing basis as well. In addition, we meet as a group at least annually for training programs, often in conjunction with the Office of Special Investigations, Sex Crimes Division staff and/or our community-based "PREA Center" partners. The Director of PREA Compliance serves as the assistant agency-wide PREA Coordinator. The Director reports to me, has primary responsibility for the PREA Audit Program, provides direct oversight of agency-wide PREA implementation activities, and assists me in the development and implementation of strategies to reduce incidents of sexual victimization. As noted, the Director also runs a mentoring program to support each new Assistant Deputy Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager upon appointment and as they become familiarized with their new role. Further, we have two Correctional Facility Operations Specialist (CFOS) items in the SAPEO Office in Albany who work with the ADS PREA Compliance Managers on a daily basis, and who have frequent contact with the designated PREA Point Persons. They answer questions, provide guidance, and share information. If they cannot answer a question, they bring the matter to the attention of the Director or to me. In addition, we have an Assistant Deputy Superintendent for LGBTIQ+ Inclusivity in the SAPEO Office. The ADS for LGBTIQ+ Inclusivity assists in the development of policy and training materials to further inclusion of our gender expansive population and staff. They facilitate review of requests for gender-aligned placement from incarcerated individuals who have a gender identity that differs from their assigned sex at birth, have a diagnosis of gender dysphoria, who identify as transgender, gender nonconforming, or nonbinary, or who are intersex (TGNCNBI), and assist in monitoring compliance with policies specific to this population.

When identifying an issue with complying with a PREA standard, the Associate Commissioner (PREA Coordinator) stated, I review the matter with members of the Central Office or facility Executive Team with subject matter expertise, to determine whether the issue is with the policy or implementation of the policy. Then, I either issue a revised policy, work with the proper Deputy Commissioner to prepare a policy revision or provide clarifying direction as appropriate. For significant issues, I will bring the matter to the attention of the Acting Commissioner and the Department's Executive Team."

The PREA Coordinator was on site during the audit. Questions were addressed at that time as well as the confirmation of the written interview responses received. The interview supports that he has sufficient time and authority to ensure all activities required by the PREA standards can be addressed. This is further supported by the documentation provided prior to the on-site audit and addressed throughout this report, demonstrating an effort towards continual improvement. Review of the SAPEO Organizational Chart reflects the staffing as described. Recently, the SAPEO office was able to increase the number of ADS PREA throughout ther state, affording the ADS PREA more time to devote to the facilities where they are assigned.

(c) Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention & Response

*PREA Compliance Managers (PREA Standard 115.11[c]): Each facility shall have a PREA Compliance Manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards and implementation of policies and programs to address sexual victimization of incarcerated individuals within the facility. 1. Assistant Deputy Superintendent (ADS) PREA Compliance Managers (PCMADS PREA) shall be appointed to designated primary correctional facilities and may have PREA compliance oversight duties at one or more facilities as designated by the Associate Commissioner for PREA. An ADS PCM PREA is responsible for fulfilling PREA Compliance Manager duties at their primary correctional facility under the supervision of the Associate Commissioner for PREA, Director of PREA Compliance, and the facility Superintendent. a. Each ADS PCM PREA shall be responsible for coordinating and providing oversight of PREA Compliance activities and efforts to address sexual victimization at their designated cluster facilities in coordination with the Superintendent and facility executive team at each cluster facility. b. The ADS PCM PREA is expected to maintain ongoing communication with the Associate Commissioner, Director of PREA Compliance, Superintendent, and the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) to facilitate sexual victimization prevention efforts and investigative matters and shall keep the Associate Commissioner apprised of any issues requiring attention, including but not limited to matters regarding audit and compliance.*

*Each Superintendent shall designate a Security Supervisor, not to fall below the rank of Lieutenant, as the PREA Point Person (PPP) for the correctional facility. Upon designation, the Superintendent shall send an email identifying the designee to the Associate Commissioner for PREA at [PREA@doccs.ny.gov](mailto:PREA@doccs.ny.gov), with a copy to the Deputy Commissioner for Correctional Facilities. The designated PPP will be a liaison along with the facility's designated ADS PCM PREA in a joint effort to implement the PREA Standards within the facility, and during an extended absence or vacancy, shall fulfill the ADS PREA responsibilities.*

The ADS PREA was interviewed regarding her duties, which demonstrated the team effort utilized at this facility to meet the goals of PREA. She indicated she has sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's effort to comply with the PREA standards. Both she and the PREA Point Person lieutenant serve on the PREA incident review team, assist with monitoring for retaliation after allegations are made and monitor training activities. The ADS PREA reports that bi-weekly telephone conference calls are made with the PREA Coordinator to ensure up to date information is communicated, and current issues are addressed. Additionally, she discussed with the auditor the mentoring program and found it to be helpful with understanding different areas of the facility and how it is affected by the efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The Superintendent demonstrated to the auditor during the on-site audit her commitment to zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and her support for the efforts of the ADS PREA and PREA Point Person.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: After review of the policies, memos, organizational charts, employee manual, observations and interviews with

	<p>the Superintendent, ADS PREA, and the PREA Coordinator, the auditor concluded that the agency and the facility are committed to the prevention, detection and response to sexual abuse and harassment. This state and this facility exceed the standards based on the detailed commitment to the standards that will be noted throughout this report, and the appointment of an ADS PREA and a PREA Point person for each facility, as well as the appointment of a Director of PREA Compliance.</p>
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<b>115.12</b>	<b>Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p>
	<p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· NYS CLS Correc §121</li> <li>· Review of contracts for community confinement</li> <li>· Interview with the Contract Manager (Reentry Manager)</li> <li>· CBRP PREA Audit Schedule 2022-2027</li> <li>· CRP Request for Application (draft) December 2021</li> <li>· Review of PREA audit reports posted on the agency website for community operations</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ indicates there are fourteen (14) contracts with 10 entities for the confinement of community residents.</p> <p>Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:</p> <p>(a) The Agency contracts for Community Based Residential Programs; the programs are required to adopt and comply with the PREA standards. The agency has provided a PREA schedule for fourteen agencies reflecting all have had a PREA audit and have had a recertification audit or are schedule for a recertification audit.</p> <p>(b) The Request for Application for Community Based Residential Programs (CBRP) includes a requirement for compliance with the PREA standards. Effective May 1, 2017 CBRPs are required to become PREA compliant, including PREA certification. Completed reports are available on the NYSDOCCS website for review.</p> <p>A written interview with the agency Reentry Manager (2024), (contract monitor for community programs) yielded the following confirmation: "New York State contracts with a number of organizations to provide residential programs for releasees and</p>



others subject to community supervision upon release. These programs are referred to as Community Based Residential Programs (CBRP's). Department Reentry Managers are responsible for contract monitoring of such programs. This includes ensuring that program staff participate in PREA training, that residents receive PREA educational materials, that information is posted, and that Program staff comply with reporting requirements as specified by the Department."

When addressing the question regarding PREA compliance results being completed for each contract entered into agreement within the past 12 months, the response was as follows: "Yes. The new contracts require full PREA compliance and include a monthly PREA check list at each contractual site visit to ensure that each program is able to achieve full compliance with the PREA Community Confinement Facilities Standards within one year. Each CBRP is required to appoint a PREA Compliance Manager to be the PREA point person for any PREA incidents and to monitor compliance within all aspects of the CBRP. The PREA Compliance Manager will review all PREA screening forms, ensure all staff receive the required PREA training, ensure that all program participants have been provided all required PREA information, signage is posted, and a plan has been established with local providers for medical and counseling services. The DOCCS Contract Manager makes monthly site visits to ensure compliance. "

"Contracts require programs to be subject to agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is working to achieve compliance with the standards. Each will then be required to be audited under the PREA Community Confinement Facilities Standards. The Agency Contract Administrator Works in conjunction with AC Effman to establish an audit schedule for the CBRP contract programs to ensure that each program is audited on a 3-year rotating basis. We have established a pattern of 2 audits every May and October. Each CBRP is responsible for scheduling their audit with a PREA auditor and providing the Department with notice of the dates of the audit, as well as sharing both the interim and final audit reports with the Department. During the audit the DOCCS Contract Manager serves as a liaison between the auditor and DOCCS. Interviews are set up by the DOCCS Contract Manager with DOCCS staff as requested by the auditor."

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Based on the interview and the review of the documentation provided, this Agency is deemed compliant with the requirements of the standard for community confinement operations.

<b>115.13</b>	<b>Supervision and monitoring</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:

- Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual – Supervision and Monitoring 2/15/2022
- DIR #4001 Facility Administrative Coverage & Supervisory Rounds 4/26/2024
- Employee Manual 2019
- Annual Supervision & Monitoring Plan Review October 2023
- Post Closure Reports 3/21/2024;4/4/2024;4/18/2024
- Security Chart and Staff Review 6/2/2021 6 pages
- Form 4001A (Weekly administrative activity report) and 4001B (Daily security report) corresponding logbook entries received with the preaudit documentation 5/10/2024 all shifts
- Interview with the Superintendent
- Interview with the PREA Coordinator
- Interviews with the ADS PREA
- Interview with the Staffing Lieutenant
- Review of randomly selected staffing reviews (1/7/2024, 10/7/2023, 6/7/2024)
- Interviews with a supervisor who conduct unannounced rounds
- Interviews with random staff
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates that the average daily population since the last PREA audit is 184. The staffing plan is predicated on an incarcerated individual population of 387.

Deviations from the staffing plan are attributed to the following: Program Closed, Building/Area Closed, trip cancelled, and holiday scheduled.

Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual – Supervision and Monitoring 2/15/2022 supports the following requirements:

- Policy: Each facility will develop, document and comply with their staffing plan which will provide for adequate levels of staffing and where applicable, video monitoring, to protect incarcerated individuals against sexual abuse.
- Procedure: Annually or when there is a change in circumstances, each facility will submit their annual review by the due date which will be completed on a template which addresses all provisions of the standard. It is to be forwarded to the Director of Security Staffing, copy to the PREA Coordinator and Deputy Commissioner of Correctional Facilities.

- It requires documentation and justification for deviations utilizing the Post Closure Key.

- It reinforces the requirement for unannounced rounds.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) The interview with the Superintendent and review of the staffing plan confirmed the following:

(1) The facility has been maintaining accreditation status through the American Correctional Association (ACA). Additionally, security audits are conducted in accordance with National Institute of Corrections (NIC) standards.

(2) There are no judicial findings of inadequacy.

(3) There are no findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies.

(4) There are no findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies.

(5) All components of the facility's physical plant are reviewed.

(6) The composition of the incarcerated individual population includes medium custody females.

(7) The number and placement of supervisory staff has been reviewed and determined to be adequate.

(8) Institution programs occurring on a particular shift; there is detailed evaluation of the time and days of the programs occurring. Typically, programming is conducted during the day with some programming occurring on early evening.

(9) Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards are reviewed. This includes the Halt Act which has affected restricted housing operations.

(10) The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse are addressed. There were zero substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment during the previous 12 months as indicated by the dates of the Annual Review.

(11) There is limited video monitoring at this facility. Staff do wear body worn cameras.

(b) After review of the documentation provided in the PAQ and onsite, the auditor confirmed that Post Closure Reports are completed when a post is closed, explaining the reason. Hours closed had documentation showing how the hours were reconciled. Closures related to weekend operations, and closed housing units. There was no active post closed which had direct supervision of the incarcerated individuals that had been closed. Additionally, while on site, the auditor observed ample staff throughout the facility during the tour. The interview with the Superintendent confirmed that the "Plot Plan", based on security level, capacity, physical plant,

programs, and general operation is utilized and regularly reviewed on an ongoing basis and formally annually. Video and audio monitoring does exist at this facility. She indicated there are assigned supervisors who constantly monitors staffing needs (lieutenant and sergeant), post closures and other temporary adjustments. The auditor reviewed three randomly requested staffing charts to confirm the process for documentation deviation from the staffing plan and review that changes made did not affect staff supervision of the incarcerated individual population.

(c) As stated, the facility completed the Annual Supervision and Monitoring Plan Review. It is a 4-page report specific to analysis and review of the (1) Generally accepted detention and correctional practices; (2) Any judicial findings of inadequacy; (3) Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies; (4) Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies; (5) All components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated); (6) The composition of the inmate population; (7) The number and placement of supervisory staff; (8) Institution programs occurring on a particular shift; (9) Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards; (10) The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse; and (11) Any other relevant factors for Taconic CF. The auditor reviewed this report with the Superintendent during her interview.

The interview with the PREA Coordinator yielded the following: "I am consulted regarding assessments of, or adjustments to, facility staffing plans. In accordance with SVPPM 115.13, a formal written assessment is completed annually by the facility Superintendent and submitted for consideration by the Director of Security Staffing, the Deputy Commissioner for Correctional Facilities, and me. In addition, I am notified of all facility staffing plan adjustments through the Security Staffing Information Unit."

Taconic CF Security Chart and Staffing Review Report was reviewed. The purpose is to evaluate overtime, staff utilization, post closures, additional services usage, preplanning practices, leave policies and schedule, local agreements, supervisor charts and post descriptions. This document demonstrates that a review of staffing numbers, including supervisory staff was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner for Correctional Facilities and the Associate Commissioner for PREA (PREA Coordinator).

(d) The Employee Manual indicates that employees are prohibited from alerting other employees that supervisory rounds are occurring unless the announcement is related to legitimate operational functions. DIR #4001 Facility Administrative Coverage & Supervisory Rounds requires Executive Team members and Division Heads to conduct weekly rounds and Security supervisors and complete the Daily Security Supervisor Report which specifically addressed rounds being unannounced. The auditor randomly reviewed notation of unannounced rounds for all three shifts when touring housing units in the logbook. Supervisory staff sign in red ink and note "unannounced round". The auditor randomly asked staff if the supervisor makes unannounced rounds. All indicated yes and further indicated they are not being alerted, nor do they alert any one staff of the rounds being conducted. Interviews with a shift supervisors indicated that a strategy is used to make rounds at irregular intervals. Documentation demonstrating unannounced rounds, all shifts, with logbook entries and

	<p>corresponding weekly Administrative Activity report was provided with the PAQ, demonstrating compliance.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Based on the interviews noted above, policy, Employee Manual, documentation of the annual staffing review, security staffing review, randomly requested documentation, documentation provided with the PAQ, random security staff interviews and observations made during the tour, the auditor finds there is substantial evidence to support that this facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.</p>
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115.14	Youthful inmates
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Taconic Correctional Facility DIR #0055 5/1/2023</li> <li>· NYS CLS Correc §80</li> <li>· Interview with the Superintendent</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ indicates that there have been no youthful, incarcerated individuals housed at this facility.</p> <p>Taconic Correctional Facility DIR #0055 states, "This facility is used for the general confinement of females 18 years of age or older. "</p> <p>The State of New York passed a "Raise the Age Law," effective April 10, 2017 New York Consolidated Laws Service &gt; Correction Law (Arts. 1 — 35) &gt; Article 4 Establishment of Correctional Facilities, Commitment to Department and Custody of Incarcerated individuals (§§ 70 — 79-c) § 77. Adolescent offender facilities. The state shall establish one or more facilities with enhanced security features and specially trained staff to serve the adolescent offenders sentenced to a determinate or indeterminate sentence for committing offenses on or after their sixteenth birthday who are determined to need an enhanced level of secure care which shall be managed by the department with the office of children and family services assistance, and services or programs. That law has since been amended, adopting Correction Law § 80, effective April 3, 2020, requiring DOCCS and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to "establish a transition plan and protocol to be used in transferring custody of all adolescent offenders and individuals under the age of eighteen from the custody of the department to the custody of the office of children and family services." Correction Law § 77 is repealed, effective October 1,</p>

	<p>2020. As of October 6, 2020, all offenders under the age of 18 have been transferred out of DOCCS custody and are now housed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.</p> <p>Interview with the Superintendent confirmed that there are no incarcerated individuals under the age of 18 at this facility.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Based on these documents and the law, the interview with the Superintendent as well as observations made during the tour, the auditor finds this standard does not apply to this facility and therefore is deemed to be compliant.</p>
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<b>115.15</b>	<b>Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #2230 Guidelines for Assignment of Male and Female Correction Officers 3/28/2023</li> <li>· Directive #4910 Control and Search for Contraband 11/09/2023</li> <li>· HSPM 1.37 Body Cavity Search 9/3/2021</li> <li>· Directive #4001 Facility Administrative Coverage &amp; Supervisory Rounds 4/26/2024</li> <li>· HSPM 1.19 Health Appraisal 7/19/2024</li> <li>· Form #1140 Report of Strip Search or Strip Frisk (June 2021)</li> <li>· Facility KHRT Course 01062 Contraband &amp; Frisk</li> <li>· Contraband and Frisk Curriculum 17008 1/2021</li> <li>· Interviews with random staff</li> <li>· Interviews with random and targeted incarcerated individuals</li> <li>· Observations - showers/toilets, strip search areas, video monitoring</li> <li>· PAQ</li> <li>· FAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ indicates that there has been no cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual</p>

body cavity searches of incarcerated individuals, no cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of incarcerated individuals that did not involve exigent circumstances or were performed by non-medical staff.

The PAQ indicates that 100% of all security staff have received training on cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex inmates in a professional and respectful manner, consistent with the security needs.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) Directive #2230 Guidelines for Assignment of Male and Female Correction Officers addresses which duties cannot be performed by opposite gender staff which includes strip searches, viewing showers, videos of strip searches, special watch, monitoring of incarcerated individual bathrooms via Closed-Circuit television (CCTV), and urine specimen collection.

Directive #4910 Control and Search for Contraband supports that strip searches shall be conducted by an officer or employee of the same gender as the incarcerated individual being searched. It additionally states that any incarcerated individual who has Gender Dysphoria, is intersex, or transgender with a permit to wear gender affirming/transgender clothing may request that a Correction Officer of the incarcerated individual's preferred gender conduct the pat frisk, when the request can be honored. It reaffirms that cross gender pat frisks of female incarcerated individuals are not permitted, absent exigent circumstances. Exigent circumstances searches require the completion of documentation.

HSPM 1.37 Body Cavity Search states that this type of search is only authorized by the Superintendent, Acting Superintendent or Facility Officer of the Day upon approval from the Deputy Commissioner/Chief Medical Officer, or designee when there is imminent danger to an incarcerated individual's health or facility safety. A correction officer of the same sex as the incarcerated individual will be present during the exam. This policy indicates that the exam is only conducted by primary care providers.

(b) The facility does not permit cross-gender pat-down searches of female incarcerated individuals nor does it restrict females incarcerated individuals access to regularly available programming or other out of cell opportunities. The auditor made this conclusion from the following: observations of numerous male and female staff, interviews with random incarcerated individuals who were specifically asked about searches and observations of various activities occurring outside the incarcerated individuals cell during the onsite audit.

(c) The auditor was informed that strip searches and/or strip frisk would be reported on Form 1140 in accordance with policy which only affords a strip search/frisk of the same gender of staff. The auditor found no reason to dispute this during the audit process.

(d) Directive #4001 Facility Administrative Coverage & Supervisory Rounds states that staff of the opposite gender shall verbally announce their arrival on a housing

unit to avoid unnecessarily invading the privacy of incarcerated individuals of the opposite gender. It clarifies when the announcement is to be made (i.e. when gender supervision changes) and that it is to be logged in the housing unit logbook. Directive #2230 Guidelines for Assignment of Male and Female Correction Officers states that staff of the opposite gender shall verbally announce their arrival on a housing unit to avoid unnecessary invasion of privacy. It emphasizes the incarcerated individuals' privacy will be protected to the extent the Department is able to do so. Most of the incarcerated individual interviews confirm that opposite gender staff are announcing when entering the unit (nineteen out of twenty with the one indicating "now and then"). All random staff interviews confirmed that this is occurring. During the tour, the auditor and escort team was announced prior to entering the unit; this did not appear to be odd based on the observations of the incarcerated individuals in the unit at the time.

All incarcerated individual interviews and all staff interviews confirmed that incarcerated individuals are able to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing the breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks.

The policy requires the use of and directions for department-approved shower curtains. During the tour, the auditor observed the showers located in the individual housing floors. The showers require the occupant to step into the shower area via a solid door, glazed window and then to the right are typically three shower stalls, some with an extended changing area with two shower curtains, otherwise there is one shower curtain. Curtains provide privacy but maintain the ability for an officer to step into the shower room and ensure the safety of the occupant but preserve privacy.

Toilets located in the cells are not in direct view of someone passing by. The facility has afforded incarcerated individuals the ability to cover the window so as not to be seen changing clothes or using the toilet; staff check on the status verbally and proceed. If the curtain is up longer than necessary, staff revisit and take further action to ensure the safety of the individual. This was observed during the audit tour and supplemented with interviews with the incarcerated individuals confirming this. The incarcerated individuals interviewed did not express any concerns regarding the showers in regard to opposite gender staff or use of the toilet or changing clothes. All incarcerated individuals were housed in single occupancy rooms.

The auditor observed the area where strip searches are conducted in the Intake area and Visiting Room. The facility has implemented the use of a Body Scanner in which incarcerated individuals can opt for the scanner or the strip search after visits. The auditor was concerned with the curtains located in the intake area as the bottom half seemed to provide more of the clear section than required. Staff did adjust the length of the shower and provided photographic evidence of this correction.

The toilets in programming areas have stalls and doors. However, it was expressed to the auditor during the incarcerated individual interviews their concern with the implementation of a camera that was placed on the wall in the one toilet area in the school building. The facility is in the process of adding video coverage to all areas of



the facility. The auditor, PREA Coordinator, Superintendent and her staff viewed the areas. Although it was a consensus that the view would not be of the toilet area, the Superintendent arranged to have it placed in another area by the sinks and was able to accomplish this before the onsite audit was over. Photographic evidence was provided.

The auditor observed the video monitoring from the video room (restricted access) and strip search areas and found that the view does not afford the observer the ability to see breasts, buttocks, or genitalia.

(e) HSPM 1.19 Health Appraisal supports that a facility shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex incarcerated individual for the sole purpose of determining the incarcerated individual's genital status. If an incarcerated individual's genital status is unknown, the facility will determine genital status during conversations with the incarcerated individual, by reviewing medical records. It further states that a medical practitioner may conduct a full physical examination of an incarcerated individual when relevant to the treatment; such an exam will be conducted in private and with the patient's consent. A full physical exam, including assessment of genital status, can be done during the initial and periodic health appraisals in accordance with DOCCS policies and as needed according to professional judgement. Medical staff shall not conduct a physical exam of an incarcerated individual at the direction of the facility's security or administration for the sole purpose of determining the incarcerated individual's genital status. If such an exam becomes necessary as part of an assessment for Gender Dysphoria, in connection with hormone treatment or in connection with incarcerated individual placement; then an exam can be done only upon direction and approval of the Deputy Commissioner/Chief Medical Officer. Directive #4910 Control and Search for Contraband 6/28/2019 and excerpts from the training curriculum supports that staff are provided specific training which emphasizes professionalism, dignity and respect when searching incarcerated individuals and when searching transgender incarcerated individuals. Random staff interviews all confirmed their awareness and compliance with this requirement.

In accordance with the FAQ, four options are in current practice for searches of transgender or intersex incarcerated individuals/residents/detainees: 1) searches conducted only by medical staff; 2) pat searches of adult incarcerated individuals conducted by female staff only, especially given there is no prohibition on the pat searches female staff can perform (except in juvenile facilities); 3) asking incarcerated individuals/residents/detainees to identify the gender of staff with whom they would feel most comfortable conducting the search, and 4) searches conducted in accordance with the incarcerated individual's gender identity. Review of the Contraband and Frisk Curriculum 17008 concluded that it is a sixty-two (62) page presentation that teaches that any incarcerated individual who is to be pat frisked who has gender dysphoria, is intersex, or who is transgender and has a permit to possess and wear gender affirming/transgender clothing may request that a correction officer of the incarcerated individual's preferred gender conduct the pat frisk. It is the policy of the Department to honor that request whenever possible, as determined by the area supervisor. It then describes the pat frisk procedure.

Additionally, techniques for pat frisks for males and females are provided.

Directive #4910 confirms that a strip frisk of an incarcerated individual who has been diagnosed with Gender Dysphoria shall presumptively be conducted by staff of the same gender as the gender classification of the facility. This presumption is subject to review by Central Office on a case-by-case basis following an incarcerated individual's transfer to a facility consistent with their gender identification or identification of other factors that may warrant a different determination. Staff shall apply procedures as appropriate based upon the anatomy of the incarcerated individual. The facility (administration/security) shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex incarcerated individual for the sole purpose of determining the incarcerated individual's genital status. If the incarcerated individual's genital status is unknown, a medical provider may determine the incarcerated individual's genital status during conversations with the incarcerated individual, 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. All staff interviewed acknowledged they are aware of this requirement.

(f) Directive #4910 Control and Search for Contraband supports that staff are provided specific training which emphasizes professionalism, dignity and respect when searching incarcerated individuals and when searching transgender incarcerated individuals.

Training Curriculum, Contraband and Frisk 17008 addresses cross-gender pat frisks and searches of transgender/intersex incarcerated individuals, emphasizing professionalism and respect, and using the least intrusive manner possible consistent with security needs. Additionally, it provides detailed information of the techniques to be used for the different aspects of searches. Training records provided to the auditor (KHRT records) confirmed that staff have been trained in contraband control and frisk searches. This updated curriculum is provided to new security staff. Updates for status employees have been observed by this auditor for previous PREA refresher courses provided to all current security staff. All staff interviews confirmed they have been appropriately trained in how to conduct cross-gender pat-frisk searches, and searches of transgender and intersex incarcerated individuals. Most articulated to the auditor the different techniques that would be used. Incarcerated individual interviews confirmed there are no issues with searches.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Observations made during the on-site portion of the audit, review of the policies, the training curriculum, training records as well as all interviews with staff support a finding of compliance with this standard. All staff interviews confirmed that they are aware that transgender incarcerated individuals are not to be searched for the sole purpose of determining genital status. All staff and incarcerated individual interviews support that incarcerated individuals are allowed to change clothes, shower and use the toilet without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. In accordance with FAQ clarifications, policy was updated to allow a transgender/intersex incarcerated individual to designate the gender of the staff to frisk search in accordance with the incarcerated individuals preferred gender.

	<p>Interviews all confirmed that they have been appropriately trained regarding how to search transgender/intersex persons and cross-gender pat searches. Incarcerated individual interviewed expressed no concerns with searches, privacy while showering, using the toilet or changing clothes. The concern expressed about the position of the newly installed (not yet operating) camera and the length of the curtains in the intake area were fixed on sight. The auditor is finding there is ample evidence to support that the facility is compliant with this standard.</p>
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<p><b>115.16</b></p>	<p><b>Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient</b></p>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard</p> <hr/> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #2612 Incarcerated Individuals with Sensorial Disabilities 02/15/2023</li> <li>· Directive #4490 Cultural and Language Access Services 10/26/2022</li> <li>· SVPPM 115.33 Incarcerated Individual Education 7/11/2022</li> <li>· Language Access Line Contract</li> <li>· Ending Sexual Abuse Behind the Walls: An Orientation video</li> <li>· Pamphlet translations – The Prevention of Sexual Victimization in Prison: What You Need to Know (14 languages)</li> <li>· PREA Statewide Rape Crisis Hotline pamphlets</li> <li>· Form 4021A revised 4/2022</li> <li>· Interviews Commissioner</li> <li>· Interview with the Intake Sergeant</li> <li>· Interview with the Intake nurse</li> <li>· Interview with bi-lingual staff</li> <li>· Interviews incarcerated individuals LEP and disabled (six total)</li> <li>· Interviews with randomly selected staff</li> <li>· Observations during the tour – pamphlets located in the library, law library and medical area</li> </ul>

· PAQ

The PAQ indicates that the number of instances where incarcerated individual interpreters, readers, or other types of incarcerated individual assistants have been used and it was not the case that an extended delay in obtaining another interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties under § 115.64, or the investigation of the resident's allegations is zero.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) Directive #2612 Incarcerated individuals with Sensorial Disabilities references the Americans with Disabilities Act, notes that programs and services provided cannot discriminate against individuals with a disability who are qualified to receive them. It further states, "Qualified Sign Language Interpreting Services: A sign language interpreter certified by the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf or other National or New York State credentialing authority, or a sign language interpreter who is able to interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary. The qualifications of an interpreter are determined by the actual ability of the interpreter in a particular interpreting context to facilitate effective communication. Except as otherwise indicated below, qualified interpreters may include incarcerated individuals and correctional staff, including Correction Officers and volunteers, when their skills meet the above definition and factors such as emotional or personal involvement and considerations of confidentiality will not adversely affect their ability to interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially; or jeopardize the safety and security of the incarcerated individual." SVPPM 115.33 Incarcerated Individual Education further reinforces these requirements. This facility is not designated to house incarcerated individuals with sensorial deficiencies. These services are provided at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. As such, incarcerated individuals are transferred here only after appropriate determination that their education, mental health and physical needs can be met.

(b) The interview with the Commissioner confirms the following: "DOCCS has a system-wide language access policy that ensures that individuals who require assistance with language can still fully participate in critical functions. This includes using Language Line Solutions for translation of written documents or interpretation of spoken language. Our Office of Cultural and Language Access Services is responsible for implementing DOCCS' Language Access Plan and ensuring that Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals can access the Department's programs, services and benefits. In keeping with State language access policies, DOCCS makes vital documents available in the most common non-English primary languages within the state. This includes the Department's PREA informational brochures and our incarcerated individual education film. Languages are periodically updated based upon data regarding language dominance in the State. As of August 2022, these languages include Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (simplified), French, Haitian-Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Urdu, and Yiddish. Similarly, DOCCS has designated facilities and established programs to meet the needs for sensorial disabled incarcerated individuals. The facilities have additional resources for the incarcerated

individuals in their populations including but not limited to manual translators (i.e., sign language interpreters), electronic reading devices, magnifiers, and other accommodations as appropriate to ensure access to all programs, including the Department's PREA program."

Directive #4490 Cultural and Language Access Services ensures incarcerated individuals with limited English skills will have meaningful access to programs, services and benefits." SVPPM 115.33 Incarcerated Individual Education further reinforces these requirements.

Pamphlet translations - "The Prevention of Sexual Victimization in Prison What You Need to Know" is available in English, French, Arabic, Spanish, Bengali, Simplified Chinese, Haitian Creole, Korean, Polish, Yiddish, Urdu and Russian. The language needed is noted on the receipt of the PREA Sexual Abuse Brochure provided at the intake process. One completed example was provided with the pre-audit documentation, additional examples were reviewed when reviewing guidance folders. This process was supported when interviewing the intake sergeant and the intake nurse.

"Ending Sexual Abuse Behind the Walls: An Orientation" is available with audio tracks and closed captioning in English, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Haitian Creole, Korean, Polish, Italian and Russian. It can be viewed on the agency website. For previous audits, the auditor received video copies that contain closed captions for these languages during previous audits of this agency.

The Victim Support brochure is available in the following languages: English plus French, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Simplified), Haitian-Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Urdu and Yiddish. Pamphlets with additional languages were observed in the intake area, library and medical unit by the auditor.

The agency has a contract with Language Line Services, Inc. (copy provided to the auditor). Directions for how to access the line was provided to the auditor. During random staff interviews, many staff, including the intake sergeant, are aware of the availability of the line if its use is needed.

Interviews with LEP incarcerated individuals (one with use of the language line) supported that her language needs were addressed upon intake and her views regarding which materials she preferred were addressed. Additionally, there are several bilingual staff (Spanish), including the PREA Deputy. The facility does offer, and she was participating in, English as a Second Language classes.

(c) Directive #2612 Incarcerated individuals with Sensorial Disabilities supports that generally an incarcerated individual will not be used to interpret for another incarcerated individual for confidential/sensitive matters unless there are exigent circumstances.

Directive #4490 Cultural and Language Access Services states, generally staff shall not rely on an incarcerated individual, family member or friend to interpret for communications that involve sensitive confidential or privileged information.

	<p>As stated, the PAQ indicates that no incarcerated individual has been used to interpret for another incarcerated individual regarding confidential information. Interviews with random staff confirmed that an incarcerated individual will not be used to interpret and has not been used to interpret for confidential information; responses indicated they would seek the assistance of a bi-lingual staff or the Language Line, as noted above. After prompting, most random interviews acknowledged they were aware that if no other recourse was available, this can occur; other interviews required prompting to confirm this. Without having a specific scenario to relate this question to, the auditor found no concerns with these responses.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Review of the policies and other documents noted above support that the facility has gone above and beyond by providing information and video captions in seven additional languages, written information in up to fourteen (14) different languages. The documentation for the intake process indicates that language needs are assessed immediately upon arrival, as are any disability needs. The written interview with the Commissioner reiterated his support for all these processes in place. The language line is readily available for needs that arise. For these reasons, the auditor finds that the facility is in substantial compliance with this standard. A finding of exceeds standard is due to the numerous language options readily available for educating the incarcerated individuals about PREA.</p>
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<b>115.17</b>	<b>Hiring and promotion decisions</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #2216, Fingerprinting/Criminal History Inquiry - New Employees and Contractors - 11/01/2018 Attachment A</li> <li>· Directive #2232 Non-competitive and Labor Class appointments 11/5/2020</li> <li>· Personnel Procedure Manual #407 - Civilian Promotions, Personal Procedure Manual #407A - Security Promotions, 4/29/14</li> <li>· Security Personnel questionnaire</li> <li>· NYS Department of Correctional Services Personnel Procedure Manual #406A Recruitment Process - 4/8/16</li> <li>· Employment Telephone Verification</li> <li>· Recruitment Process checklist</li> </ul>

- Memo: from Deputy Commissioner and Counsel, 8/18/15, RE: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - Background Checks - Appendix
- Directive #2112, Report of Criminal Charges - 01/03/2023
- Employee Manual Revised 2019
- Directive #2012, Release of Employee Personnel and Payroll Information - 10/7/2019
- Promotional Personal History Form 1253
- Employment Application: Personal History and Interview Record & Employment Application Part 1 and 2
- Interviews Human resource staff
- Interview new employee
- Documents - Personnel files status employees 12 total randomly requested
- Facility example and requested documentation Form 1253 Derogatory Denial or Approval on Background Check
- Email confirmation Coordinator- Employee Investigative Unit (EIU) fingerprint verifications
- Promotional file - one
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates that eight staff have been hired who may have had contact with incarcerated individuals in the previous twelve months, five contracts for services.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) (b) Directive #2216, Fingerprinting/Criminal History Inquiry - New Employees and Contractors - 11/01/2018 states, All employees and contractors of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) will be subjected to a criminal history inquiry in order to obtain background information pertinent to the security of operations, to verify data on employment applications, and to receive notification when Department employees are arrested. Employees and contractors may also be fingerprinted in accordance with this directive. This policy applies to all titles as defined in Section II, Definitions. Information Technology Services (ITS) staff, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) staff, and Office of Mental Health Staff (OMH) will have criminal history inquiries conducted. Policy indicates a request is submitted to the Employee Investigative Unit (EIU) via email transmittal; a response must be received with non-derogatory indicated prior to the first day of employment. The policy has an Attachment A which designates how this background check is conducted on potential employees, contractors and staff from other agencies.

NYS Department of Correctional Services Personnel Procedure Manual #406A Recruitment Process -- Forms: PPM 406A1, Recruitment Process Checklist, PPM 406A.2 Employment Telephone Verification outlines steps to be taken to prior to filing a position with a candidate.

(c)(d)(e) The following documents support a finding of compliance:

- Directive #2216, Fingerprinting/Criminal History Inquiry - New Employees and Contractors -requires the background check for all employees, contractors and per diem employees as well as verification of information on the employment application. Attachment A identifies the process for fingerprinting potential employees, employees, contractors and interns.
- NYS Department of Correctional Services Personnel Procedure Manual #406A Recruitment Process -specifically requires that previous employers shall be contacted for candidates previously employed by a prison, jail, lock up community confinement or juvenile facility. The contact is documented on the form PPM 406A.2 Employment Telephone Verification. This requirement is included on the Forms: PPM 406A1, Recruitment Process Checklist and PPM 406A2 Employment Telephone Verification
- Personal Procedure #407 states, Prior to appointment, every candidate selected for a potential promotional appointment will be reviewed for prior incidents of sexual abuse, a conviction for a disqualifying sexual offense, or a civil administrative find for such sexual acts. The review will also identify any incidents of sexual harassment.
- Memo: from Deputy Commissioner and Counsel, Division of Criminal Justice Services, RE: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - Background Checks - Appendix and Directive #2112, Report of Criminal Charges. All staff and contractors are fingerprinted prior to employment. The EIU is notified if an arrest is made corresponding to the employee/contractor fingerprint.

The auditor observed documentation regarding staff fingerprints when reviewing personnel files. The auditor subsequently interviewed this employee who confirmed the process. The auditor reviewed the detailed process outlined for the personnel staff to use when needing to acquire background information on all candidates. The Employee Investigative Unit (EIU), centrally established, provides information as needed (observed during the review of the personnel files). By fingerprinting, the agency would receive a report of any arrests that have occurred with these employees nationwide (as confirmed by the interview with the Human Resource staff). There is notation to check prior institutional employers on the checklist. Additionally, the auditor requested and reviewed verification of randomly requested current employees' verification of fingerprinting for thirteen staff (those randomly requested with the last name starting with C, H, L, and T).

(f) The following documents support a finding of compliance:

- Electronic Mail Memo: from Director of Personnel, 7/15/15, RE: Fair Chance Hiring Application Revisions and Statewide Employment Application reinforces the use



of the Application Form 1253 as a supplement as it contains PREA related questions required to be ask per this requirement of this standard.

- Form 1253 - Personal History and Interview Record - 4/13, Availability Inquiry Correction Sergeant, Availability Inquiry Correction Lieutenant. Form EIU23 - Personal History Questionnaire - (Rev. 6/15) specifically asks all candidates if they have been convicted of a crime involving sexual activity by overt or implied threats of force, or coercion or if the victim did not consent; or if the victim was unable to consent as well as if the candidate has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution, and, who may have contact with incarcerated individuals who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution

- Promotional inquiries within the system (lieutenant, sergeant) include the questions regarding whether the candidate has been involved in an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, if the allegations were substantiated, if they have been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in sexual activity in the community by force, overt or implied, or coercion, etc.

- Promotional Personal History Form for other promotional candidates (sergeants, lieutenants)

The auditor observed on the randomly reviewed four newly hired personnel file applications that they are directly asked the questions noted in provision (a) and (b). The auditor was provided documentation showing that promotional candidates are asked the questions during the promotional process (new application completed). Newly promoted administrative staff confirmed this process to the auditor. The auditor reviewed signed acknowledgements of the Employee Manual which directs staff that they have a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct (13 total personnel files).

(g) Form EIU23 - Personal History Questionnaire - (Rev. 6/15) The beginning of the questionnaire specifically informs all candidates that all questions must be answered truthfully as the state law and civil service commission rules have the force and effect of law and provide penalties for making a false statement of material fact in any application. Applicants sign this form acknowledging this. This was observed on the application in the files reviewed.

(h) Directive #2012, Release of Employee Personnel and Payroll Information - 10/7/2019 states information about a former employee will be provided to State agencies without authorization and provided to parties other than State agencies with authorization. The interview with the Human Resource Manager confirmed that she would refer to her representative in central office for direction, if a request was received.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Review of policy directives, Employee Manual, and the application process support compliance. The application process requires all new applicants and promotional candidates to answer the questions required in subpart (a). The Agency has an Employee Investigative Unit (EIU) designated to conduct background checks which does conduct a national search

	<p>for criminal records. The Agency uses a system which notifies them when a current employee has been arrested so that the circumstances can be investigated. The Employee Manual, in which each staff signs an acknowledgment of receipt, notifies employees of a continuing duty to report. Reference checks are conducted by the central office; information provided to other states would be provided by central office with a signed release. The investigative unit has a process to ensure that this check would reveal if the employee quit pending an investigation. This was all reiterated during the interview with the Human Resource supervisor. After analysis of the noted written documentation, interviews and observations, the auditor finds that agency/ facility in compliance with this standard. A finding of exceeds standard is provided due to the fingerprinting operation in which any criminal activity would be immediately and continually reported.</p>
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<b>115.18</b>	<b>Upgrades to facilities and technologies</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #3053, Alterations and Construction Request 4/22/2019</li> <li>· Form 1612</li> <li>· Interviews Commissioner</li> <li>· Interview Superintendent</li> <li>· Observations</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ indicates the facility has made substantial expansions or modifications of existing facilities since the last PREA audit and has installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since the last PREA audit.</p> <p>Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:</p> <p>(a) (b) Directive #3053, Alterations and Construction Request specifically notes that prior to submitting a request to alter or construct a building, the ability to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual abuse must be reviewed. In addition, it states, when designing or acquiring any new facility or planned 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 incarcerated individuals from sexual abuse. When installing or updating a video</p>

monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, the agency shall consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual abuse. Form 1612 Part IV addresses these requirements, specifically requiring that the ability to enhance safety and protect the incarcerated individual from sexual abuse is addressed prior to approval of the plans.

The interview with the Commissioner confirmed the following: In accordance with Department Policy (Directive #3053 "Alterations/Construction Requests"), each facility Superintendent must obtain Central Office approval for any alteration or construction project. As a part of that process, the Superintendent submits a Form 1612 Alterations/Construction Requests form. The Superintendent is required to evaluate the scope of the alteration and consider the effect of the design, acquisition, or modification upon the ability to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual abuse. The Superintendent indicates on the form whether the alteration's impact will enhance, be neutral, or have a negative impact on the ability to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual abuse. The Division of Facilities Planning and Development reviews these requests and obtains comments from the Associate Commissioner for PREA Compliance, and other appropriate Central Office units, before approving any request.

"The Department has wide-spread audio/video surveillance in a number of its facilities, and also coverage in specialized units such as Special Housing Units, Behavioral Health Units, and our Residential Rehabilitation Units. When a report of sexual abuse or sexual harassment is received, standard protocol calls for the facility to secure surveillance footage for the date, time and location of the reported incident for use in either an Office of Special Investigations (OSI) or facility investigation. Video surveillance has provided corroborating evidence used to help obtain convictions and has also assisted in vindicating wrongfully accused staff. In recent years, the Division of Facilities Planning and Development has worked hand-in-hand with our Office of Special Investigations and the Sexual Abuse Prevention & Education Office to review areas of concern for possible adjustment of existing camera systems, or to make recommendations for augmentation of the system. Technical limitations do prevent rapid adjustments to the surveillance system. DOCCS began upgrading facility CCTV/audio monitoring systems in 2015. Facility-wide CCTV/audio coverage is currently present in fourteen (14) facilities. CCTV projects in construction are underway at five (5) additional facilities - Eastern NY, Taconic, Sullivan, Taconic, and Wende. There are thirteen (13) projects in design to install new or upgrade existing facility-wide CCTV/audio monitoring systems. The new projects will be at Fishkill, Greene, Groveland, Marcy, Mid-State, Orleans, and Sing Sing. The upgrade of existing facility-wide CCTV/audio monitoring systems will be done at Albion, Auburn, Bedford Hills, Clinton, Five Points, and Upstate. The long-term goal is to install full-coverage camera systems at all maximum and medium-security facilities. Beginning in 2017, DOCCS has used Body-Worn Cameras in several correctional facilities. DOCCS initially piloted body-worn camera systems using a local storage solution. The Department is now phasing out the original model in favor of Axon body-worn camera systems using a cloud-based storage solution. The body-worn camera program is fully implemented at

Bedford Hills, Fishkill, Franklin, Marcy, Mid-State, Sullivan and Taconic Correctional Facilities. In addition, body-worn cameras are in partial use at Albion and Collins Correctional Facilities with an anticipated full implementation within the next couple of months. Bare Hill Correctional Facility was issued a small number of body-worn cameras for a pilot program. A civilian pilot program was started on March 25, 2024, at Franklin Correctional Facility. The Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) has full deployment of body-worn cameras for use by their staff. The Department plans to expand the utilization of this technology to Eastern NY, Fishkill, Greene, Marcy, Shawangunk, Sing Sing, Washington, and Wyoming Correctional Facilities for full implementation by the end of year 2024. The Department is moving forward with the body-worn camera program with plans to expand the utilization to Cape Vincent, Cayuga, Groveland, Lakeview, Mohawk, Orleans, Riverview, Ulster, Wallkill and Woodbourne Correctional Facilities."

The auditor observed the installation of additional video monitoring. Documentation provided supports the addition of Video Relay Phones. Both have been considered for improvement of the Agency's ability to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual abuse.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Policy noted above supports that sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention will be considered when making changes to the physical plant or upgrading the camera system. A process is in place, form 1612, to ensure this is considered. An example of this form was provided with the pre-audit documentation. The Superintendent confirmed that the designs/modifications do consider incarcerated individual safety and prevention of sexual abuse, as did the placement of the camera system. Written responses by the Commissioner further ensure that any upgrades to facilities and/or monitoring equipment have a process in place that ensures that changes will be evaluated to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual abuse. For all these reasons, the auditor finds there is substantial evidence to support a finding of compliance.

115.21	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response 12/1/2023</li> <li>· Directive #0700 Office of Special Investigations (OSI) 9/20/2022</li> <li>· HSPM1.60 Sexual Assault 7/22/2022</li> <li>· OSI Investigation Manual - confidential</li> </ul>

- Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual Coordinated Response 115.65 2/15/2022
- New York State Sexual Assault Victim Bill of rights
- Taconic CF Coordinated Response Plan to An Incident of Incarcerated individual Sexual Abuse FOM 702
- Review of the Watch Commander response manual which provides information for the hospitals that provide SANE exams locally
- OSI Sex Crimes Division Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklist
- Interview with the Watch Commander
- Interview ADS PREA
- Observation of the Evidence kit/observation of list of qualified evidence collectors
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates there have been zero forensic medical exams, zero SANE/SAFE exams, no exams performed by a qualified medical practitioner during the previous twelve months.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) Directive #0700 indicates that the Sex Crimes Division (SCD) specializes in investigation of unauthorized relationships, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and related misconducts between incarcerated individuals; they coordinate with outside law enforcement and prosecutors.

Directive #4027 ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation shall be completed for all allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and unauthorized relationships. Pursuant to Directive #0700, "Office of Special Investigations (OSI)," the Commissioner has designated OSI to conduct these investigations.

*Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual Coordinated Response states, Evidence Collection and Preservation (Incarcerated Individual-on-Incarcerated individual Sexual Abuse) In most cases where physical evidence may exist, evidence collection and preservation will be conducted by the Office of Special Investigations or the State Police. If, however, the State Police or the Office of Special Investigations is unable to respond promptly, it may be necessary for facility staff to collect evidence required from the victim and the suspected perpetrator as directed by the Superintendent or designee and only after consultation with the Office of Special Investigations. The procedures for evidence collection and preservation may apply for reported or known victims of sexual abuse and are only to be used by facility staff in connection with an incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual abuse investigation and only with proper authorization from the Office of Special Investigations. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that trained, uniformed personnel are*

*designated to perform as Facility Evidence Collectors in the rare event that facility personnel are required to perform such duties. A current list of the Facility Evidence Collectors will be maintained in the Facility's RED Book. Note: Approved evidence collection procedures will be used as a guideline for staff collecting evidence in an Incarcerated Individual on Incarcerated Individual sexual abuse investigation. All evidence collected will be stored and secured in accordance with Directives #4931, "Aggravated Harassment of an Employee by an Incarcerated Individual" and #4910A, "Contraband/Evidence-Handling, Storage, and Disposition." 1. Sexual Abuse Evidence Bag and Recovery Kit: The Deputy Superintendent for Security shall ensure that a "Sexual Abuse Evidence Bag and Recovery Kit" is assembled and stored in the Watch Commander's Office. The Sexual Abuse Evidence Bag and Recovery Kit contains the necessary items with which to collect and preserve evidence from a sexual abuse crime victim and incarcerated individual perpetrator.*

The auditor observed this Evidence kit which ensures that the proper contents as required are available (sealed). It is located in the Watch Commander office and was quickly retrieved when requested. Additionally, the auditor observed the readily available list of qualified evidence collectors while talking to the Watch Commander.

(b)The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) does not conduct on-site forensic medical examinations. In accordance with DOCCS policies, when evidentiarily or medically appropriate, a victim of sexual abuse shall be transported to an outside hospital and shall be provided treatment and services as required by the laws, regulations, standards and policies established by the State of New York and administered by the New York State Department of Health. The New York State Department of Health requires hospitals to follow "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations Adults/Adolescents". The auditor verified this on the agency webpage - [health.ny.gov/professionals/safe/](http://health.ny.gov/professionals/safe/).

(c)(d)(e) HSPM1.60 Sexual Assault states the following: *The DOH requires hospitals to establish policies and procedures for the treatment of sexual assault victims and the collection and maintenance of forensic evidence. All treatment, including outside hospital services, will be provided to victims without financial liability and regardless of whether or not the victim cooperates in any investigation arising from the incident. all victims of sexual abuse shall be afforded access to forensic medical examinations at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate. I/I 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. Expeditious transportation will be coordinated with the Watch Commander to take the I/I victim to an outside hospital emergency department staffed with a certified Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or any other hospital upon confirmation that a SANE/SAFE and a Victim Advocate are available to provide services. An investigator from OSI is immediately dispatched to the hospital to document evidence and the process. The OSI Sex Crimes Division Sexual Abuse Incident Review Information documents the offer of a victim advocate and whether it was accepted by the incarcerated individual. Further written authority confirming the*

	<p>compliance with this is located in the confidential OSI Policy Manual Sex Crimes Division (provided to and reviewed by the auditor).</p> <p>Coordinated Response Plan to An Incident of Incarcerated individual Sexual Abuse FOM lists the closest hospitals with SANE services. The auditor observed the contact information for them in the FOM, located in the Watch Commander office. The auditor interviewed the Watch Commander and requested this information; he was immediately able to find the manual and locate the three hospitals listed.</p> <p>(f) The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), Office of Special Investigations (OSI), Sex Crimes Division (SCD) and the New York State Police (NYSP), Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) work cooperatively in the investigation of incarcerated individuals' sexual abuse that may rise to criminal conduct as supported by the Directive #0700 Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and a memo to the Superintendent of the New York State Police provided to the auditor.</p> <p>(g) Auditor is not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>(h) Not applicable to this facility. This was supported by the interview with the ADS - PREA. As noted, the hospital Sexual Assault Team will provide this individual with a victim advocate from the community.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Policy supports the requirements of the provisions. Processes are in place to ensure an incarcerated individual is sent to a hospital for a SANE/SAFE exam when allegations are made to support a referral. State law and policy support that a qualified advocate is available through the hospital. The facility procedure and interview with the Watch Commander provided assurance of this process and knowledge of this process to the auditor. Several of the agency trained investigators have become certified for evidence collection and photographing of crime scenes, above and beyond the specialized training required of investigators (certificates provided to the auditor) therefore ensuring a uniform accurate evidence protocol is followed. For this reason, and due to the specialized nature of the investigators from the Sex Crimes Division, the memo confirming the cooperation between this department and the New York State Police, and the back up evidence kit, the auditor finds that the facility exceeds the standard.</p>
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<b>115.22</b>	<b>Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response 12/1/2023</li> </ul>

- Directive #0700 Office of Special Investigations 09/20/2022
- Taconic CF Coordinated Response Plan to An Incident of Incarcerated individual Sexual Abuse FOM 602 10/13/2023
- Quick Reference Chart to Sexual abuse and Sexual Harassment allegations
- Monthly Report of Sexual Victimization
- Interviews Commissioner
- Interviews investigative staff
- Interview with Watch Commander
- Documentation of investigations
- Observations
- FAQ
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates that there have been eight allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment that were received in the previous twelve-month review period. All are investigated as administrative investigations with six investigated as a criminal investigation based on the allegation. For the previous twelve months, there have been no substantiated allegations of sexual abuse.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) Directive #4027 ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation shall be completed for all allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and unauthorized relationships. Pursuant to Directive #0700, "Office of Special Investigations (OSI)," the Commissioner has designated OSI to conduct these investigations.

The interview with the Commissioner confirmed the following: "In accordance with my authority under Section 112 of the New York State Correction Law, I have designated the Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) as the Department's investigative branch to investigate allegations of serious misconduct in the facilities. The Office of Special Investigations conducts criminal and administrative investigations of all allegations of sexual abuse. Allegations of sexual harassment may either be investigated by OSI or by the facility as appropriate based upon the circumstances of the report. In any potentially criminal case, OSI coordinates with the New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the pertinent District Attorney's Office to ensure that any appropriate criminal charges are pursued."

Coordinated Response Plan to An Incident of Incarcerated individual Sexual Abuse requires the Watch Commander to contact OSI when an incident of sexual abuse has occurred. The interview with the investigators confirmed that they have been notified timely of all allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and/or retaliation. The



review of the investigations supported this as well. All allegations are documented. Documentation demonstrating this was provided with the pre-audit documentation. The interview with the Watch Commander confirmed knowledge of the reporting process as articulated in the facility procedure.

When reviewing investigations, the auditor reviews the following: date of report, date of incident, date of completion, how reported, type of report, was notification immediate, was staff reassigned pending the investigation, was evidence gathered and preserved, need for forensic examination, credibility assessed individually, assessment of staff actions/failures, criminally referred, retention, files maintained in secure area, investigation continued when abuser or victim left the facility, findings, and whether referred for prosecution and/or licensing board.

Investigations were reviewed with the assistance of three investigators. A list of the investigations for the previous twelve months was provided. Review of the investigations is summarized as follows:

Staff, contractor, volunteer/incarcerated individual abuse - three

Staff, contractor, volunteer/incarcerated individual harassment - one

Incarcerated individual/incarcerated individual abuse - three

Incarcerated individual/incarcerated individual harassment - two

Staff neglect - zero

Retaliation - zero

Substantiated - zero

Unsubstantiated - two

Unfounded - zero

Ongoing - six

(c) This is not applicable to this facility as OSI is a part of the agency although outside of the facility/department.

(d) Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

(e) Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Policies noted above, interviews with the investigators and watch commander and review of investigations from the established 12-month audit time frame support that investigations are all appropriately addressed by the OSI involving sexual abuse and sexual harassment, or retaliation and staff neglect that led to sexual abuse or sexual harassment. These investigations are initiated promptly with investigators being contacted immediately in accordance with the facility's coordinated response/reference chart. This was determined from the review of the investigations, the investigative process and the

	<p>interviews with the investigators and watch commander. It was established that OSI has legal investigative authority within the State of New York and also collaborates with the State Police on any matters that may appear to be criminal as established by the confidential manual. All investigations are therefore considered administrative and criminal when elements support this. This verifies compliance with the FAQ issued January 2023. Therefore, the auditor finds there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of compliance.</p>
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<b>115.31</b>	<b>Employee training</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Training Manual Section: 0.100 - Frequency Training Chart and Training Bulletins - 11/1/2023</li> <li>· Training Manual Subject 8.300A - Recruit Training Catalog of Courses 11/1/2023</li> <li>· Training Bulletin 11/1/2023</li> <li>· Training Manual Subject #7.000 - Initial Employee Training/40-hour Orientation 8/19/2022</li> <li>· Training Manual Section #7.100 Employee Familiarization In-Service Training Program 11/1/2023</li> <li>· Memo - Commissioner 7/06/2022 RE: Policies and Standards Generally Applicable to all Employees</li> <li>· Memo - Commissioner 8/19/2022 Acting Commissioner to all employees, contractors and volunteers RE: Revised Policy on the Prevention of Sexual Victimization</li> <li>· Memo - Deputy Commissioner/Associate Commissioner (PREA Coordinator) 4/8/2015 RE: Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Training</li> <li>· Training curriculum 17093 (one for males, one for females) PREA Introduction Transfer Lesson plan</li> <li>· KHRT #35029 PREA Training new employees curriculum</li> <li>· KHRT #35029 Report of training completed</li> <li>· KHRT #35029 signatures noting understood the training</li> </ul>

- KHRT #17078 Report of training completed 104 staff completed
- KHRT #17078 signatures noting understood the training
- KHRT #17078 curriculum Refresher training· Interviews random staff
- Informal interviews with staff - food service staff, recreation, two teachers - one newly hired, state shop/laundry staff, commissary staff, and vocational staff
- Observations
- FAQ

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) Training Manual Section: 0.100 - Frequency Training Chart and Training Bulletins confirms that PREA Training is provided every two years, and a module on Professional Boundaries provided annually.

Training Manual Section #7.000, 40 Hour Orientation/Initial Employee Training confirms that all civilian new employees receive mandatory training which includes 3-hour module on Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response.

8.300A Attachment Recruit Training Catalog of Courses

Recruit Training Program ensures that sexual abuse prevention and response training is addressed in recruit training.

Memo - Deputy Commissioner/Associate Commissioner (PREA Coordinator) RE: Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Training ensures that PREA training is mandatory, must include Avoiding Inappropriate Behavior Between Staff and Incarcerated individuals and is a three-hour course.

Memo - Commissioner RE: Policies and Standards Generally Applicable to all Employees, addressed to staff provides updates to laws, regulations, Employees Manual and Policy/Procedure Manual to include Sexual Victimization Prevention and Response policy.

Training 35029 Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Training is a fifty-seven (57) page module that addresses the following: define key terms defined by PREA and DOCCS policies, review of Employee Manual that addresses PREA requirements, discuss how to communicate effectively and professionally with LGBTI/GNC incarcerated individuals and parolees, actions of first responders, categories of misconduct for duty to report, mandatory laws for reporting and consequences for abuse with incarcerated individuals, dynamics of sexual conduct in confinement (males and females), reactions of victims, how to avoid inappropriate relationships with incarcerated individuals and parolees, assessment of vulnerability or abusiveness, vulnerable populations, reporting requirements, and coordinated response plan.

The auditor reviewed Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Refresher Training

Lesson Plan for 17078. It demonstrates that training covers the following topics: Definitions, Zero Tolerance Policy, Incarcerated individual/Parolee right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, incarcerated individuals have the right to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or harassment, dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement for males incarcerated individuals and female incarcerated individuals, common reactions of victims, communicating effectively with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex, or gender nonconforming incarcerated individuals, how to avoid inappropriate relationships, employee responsibilities of prevention, detection, reporting and response and mandatory reporting.

An interview with the trainer at a previous facility confirmed that new staff do not have incarcerated individual contact before receiving training on PREA which supports clarification provided in the FAQ. A report demonstrating that staff have been trained for course 35029, Preventing Sexual Abuse, and 17078 PREA Refresher was provided to the auditor providing evidence that staff receive this training. All random staff interviews confirmed that staff are trained regularly, and training includes the topics required in the provision.

(b) Training Manual Section #7.100 Facility Familiarization In-Service Training Program specifies that all transfer staff receive familiarization on compliance with PREA and the Department's Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response procedures. It further states that the training will be tailored to the gender of the incarcerated individuals at the facility, including gender dynamics, for staff who are transferring from a facility that houses opposite gender staff that they on they worked.

This orientation training confirmed that all employees, whether corrections officers or civilians received PREA training prior to assignment in the facility which supports compliance with the FAQ issued October 2014, September 2015 and March 2019. Training is specific to males, or females based on the population of the facility. (Curriculum 17093 Female forty (40) slides specific to PREA and females, Curriculum 17093 Male facilities forty (40) slides).

(c) Training Bulletin ensures that PREA refresher is addressed at line-up training annually for uniformed line staff, and as a written refresher for non-uniformed and supervisory staff. It includes the following topics: zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment; review of the Employee Manual requirements, limits to cross gender viewing and searches, reporting and investigation, and supervision and monitoring.

As stated, Training Manual Subject: 0.100 - Frequency Training Chart and Training Bulletins - confirms that PREA Training is provided every two years, and a module on Professional Boundaries provided annually. The documents provided confirm that staff have received PREA Refresher training. All random staff interviews and informal interviews confirmed to the auditor that staff have been trained as required by this standard.

Memo - Commissioner RE: Policies and Standards Generally Applicable to all Employees reinforces that Prevention of Sexual Abuse is to be complied with by all

	<p>staff.</p> <p>(d) The training form signed by staff after completion of training (RTF) states, “By signing below you confirm that you participated in the Prevention of Sexual Abuse – PREA training program and that you understand the training that you have received.” One example of this form was provided with the PAQ.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: After review and analysis of the documentation and interviews with staff, the auditor concludes that the standard is deemed compliant. The training curriculum supports that all ten topics required by the standard are thoughtfully and thoroughly addressed in the curriculum. The orientation to the facility training provides information specific to working with female incarcerated individuals. Training occurs every two years with a refresher training annually. Documentation of training records for courses 35029 PREA and 17078 Refresher were provided to further support that the facility is compliant. It demonstrated that all staff have been trained. All staff interviews support that staff have received the training and staff were knowledgeable regarding the various aspects required by the standard. As indicated, due to the enhanced refresher training, the auditor finds the agency exceeds the standard.</p>
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<b>115.32</b>	<b>Volunteer and contractor training</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4750 Volunteer Services Program 5/2/2024</li> <li>· Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response, 12/1/2023</li> <li>· Training Manual 7.150 Orientation for Per diem and Non-Departmental Employees 11/1/2023</li> <li>· Volunteers’ packets Standards of Conduct for Volunteers, Application for Volunteer Status, Background clearance - seven reviewed onsite randomly requested</li> <li>· Directive #4071 Guidelines for Construction Projects 3/10/2023</li> <li>· Informal interviews with construction workers (three total)</li> <li>· Observations</li> <li>· Interview with a volunteers - four total</li> <li>· Informal interview with construction workers on site during the audit</li> </ul>

- Interview with the Volunteer Coordinator

- PAQ

The PAQ indicates there are three hundred two (302) volunteers and no contractual staff (other than temporary construction workers) who have been trained in agency policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse/harassment prevention, detection, and response.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a)(b) Directive #4027 confirms the following: For reporting purposes under this directive, "employee" includes any employee, contractor, contract employee, volunteer, or intern of the Department or any employee, contractor, or contract employee assigned to work in a Department correctional facility by any other State agency.

Directive #4750 Volunteer Services Program states, Restrictions: *During orientation, volunteers must be cautioned regarding the seriousness of personal/emotional involvement with incarcerated individuals. Restrictions: During orientation, volunteers must be cautioned regarding the seriousness of personal/emotional involvement with incarcerated individuals. This will include visiting, corresponding (including secure messaging (email) and packages) and accepting phone calls. In order to avoid any misunderstanding, the following guidelines must be strictly observed: a. Volunteers are prohibited from having any sexual contact or engaging in any sexual conduct with an incarcerated individual. DOCCS has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse. It is a crime for any employee to engage in sexual conduct or sexual contact with an incarcerated individual. For purposes of Penal Law §130.05, an employee also includes any person providing direct services to incarcerated individuals in a State correctional facility pursuant to a contractual arrangement with the Department or, in the case of a volunteer, a written agreement with the Department.*

*All volunteer applicants must read the most updated version of the Policy on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Incarcerated Individuals. All volunteers are to be provided with training on Directive #4027, "Sexual Victimization Prevention & Response." All volunteer applicants must acknowledge receipt in writing that they will be held accountable for and act in accordance with the policy and the law. All volunteer applicants must acknowledge that they understand the Department's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report such incidents under DOCCS' sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures.*

*Volunteer Orientation If approved, the regular ongoing volunteer will be scheduled to attend a volunteer orientation conducted by the facility SCFVS and a member of the security staff. This orientation will cover the "Standards of Conduct for Volunteers," Form #4750C, all applicable policies, benefits for volunteers, security issues, health-related issues, and facility-specific information prior to the beginning of the volunteer activity.*

	<p>Training Manual 7.150 Orientation for Per diem and Non-Departmental Employees ensures that all per diem and non-departmental employees providing service in the facility receive the PREA Introduction Transfer Lesson plan.</p> <p>(c) Form # MFVS3087 Acknowledgement of “Standard of Conduct for Volunteers” and All Applicable Policies and Form #4071A Guidelines for Construction Projects provide written information for contract workers which also require a signed acknowledgment form.</p> <p>The auditor interviewed the Volunteer Coordinator; she reaffirmed the requirements as indicated in the policy. The auditor had access to all volunteer files. Eight were randomly selected and reviewed. They demonstrated that volunteers receive background checks and sign acknowledgements noting the volunteer/contractor understands the policy on prevention of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting were included in the documentation. A refresher is required annually, therefore exceeding the standard. These files were highly organized. The auditor was additionally able to interview four volunteers during the onsite audit who confirmed this process and knowledge of zero tolerance and his responsibilities related to this law. Three construction workers verified during an informal conversation that they are provided information regarding PREA before they start work on the projects they have been hired for.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Based on review of the information provided to volunteers, review of the randomly requested documentation, interview with the volunteer coordinator, and interview with volunteers the auditor finds sufficient evidence to support a finding of exceeds compliance with this standard due to the required annual refresher training for volunteers. There were no contractual staff assigned to the facility at the time of the audit who provide services to the incarcerated individuals. Contractual staff typically are medical staff hired from an agency who receive the same level of training for all staff (orientation).</p>
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<b>115.33</b>	<b>Inmate education</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· SVPPM 115.33 Incarcerated Individual Education 7/11/2022</li> <li>· PREA – Sexual Abuse Prevention Orientation Outline 05/05/2022</li> <li>· Directive #4021 Incarcerated individual Reception/Classification dated 01/23/2019</li> </ul>

- Directive 2612 Incarcerated Individuals with Sensorial Disabilities 2/15/2023
- Form 4021A rev. 4/2022 Draft Receipt (handbook, PREA Brochure)
- Form 115.33 (Spanish orientation)
- Transitional Services Phase I Manual - 2021 (females)
- Incarcerated Individual Orientation Handbook
- Facility specific -Form 115.33 Incarcerated Individual Training Participation randomly requested
- Posters - English and Spanish How to Report Sexual Abuse or Harassment or Get Emotional Support, Zero Tolerance (female version) Report Sexual Abuse
- Observations of Posters, pamphlets (Prevention of Sexual Victimization - multiple languages)
- PREA video - female incarcerated individuals
- Interviews Intake staff
- Observation of intake process
- Observation of orientation
- Interviews random incarcerated individuals
- Documentation in randomly selected guidance folders
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates that two hundred forty-three (243) incarcerated individuals were admitted that were given information at intake, two hundred sixteen (216) stayed past 30 days who received comprehensive education on their rights to be free from both sexual abuse/harassment and retaliation for reporting such incidents and on agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents within 30 days of intake. Both numbers represent 100%.

SVPPM 115.33 Incarcerated Individual Education states the following: The Department is responsible to educate all incarcerated individuals on the zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, as well as how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

It addresses the following:

- At intake each incarcerated individual will receive the brochure, "Sexual Victimization in Prison: What You Need to Know" in their dominant language
- PREA Education provided at Transitional Services Phase I
- Facility Orientation within thirty days of arrival to include the gender



appropriate version of the film “Ending Sexual Abuse Behind the Walls An orientation in addition to other discussion regarding this.

- Participation is documented through Form #115.33 – Report of Incarcerated Individual Training Participation
- Reasonable Accommodation for Incarcerated Individuals
- Limited English Proficient
- Sensorial Disabilities
- Limited Reading Skills
- On-going PREA Education - Use of brochures (availability in the law library, general library, medical/dental waiting areas, guidance/religious services waiting area and transitional services) and postings (Report Sexual Abuse and Zero Tolerance)
- Facility Orientation Handbooks

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a)(b)Directive #4021 Incarcerated individual Reception/Classification states, each incarcerated individual is to receive the gender-specific Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) pamphlet, “The Prevention of Sexual Victimization in Prison: What You Need to Know,” Form #DC055 for incarcerated individuals assigned to a male classified facility, upon arrival at the facility, and distribution shall be documented on Form #4021A, “Draft Receipt.” PREA pamphlets are distributed to each offender upon arrival. . . . Each incarcerated individual is to view the gender-specific version of the film “Ending Sexual Abuse Behind the Walls; An Orientation,” during the reception and classification process. Viewing of the film is to be documented on Form #115.33, “Report of Incarcerated individual Training Participation.”

The auditor randomly reviewed Guidance Folders which contained documentation of receipt of the pamphlet and handbook at intake, attendance at orientation, and review of the initial and follow up risk assessments. Folders were requested for the first incarcerated individual to arrive each month, for the previous twelve months who remain at the facility at the time of the audit. This yielded the following: August 2023, September 2023, October 2023, December 2023, January 2024, February 2024 (2), March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, and June 2024 – eleven examples all demonstrating receipt of the intake information and attendance at orientation. An additional file was reviewed from years prior. It identified documentation of a Spanish speaking incarcerated individual (auditor interviewed) demonstrating this was noted and she was provided materials in Spanish. All reflected documentation of receipt of the pamphlet and facility incarcerated individual handbook.

During the onsite audit, the auditor was able to observe the intake process and observe orientation. Incarcerated Individuals are provided the intake pamphlet and Orientation Handbook upon arrival and sign noting receipt. The PREA Deputy personally attends orientation to introduce herself and explain her role when she is

available. The video regarding PREA is shown. It is tailored to female inmates. The auditor viewed the video. The video used at orientation has been filmed in New York DOCCS using incarcerated individuals confined in this state. It is twenty-four minutes long. It reviews personal testimony from numerous female incarcerated individuals emphasizing that sexual abuse and sexual harassment more commonly occurring through manipulation and how to avoid manipulation. It reinforces that incarcerated individuals can report to anyone anytime. It is their right to be free from sexual abuse, sexual harassment and retaliation. It addresses how to report outside the agency, to the Inspector General (IG) (now the Office of Special Investigations), Sexual Abuse Prevention & Education Office (SAPEO), outside Rape Crisis Center and how to have family/friends report. There is a personal message from the Commissioner and the PREA Coordinator. A link to this video is available on the agency website for anyone to view.

PREA - Sexual Abuse Prevention Incarcerated Individual Orientation Outline indicates presenters are available at orientation with a guideline of all information that should be presented. PREA - Sexual Abuse Prevention Incarcerated Individual Orientation Outline is provided to staff presenting the material. The auditor reviewed the guide. The guides ensure the following is addressed: PREA Mission, PREA Coordinator, ADS PREA, What is PREA, Zero Tolerance, Personal Safety, Standards of Incarcerated individual Behavior, What to do if Abused, Reporting Sexual Abuse, Consequences of false reporting, victim services, explaining Pat searches, Confidentiality, Why opposite gender staff verbally announce their presence. The process starts over at the receiving facility with intake and orientation is then scheduled. Additionally, PREA education is addressed at Transition Phase I education. Evidence to support this is located in the Transitional Services Phase I Manual.

(c) The PAQ reports that all incarcerated individuals have received education on PREA. This agency has been actively pursuing PREA accreditation since 2014; therefore, the auditor finds this credible.

(d) See comments to 115.16.

(e) Form 115.33 Report of Incarcerated individual Training Participation Prevention of Sexual Abuse PREA requires the incarcerated individual to sign that she has seen the video "Ending the Sexual Abuse Behind the Walls: An Orientation." It specifically states, "Report of Incarcerated Individual Training Participation Prevention of Sexual Abuse - PREA In accordance with Title 28 C.F.R. § 115.33/231(d), by signing below you confirm that you participated in the "Ending Sexual Abuse Behind the Walls: An Orientation" PREA training program." One example of both types of documentation was provided to the auditor with the pre-audit documentation.

(f) Numerous posters addressing this information were observed throughout the facility. They are tailored to female incarcerated individuals.

- Report Sexual Abuse (blue large font on white background 8 ½ x 11 inches English and Spanish.

- Right to be free from sexual abuse white font 8 1/2 x 11, picture of incarcerated

individual in background, reporting information to include outside reporting (English and Spanish)

- How to Report or Get Emotional Support located by phones with information on how to report in person, in writing, by phones, by email. White font blue background header, black font on white background, goldenrod border (English and Spanish)

All incarcerated individuals interviewed verified that they were informed about their right to be free from abuse and harassment, which includes retaliation, and various methods available to them to initiate an investigation, including third party complaints, and how to file a complaint. The auditor viewed the pamphlets, and a reference binder located in the incarcerated individual library. It was conveyed to the auditor that any incarcerated individual can take and view without having to ask permission. The binder is labeled subtly so that it is not easy for others to readily know what the incarcerated individual is viewing. Pamphlets are also visible in the medical area. The facility maintains posters on how to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or get emotional support throughout the facility. The auditor verified they are posted by each phone through observation and some spot checking during incarcerated individual interviews. See comments in 115.51 and 115.53 regarding details of these posters. Additionally, much larger posters representing actual incarcerated individuals' faces (females) who assisted with the educational video provides further information that no one has to tolerate any sexual abuse or sexual harassment while incarcerated. They were located in any area where an incarcerated individual might congregate (food service, gym, housing area communication boards, library, educational area, etc.). They are in color and are guesstimated to be approximately 15 inches by 20 inches, demonstrating ease of viewing as they were located on the wall at eye level.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Review of the policies, review of guidance folders, incarcerated individual interviews regarding their knowledge of PREA and verification of the process in place, in addition to formal and informal interviews with staff all support that the facility is meeting the requirements of this standard. Incarcerated individual interviews confirmed that they are effectively educated regarding their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, their right to be free from retaliation, zero tolerance for sexual abuse or sexual harassment, how to file a complaint and agency policy regarding this. They readily pointed out that they have viewed the PREA video numerous times and see posters located by the phones throughout the facility. For all the reasons stated, the auditor finds ample evidence to support a finding of compliance. Additionally, the auditor believes the facility exceeds the standard based on the extensive information provided at intake, the video and in person education, the education provided at orientation, the additional education provided for incarcerated individual in Transition Phase I, the numerous culturally diverse posters located throughout the facility, the feedback received during the incarcerated individual interview, the availability of pamphlets and the video which can be given in numerous different languages. At this facility, many of the incarcerated individuals interviewed had high praise for the PREA Deputy noting she is around and very approachable and helps you with anything you need.

**115.34 Specialized training: Investigations**

**Auditor Overall Determination:** Exceeds Standard

**Auditor Discussion**

The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:

- Power Point Presentation: PREA Specialized Training - August 2022
- NIC training - PREA: Investigating Sexual Abuse in Confinement Settings outline
- Investigating Physical and Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings, documentation of attendance
- Introduction to the Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview course outline
- Training spreadsheet documenting investigator training
- OSI Policy Manual - confidential
- Observations
- Interviews Investigative staff - three total
- PAQ # of investigators agency

The PAQ indicates there are currently thirty-five (35) investigators trained to handle and respond to sexual abuse allegations.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a)(b) (c) Office of Special Investigations (OSI), Sex Crimes Division (SCD) training curriculum for PREA investigators includes an overview of the PREA law, state law, staff and incarcerated individual sexual abuse definitions, duty to report, dispatch guidelines, evidence protocols, processing the crime scene, effective communication with special populations, privacy for interviews, techniques for interviewing victims, credibility assessment, criteria to determine substantiated, unfounded and unsubstantiated investigations, Miranda and Garrity warnings. Investigators also received the standard PREA training, as confirmed by interviews with the investigators and documentation provided to the auditor.

Policy noted above and additional documentation showing the training curriculum support a finding of compliance. Documentation (a spread sheet showing training provided and hire dates) was provided to the auditor demonstrating the following:

All investigators have received the following:

- PREA training and PREA Refresher training

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· OSI Investigative Course</li> <li>· NIC Investigation Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting</li> <li>· NIC Communicating Effectively and Professionally with LGBTI Offenders</li> <li>· Interview and Interrogation Course</li> <li>· Strangulation</li> </ul> <p>Other Specialized Courses received by some of the investigators include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI)</li> <li>· Advocate Training</li> <li>· Basic Investigative Photography</li> <li>· Police Crime Scene and Evidence Specialist</li> <li>· Certified Inspector General Investigator</li> <li>· Reid Technique Interview and Interrogation</li> <li>· Cell phone search</li> </ul> <p>Interviews with the investigators supported the receipt of additional training in the specialized areas.</p> <p>(d) Auditor is not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Policy, training curriculum, interview with three investigators, and training certificates provide sufficient evidence that the facility is compliant with the provisions of the standard. Review of the documentation shows that the investigation unit has significant experience in the unit, received the required training, and has received additional above and beyond training. Therefore, the auditor finds that the facility exceeds the standards.</p>
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<b>115.35</b>	<b>Specialized training: Medical and mental health care</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Training Manual Subject - 7.000, 40 Hour Orientation/Initial Employee Training - 8/19/2022 (Mandatory)</li> </ul>

- Training Manual 7.150 Orientation program for Per diem and Non-Departmental Employees 8/19/2022
- Office of Mental Health Memorandum of Understanding - 9/14/2016
- Facility Medical Staff KHRT & RTF - Medical/Mental Health Training code 17098, 17099
- Training Curriculums for 17098 and 17099 September 2024
- Sexual Assault Post Exposure Protocol/PREA (Course 17083) October 2023
- Observations
- Interviews medical staff and mental health staff (five total)
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates that the facility has eight medical staff and mental health staff; 100% have received specialized training.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) Medical staff are Department of Corrections employees. Mental Health staff work in Department of Corrections facilities for the Office of Mental Health through a Memorandum of Understanding. This MOU includes the requirement for PREA training including the specialized training for medical and mental health staff. The auditor reviewed the specialized training curriculum for medical and mental health staff.

Medical training provides the following information: definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; how to detect signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; possible red flags; best practices; review of the policy and coordinated response; how to preserve evidence of sexual abuse; how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; how and who to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; health services policy. Mental health training addresses the following: history of PREA, what is sexual abuse, what is sexual harassment, review of PREA standards; review of the MOU with OMH; medical and mental health screenings; OMH referrals; best practices; prevention and risk reduction; using a victim centered approach when an incarcerated individual discloses sexual victimization; reporting. Regular PREA training additionally addresses the coordinated response plan (preserving evidence), how to detect signs of sexual abuse. The auditor concludes that both training modules in addition to regular PREA training provide the specialized training as required. Medical and mental health staff have attended Specialized PREA Training for Medical and Mental Health Providers. Documentation demonstrating this was provided to the auditor. Training in how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment is provided in the PREA training all staff receives.

Training Manual 7.150 Orientation program for Per diem and Non-Departmental Employees

	<p>Per diem employees must also sign two Report of Training Forms (RTFs) - a general RTF for the full 16 hours of orientation (code 27012) and the specific RTF for the Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Introduction/Transfer Video (17093). The forms will be submitted together as separate hours will not be credited for the video. A copy of the signed RTF PREA must be forwarded to the appropriate ADS PREA. Orientation includes the policy, PREA intro and transfer training, maintaining professional boundaries video, and Training Bulletins.</p> <p>(b) This is not applicable to this facility.</p> <p>(c)(d) Documentation was provided which demonstrated that medical staff and mental health staff have received specialized training. Staff sign the Report of Training Form acknowledging participation in the course; records are maintained by the training staff. Interviews with the Mental Health counselor and the physician confirmed this training occurs. Additionally, medical staff attend regular PREA refresher training as required per 115.31(based on documentation and interviews).</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Interviews with the physician, mental health staff, review of the curriculum, and review of training completion documents all provided sufficient evidence for the auditor to support a finding of compliance.</p>
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<b>115.41</b>	<b>Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual Screening or Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness 1/3/2023</li> <li>· Directive #4021 Incarcerated individual Reception/Classification (1/23/2019)</li> <li>· Facility Operations Manual (FOM) PREA Risk Screening 700 1/3/2023</li> <li>· Forms 115.41F; 115.41 GI</li> <li>· Completed Form 115.41 sent with the PAQ - nine examples</li> <li>· Interviews staff who perform risk screens (Offender Rehabilitation Counselor ORC and Intake Sergeant)</li> <li>· Interview PREA Coordinator</li> <li>· Interview ADS PREA</li> </ul>

- Interviews with random incarcerated individuals
- Review of randomly requested risk assessment (initial and thirty-day review - eleven total)
- Observation of the intake risk assessment
- FAQ
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates that four hundred twenty-one (421) incarcerated individuals entering the facility within the past 12 months whose length of stay was for 72 hours or more, were screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other incarcerated individuals within 72 hours of their entry into the facility. There were two hundred sixteen (216) incarcerated individuals whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more and who were reassessed for their risk of sexual victimization or of being sexually abusive within 30 days of their arrival.

Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Screening or Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness states that all incarcerated individuals will be assessed during an intake screening and upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other incarcerated individuals or sexually abusive towards other incarcerated individuals.

The procedure requires the following:

- Each facility shall develop a Facility Operation Manual FOM.
- Screening shall be conducted using the approved risk screening form.
- The form addresses all the provisions of the standard.
- Risk assessments will be completed again within 14 days.
- They will be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the assessment.
- Incarcerated individuals may not be disciplined for refusing to answer or not disclosing complete information.
- Information is not disclosed to anyone other than, when necessary, when making security decisions, housing/placement, programming, treatment, investigations or other security or management decisions.
- The screening will be conducted in a private setting.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) (b) Directive #4021 Incarcerated individual Reception/Classification further



indicates, each incarcerated individual shall be initially assessed by a Security Supervisor for their risk of being sexually abused by other incarcerated individuals or sexually abusive toward other incarcerated individuals using the gender-appropriate PREA Risk Screening Form #115.41F, "PREA Risk Screening Form - Female Facility in accordance with the facility-specific PREA Risk Screening Facility Operation Manual. . . ."

Facility Operations Manual (FOM) PREA Risk Screening specifies that all incarcerated individuals received into this facility are screened by a sergeant or above, within 24 hours (exceeding the requirement), reassessed by an ORC within 14 days, and a final review by the PCM or PREA Point Person within 30 days. It additionally emphasizes that this screening occurs in a private setting. Those who are initially screened to be a high risk of victimization or are otherwise exhibiting concerning behaviors are immediately referred to the Watch Commander for appropriate placement to ensure safety. This notification is prompted on the risk assessment form.

Incarcerated individual interviews and random review of incarcerated individual files all confirmed that this assessment is taking place immediately upon arrival, in a private setting, verbally. The auditor interviewed the Intake Sergeant and observed an intake which demonstrated how she completes the intake assessment on incarcerated individuals in a private setting during the onsite audit. She confirmed that the questions were asked verbally and affirmatively to the incarcerated individuals. She ensured the auditor that he would make a subjective opinion about appearing effeminate; it would be noted on the risk screen. This meets the requirements set forth in the FAQ October 2016. An interview with the Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator (ORC) affirmed the same information, as he completed the follow up risk assessment.

(c)(d)(e) An objective screening tool is used that considers the following information:

Risk of Sexual Victimization:

- mental, physical, development disability
- age
- physical build (different criteria for males and females)
- incarcerated for less than two years
- Is criminal history exclusively nonviolent
- convictions for sex offense against an adult, adolescent or child
- self identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex or gender nonconforming (allows for a subjective opinion, score is different for males and females)
- previous experience as a victim of sexual abuse (offer for mental health referral)

- incarcerated individual's perception of risk for sexual abuse
- detained solely for civil immigration

Risk of Sexual Abusiveness:

- conviction for a crime related to sexual abuse in institutional setting or community (offer for mental health referral)
- history of committing institutional sexual abuse, convicted of or known history (ofer for mental health referral)
- known history of committing sexual abuse in an institutional setting
- convicted of a violent offense
- history of institutional violence

On the form is the following: Screening Must Be Conducted in A Private Setting. It states, Incarcerated individuals may not be disciplined for refusing to answer or provide complete responses to these questions and distribution of this information goes to the following: guidance folder, classification/psychiatric/medical, ADS PREA.

A Gender Identity Interview process has been developed and refined. A form (115.41GI) with specific interview questions is completed by the ORC. One question is specifically dedicated to asking the individual for any information they may wish to provide with respect to their safety in connections with decisions regarding housing and placement.

(f) FOM PREA Risk Screening states incarcerated individuals will be reassessed by an assigned ORC ordinarily within 14 days of arrival. A final risk assessment determination shall ordinarily be made by the Assistant Deputy Superintendent ADS PREA or PREA Point Person within thirty days of the incarcerated individual's arrival at the facility. Directive #4021 Incarcerated individual Reception/Classification also requires the following: Each incarcerated individual shall be re-assessed by an ORC for their risk of being sexually abused by other incarcerated individuals or sexually abusive toward other incarcerated individuals using the gender-appropriate PREA Risk Screening Form #115.41F, in accordance with the facility-specific PREA Risk Screening Facility Operation Manual. Sexual orientation and gender identity information from the PREA Risk Screening shall be used to assign Other Security Characteristics as appropriate. The interviews with the randomly incarcerated individuals confirmed that they are being interviewed privately and verbally asked the relevant questions at intake and then a second time. Guidance Folders were reviewed randomly. Completed Risk Assessments were viewed in each folder, representing the initial risk assessment and a second assessment within thirty days. The same form is used for the reassessment. One column is designed to be completed by the Intake Sgt, the other by ORC. This allows the ORC to have an immediate review of the information received at the first assessment. Interviews with staff who completes the 30-day risk assessment verified to the auditor that he will make a notation if he believes an incarcerated individual is demonstrating effeminate

mannerisms but will also note the response given the by individual. Additionally, he confirmed that all questions are reviewed a second time with the incarcerated individual. Therefore, the procedure is compliant with the clarifications in the FAQ issued August 2019 for this standard.

Guidance Folders were requested for the first incarcerated individual to arrive each month, for the previous twelve months who remain at the facility at the time of the audit. This yielded the following: August 2023, September 2023, October 2023, December 2023, January 2024, February 2024 (2), March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, and June 2024 - eleven examples all demonstrating completion of the initial screen, the follow up screen, and final review by the PREA Deputy. This is in addition to nine review screens provided to the auditor with the PAQ - all demonstrating compliance with their process.

(g) FOM PREA Risk Screening states, if at any time additional information is received due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the incarcerated individual's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness, an incarcerated individual's risk level will be reassessed. Reassessment is noted utilizing a new intake screening Form. Additionally, the ORC, as required by the agency policy, reviews a portion of risk assessment at least every 90 days when the incarcerated individuals have their quarterly assessment with the ORC. If behavior changes are observed, a new risk assessment can be conducted, if warranted. This was confirmed by the interview with the ORC and the PREA Deputy.

(h) FOM PREA Risk Screening states, incarcerated individuals will not be disciplined for refusing to answer or for not disclosing complete information in response to questions asked. Incarcerated individuals interviewed were asked if they believed they would be disciplined for not answering the questions. Most indicated without hesitation that they had not. As stated, the form also states, incarcerated individuals may not be disciplined for refusing to answer or provide complete responses to these questions. This was also stated by the sergeant who conducts the initial risk assessment, and an ORC who regularly completes the follow up reassessment.

(i) FOM PREA Risk Screening states, PREA Intake Screening Forms are confidential. The completed form shall be filed in the Guidance Folder (Assessments Section), and distribution shall be limited to the Watch Commander, Assistant Deputy Superintendent ADS PREA and Lieutenant/PREA Point Person. Access to completed forms is limited to the Executive Team and Guidance Staff with a business necessity to review the completed forms. The interviews with the ORC and ADS PREA confirmed that the forms are stored in a secure location, so access is limited. The auditor observed this area during the onsite audit. The auditor confirmed with staff that forms are hand carried to the appropriate secure area for the initial review, follow up review and final review by the ADS PREA. The auditor reviewed the files in this secure area.

The interview with the PREA Coordinator confirms that the information is securely retained. To paraphrase, he indicated that this is addressed in Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual (SVPPM) item 115.41 and the approved risk screening Facility Operations Manual template. During the risk screening process, the screening

form is routed to the ADS PREA Compliance Manager and the designated PREA Point Person at the respective facility. Policy dictates that the PREA Intake Screening Forms are confidential. The completed forms are filed in each incarcerated individual's Guidance Folder with other sensitive and protected assessments. Access to completed forms is limited to the Executive Team and Guidance Staff with a business necessity to review the completed forms. Completed PREA Risk Screening forms are part of the document package that will be reviewed when a transgender incarcerated individual requests placement in a correctional facility consistent with their gender identity. In such an instance, review is limited to the Executive level and legal staff who are involved in making the case-by-case placement determination. An incarcerated individual's assessment as potentially being at "high risk of sexual victimization" or "high risk of being sexually abusive" is made available to staff only as necessary in furtherance of the goal to keep separate those incarcerated individuals at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive. An incarcerated individual's assessment as potentially being at "high risk of sexual victimization" or "high risk of being sexually abusive" is provided to the facility Movement and Control Office, who use the information to inform housing and bed assignments, and to the Program Committee Chairperson, who uses the information to inform work, education, and program assignments.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: To review, the intake screening process is conducted upon arrival by the intake sergeant to determine any triggers which are documented and immediately addressed (Form 115.41F). A completed example of this process/form was demonstrated during the on-site audit. Any pertinent information is immediately reported to the Watch Commander, ADS PREA and Lieutenant PREA Point Person. This was confirmed by the interviews with the Watch Commander and observation of the intake process. Within a few days of being assigned to the housing unit, the ORC meets with the incarcerated individual for an additional follow-up assessment. The ADS PREA or PREA Point Person reviews and makes a final determination on the risk assessment. The auditor confirmed through interviews where the assessments are stored and that only staff with authorization have access to view them. There were staff interviews with one sergeant that is assigned to conduct the screenings at intake, one ORCs who is responsible for completing the 30-day risk assessment. The staff were extremely knowledgeable of their roles and were able to demonstrate to the auditor the importance of the information that they receive and the reason it needs to remain confidential. The auditor was shown the area in which this review takes place, which is private. To further assess compliance, the auditor requested random incarcerated individual Guidance Folders who had been received; all had the appropriate risk assessment initially completed by the sergeant and reviewed by the ORC. The auditor finds that the facility qualifies for a finding of "exceeds standard" based on the immediate review, secondary, third and final review of the assessment process, re-assessment every ninety (90) days, as well as the procedure to ensure the communication of the safety needs of the incarcerated individual based on the finding of the risk assessment. Lastly, this form has been updated to enhance the objective scoring based on review of data to ensure better reliability of a predictor of sexual victimization or sexual abusiveness.

<b>115.42</b>	<b>Use of screening information</b>
	<p data-bbox="256 188 991 224"><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="256 264 544 300"><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p data-bbox="256 340 1406 416">The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul data-bbox="256 456 1469 1872" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="256 456 1469 533">· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Use of Screening Information 2/15/2022</li> <li data-bbox="256 573 1469 649">· Directive #4021 Incarcerated individual Reception/Classification Transgender/ Intersex Incarcerated individual Classification and Placement 1/23/2019</li> <li data-bbox="256 689 1310 725">· Directive #4017 Incarcerated Individual Transfer Procedure 6/6/2022</li> <li data-bbox="256 766 1150 801">· Directive #4401 Guidance &amp; Counseling Services 8/21/20</li> <li data-bbox="256 842 895 878">· FOM PREA Risk Screening 700 1/3/2023</li> <li data-bbox="256 918 751 954">· Risk Screening Form 115.41F</li> <li data-bbox="256 994 1469 1070">· Gender Identity Interview Form - 115.41GI 6/20/20 one examples provided with the PAQ</li> <li data-bbox="256 1111 1374 1146">· Directive #4009, Minimum Provisions for Health and Morale, 07/21/2022</li> <li data-bbox="256 1187 608 1223">· PREA Risk Tracking</li> <li data-bbox="256 1263 1469 1339">· Documentation for housing, bed, work, education, program Form 115.42 (1/22/2024) Report of Risk Screening Information</li> <li data-bbox="256 1379 735 1415">· Interview PREA Coordinator</li> <li data-bbox="256 1456 639 1491">· Interviews ADS PREA</li> <li data-bbox="256 1532 911 1568">· Interview staff who conduct Risk screens</li> <li data-bbox="256 1608 879 1644">· Interview with the Watch Commander</li> <li data-bbox="256 1684 1023 1720">· Interview with the Movement and Control Officer</li> <li data-bbox="256 1760 943 1796">· Interview with a Program Committee Chair</li> <li data-bbox="256 1836 1358 1872">· Interviews with incarcerated individuals (transgender/intersex) five total</li> <li data-bbox="256 1912 528 1948">· Observations</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="256 1989 751 2024">Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:</p> <p data-bbox="256 2065 1469 2101">Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Use of Screening Information states, the Department shall use information from the risk screening, including any change of</p>

circumstances, reassessment to inform housing, bed, work, education and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those incarcerated individuals at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.

Procedure:

Form 115.42 is to be completed for incarcerated individuals determined to be at high risk for sexual victimization or sexual abusiveness for the following:

- Housing and bed assignments (using a PREA Risk Tracking Sheet)
- Changes in housing/bed assignments will be authorized by the Watch Commander
- Program Committee chairperson will receive a copy of Form 115.42 to determine work and program assignments
- Any concerns should be addressed to the ADS PREA or PREA Point Person

The facility reports they currently house zero incarcerated individuals at high risk for sexual victimization and zero incarcerated individuals at high risk for sexually abusive behavior.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) (b) FOM PREA Risk Screening states, *If the incarcerated individual is assessed as potentially being at "high risk of sexual victimization" or "high risk of being sexually abusive," an immediate referral shall be made to the Watch Commander for housing assignment. The Watch Commander shall determine the most appropriate housing assignment with the goal of keeping separate incarcerated individuals at high risk of sexual victimization from those at high risk of being sexually abusive. Interviews with the Intake Sergeant, Watch Commander and ORC confirmed that this is done via a telephone call to the Watch Commander and the housing assignment information is noted using form 115.42.* No examples of this were available as the facility reports they have no incarcerated individuals at high risk for sexual victimization and no incarcerated individuals at high risk for sexual predatory behavior.

A PREA Tracking form and process has been developed. The interview with the ADS PREA confirmed that she monitors and updates at least weekly and ensures the proper staff (Program Committee, Watch Commander and Movement and Control officer) have the current tracking sheet.

(c) Directive #4021 Incarcerated individual Reception/Classification Transgender/ Intersex Incarcerated individual Classification and Placement states that any incarcerated individual who identifies as transgender, intersex or gender non-conforming shall be asked additional questions by their ORC regarding safety. The process for requesting placement to a facility in line with their gender identity is noted. Interviews with incarcerated individuals confirmed this process occurred. One example was provided with the PAQ demonstrating this process.

(d) Directive #4401 Guidance & Counseling Services states, a transgender or intersex incarcerated individual's own view with respect to his or her own safety shall be given serious consideration. The process described in subpart C further confirmed the written authority for compliance with this standard. This policy also states, all incarcerated individuals are reviewed on a quarterly basis to assess programs, personal goals, goals for the next quarter in addition to four questions specific to sexual abuse and sexual harassment safety. Incarcerated individual interviews confirmed this quarterly review occurs for all incarcerated individuals during the audit. Documentation of this process was reviewed in the guidance folder for one self-identified transgender incarcerated individuals. This was process was confirmed with interviews with incarcerated individuals. The auditor interviewed transgender females and transgender males.

(f) Directive #4009, Minimum Provisions for Health and Morale states, transgender and intersex incarcerated individuals shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other incarcerated individuals. Interviews with transgender/intersex incarcerated individuals confirmed that the shower arrangements are acceptable.

(g) The interview with the PREA Coordinator confirmed the following: The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision does not have any facilities, units or wings dedicated to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex incarcerated individuals. When a transgender or intersex incarcerated individual requests a facility assignment based upon their gender identity, a Central Office committee conducts an individualized assessment, and such placements are made when warranted. DOCCS has granted a number of gender-aligned placements since early 2019, including transfers of transgender women from male to female facilities, a transfer of a transgender man from a female to a male facility, and direct intake of multiple transgender women into our female reception center from New York City corrections and at least two other county jails. Many LGBTIQ+ incarcerated individuals are housed in the general population, although their specific housing location will be influenced by their vulnerability. Other LGBTIQ+ incarcerated individuals will be housed in a unit that is appropriate based on other needs, including discipline, chronic protective custody, mental health, or treatment needs.

Directive #4021 Incarcerated individual Reception/ Classification and Directive #4017 Incarcerated Individual Transfer Procedure address Transgender/Intersex Incarcerated Individual Transfer Requests (requests for a transfer from a male to female facility, or a female to male facility). This policy directs the ORC to complete the Form 115.41GI, forward to the supervisor, who forwards to the Deputy Superintendent for Programs to central office to the Transgender Placement Review Committee for a case-by-case assessment. It confirms that a transgender/intersex incarcerated individuals own views regarding their safety are given serious consideration. Additionally, they will not be placed at a facility based solely on external genital anatomy.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Review of the policy, PREA Manual and other documentation, comments noted on the 115.41F and processes in place that communicate risk needs to staff support a finding of compliance. As stated, at this facility, all incarcerated individuals are reassessed quarterly, and asked questions again related to sexual abuse/harassment safety. This was confirmed by

	<p>staff interviews and incarcerated individual interviews, and documentation. Documentation showing that a transgender incarcerated individual's own views are given serious consideration was provided to the auditor with the pre audit documentation and onsite. Based upon this analysis of written authority, completed documentation, interviews with the intake sergeant, ORCs, PREA Coordinator, ADS PREA, and incarcerated individuals all provides the auditor with sound evidence for the auditor to find the facility substantially exceeds compliance with this standard.</p>
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<b>115.43</b>	<b>Protective Custody</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4948 Protective Custody Status 1/19/2024</li> <li>· Forms #2168A (4/2022), #2170A (4/2022) and #4948A (8/2021)</li> <li>· Interviews Superintendent</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ states that no incarcerated individuals have been placed in involuntary protective custody due to their high risk of sexual victimization. The auditor found no evidence to dispute this during the audit process. This facility no longer has any form of restrictive housing; the auditor verified this during the onsite audit.</p> <p>Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:</p> <p>(a)Directive #4948 Protective Custody Status Involuntary Protective Status states, <i>Definitions: An incarcerated individual who is appropriate for Involuntary Protective Custody (IPC) solely because they are at high risk for sexual victimization, as determined by an assessment conducted pursuant to the SVPPM and Title 28 C.R.F. § 115.41 of the National Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards or following a report that the incarcerated individual was the victim of sexual abuse, where an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers, and who does not voluntarily accept admission into PC status.</i></p> <p><i>Sexual Victimization Involuntary Protective Custody: An incarcerated individual who is appropriate for IPC solely because they are at high risk for sexual victimization as determined by an assessment conducted pursuant to the SVPPM and Title 28 C.F.R. § 115.41 of the National PREA Standards or following a report that the incarcerated individual was the victim of sexual abuse, may be placed in IPC on such basis only after an assessment of all available alternatives have been made and a determination</i></p>



has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, the facility may hold the incarcerated individual in IPC for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment using Form #2168A, "Sexual Victimization - Involuntary Protective Custody Recommendation." 1. If an IPC assignment is made pursuant to subsection V-D, the assigned Assistant Deputy Superintendent/PREA Compliance Manager or, if the facility does not have an assigned Assistant Deputy Superintendent/PREA Compliance Manager, the facility PREA Point Person must be notified no later than the next business day. The Assistant Deputy Superintendent/PREA Compliance Manager or the facility PREA Point Person shall notify the Associate Commissioner/PREA Coordinator, in writing, of the date and time Form #2168A was completed, and, if applicable, the date and time of the incarcerated individual's removal from IPC. Additionally, the facility shall clearly document:

a. The basis for the facility's concern for the incarcerated individual's safety.

b. Whether a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers, including documentation of what alternatives were considered and assessed to be unavailable. This information will be recorded on Form #2168A. Placement in IPC pending a hearing may only be authorized by the Watch Commander or above. NOTE: If the incarcerated individual is placed in IPC prior to completion of the recommendation form, the assessment of all available alternatives must be completed within 24 hours of admission.

c. An incarcerated individual placed in IPC on this basis shall have a hearing conducted within 14 days, in accordance with the provisions of Directive #4932, to determine the need for PC admission.

2. Incarcerated individuals placed in PC on this basis shall have access to programs, privileges, education, and work opportunities to the extent possible. If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, the facility shall document on Form #4948A, "Restriction of Incarcerated Individual's Program Participation":

a. The opportunities that have been limited

b. The duration of limitation

c. The reasons for such limitation

3. The facility shall assign such incarcerated individuals to IPC on this basis only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged, and such assignment shall not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days. An incarcerated individual in IPC on this basis shall have such status reviewed every seven days for the first two months, and at least every 30 days thereafter, by a three-member committee consisting of a representative of the facility Executive Staff, a Security Supervisor, and a member of the Guidance and Counseling staff at the facility where the incarcerated individual is housed. The results of such review shall be documented on Form #2170A and forwarded to the Superintendent for final determination.

	<p>Policy addresses all requirements of the provisions of this standard.</p> <p>(b) Directive #4948 Protective Custody Status, Involuntary Protective Status states that incarcerated individuals placed in Involuntary Protective Custody shall have access to program, privileges, education and work to the extent possible. It notes that it will be documented on Form #4948A Sexual Victimization Involuntary Protective Custody.</p> <p>(c) Directive #4948 Protective Custody Status, Involuntary Protective Status states, the facility assigns incarcerated individuals at high risk of sexual victimization to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged. Directive #4948 also ensures that placement shall not ordinarily exceed 30 days. If that should occur, the incarcerated individual will be reviewed every seven days; documentation noted on Form #2170A Protective Custody Review.</p> <p>(d) Form #2168A Sexual Victimization - Involuntary Protective Custody provides an avenue to document the facilities rationale behind the placement.</p> <p>(e) Directive #4948 also ensures that placement shall not ordinarily exceed thirty (30) days. If that should occur, the incarcerated individual will be reviewed every seven days for the first two months, and at least every thirty (30) days thereafter by a three-member committee consisting of a representative of the facility Executive Staff, a Security Supervisor and a member of the Guidance and Counseling staff; documentation is noted on Form #2170A.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: The interview with the Superintendent confirmed that an incarcerated individual has not been placed in these specialized housing areas related to being at high risk for sexual victimization or having alleged sexual abuse. This facility does not have a specialized housing unit which restrict incarcerated Individual movement (confirmed by interviews, informal conversations and observations). This would involve a transfer to Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Based upon the written authority, observations and these interviews, the auditor finds the standard is not applicable - compliant.</p>
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<b>115.51</b>	<b>Inmate reporting</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response, 12/1/2023</li> <li>· SVPPM Coordinated Response 2/15/2022</li> </ul>

- Employee Manual 2019
- Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response (SAPR) Lesson Plan (refresher training 17078) 3/2022
- How to Report Poster, How to get emotional support, our Safety and Security are Important (OSI reporting)
- Letter The New York State Commission of Correction (SCOC) Incarcerated individual and Resident reporting 4/9/2014
- Prevention of Sexual Victimization in Prison: What You Need to Know brochure (3/2022)
- PREA Pocket Card (4/2022)
- Interview with the Grievance Coordinator
- Interviews incarcerated individuals
- Interviews random staff
- Review of investigations

(a) Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention & Response, states, *Incarcerated Individual and Releasee Reporting: The Department provides multiple internal ways for incarcerated individuals and releasees to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other incarcerated individuals, releasees, or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, unauthorized relationships, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may contribute to such incidents. a. As set forth in the Employees' Manual, Section 2.20, and this Directive, staff are mandated to accept reports of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and unauthorized relationships made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties. Incarcerated individuals and releasees may report to OSI. Reports may be made by writing to: DOCCS Office of Special Investigations, 1220 Washington Ave., Building 4, Albany, NY 12226-2050. Incarcerated individuals may also use the OSI Reporting Line by dialing 444 on the incarcerated individual telephone system during regular business hours. Calls to 444 are not monitored by facility staff. Releasees and family members may also contact the OSI reporting line at 1-844-OSI-4NYS, via email to [OSIComplaint@doccs.ny.gov](mailto:OSIComplaint@doccs.ny.gov), or by submitting an online complaint at <https://doccs.ny.gov/doccs-office-special-investigations-osi>. c. Incarcerated individuals and releasees may also report to the State Commission of Correction (SCOC), a separate State office that is not part of the Department by writing to: State Commission of Correction, Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, 80 South Swan Street, 12th Floor, Albany, New York 12210. Incarcerated individuals may use privileged correspondence for this purpose. The SCOC will receive and immediately forward reports of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and unauthorized relationships to OSI. An incarcerated individual or releasee may request that the SCOC allow them to remain anonymous and the SCOC will not include their name in the report.*

Below is the analysis of the SVPPM relevant to this standard:

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Official Response Following an Incarcerated Individual or Releasee Report

*Policy: It is the policy of the Department that all allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation against staff, an incarcerations individual, or a releasee for reporting such an incident or participating in an investigation will be thoroughly investigated.*

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a)PREA posters, observed throughout the facility located next to phones includes the following information:

To report Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment in person:

- Tell any staff
- Ask a family member

In writing:

- Write to any staff
- Write to investigators (address provided)
- Write to an outside agency (SCOC address provided)

By Phone:

- Call 444 reporting line (8:00am to 5:00pm) (calls are not monitored by facility staff)

Posters are laminated and include information on how to get emotional support. They are 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches, on white paper with blue and gold trim. Font is approximately size 11 to 16 depending on the information provided. Incarcerated individual interviews revealed that they are all aware of these posters, but not specifically the information on them, noting to the auditor, they had no reason to read them.

Numerous phones were visible throughout the facility to include those located in the housing units and numerous others in programming areas to include educational areas, libraries, the gym, recreation yard, food service, and industry operation. Recently, tablets were issued to the incarcerated individual population which affords them the ability to make phones call, which enhances the ability to have privacy during these calls.

Review of the investigations demonstrated that allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment were received in the following methods: verbally to security staff, verbal to mental health, through the reporting process required in standard 115.63,

third party to OSI via the complaint process, and incarcerated individual allegations made directly to the OSI reporting line. Staff interviews confirmed to the auditor that they immediately report any allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, staff neglect that may lead to it and /or retaliation immediately to their supervisor or watch commander and follow up with a written report as directed by the supervisor.

Analysis of incarcerated individual interviews confirmed to the auditor that they are aware of numerous methods for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment, most noting they would use the phone, with the second most common response was to tell staff. They confirm the information for reporting is readily available on the numerous posters throughout the facility.

(b) The New York State Commission of Correction (SCOC) has agreed to receive all written incarcerated individual reports containing sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations, including anonymous allegations, and will immediately forward them to DOCCS for investigation. This is confirmed by a memo from the Chairman of the Commission. This information is provided in the pamphlet given to incarcerated individuals upon arrival, The Prevention of Sexual Victimization in Prison: What You Need to Know. The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision does not detain incarcerated individuals solely for civil immigration purposes. However, information on how to contact relevant consular officials is available in A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual: Immigration & Consular Access Supplement located in all NYSDOCCS facility law libraries.

(c) Policy requires that all staff are mandated to accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously and from third parties. Additionally, this is reinforced in the Employee Manual which states, all staff shall report immediately and according to Agency policy any know, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse, sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, any acts of retaliation against incarcerated individuals or staff for reporting such an incident or for participating in an investigation of an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. The duty to report includes third-party and anonymous reports. All random staff interviews confirmed a strong knowledge and understanding that they need to accept all reports as described.

(d) Staff may report sexual abuse or sexual harassment privately to the Office of Special Investigations by calling their number directly or sending an email directly to them. This is reinforced in the PREA training and on individually issued pocket size PREA Response cards for staff. All staff interviews supported that they are aware they have a private mechanism for reporting. Most commented that they could contact OSI directly, noting the number on the Response Card for this. All staff had a Response Card accessible.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Review of documentation noted above supports a finding of compliance. Incarcerated individuals noted that there are several ways to file a complaint at this facility and shared examples of such. Staff are aware of the numerous avenues for filing a complaint, including third party and anonymous. Initial and refresher training emphasize the different avenues for

	<p>reporting. Staff responses were consistent with the report being made immediately and either through their direct supervisor to the Watch Commander, or directly to the Watch Commander. Although sexual abuse and sexual harassment complaints are not processed through the administrative procedure for incarcerated individual grievances, if a grievance is filed containing anything resembling an allegation, the grievance supervisor immediately sends a copy to the Watch Commander. The interview with the Grievance Supervisor confirmed that incarcerated individuals receive appropriate notification indicating that the complaint is deemed exhausted upon filing for Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA) purposes. A copy of this form was provided to the auditor for review. This interview further confirmed that anything that may resemble a PREA allegation is forwarded to the Watch Commander as appropriate for review. This requirement is reinforced in the PREA Lesson plan. The interview with the ADS PREA confirmed this process. For all reasons summarized, the auditor finds there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of compliance with all provisions of the standard.</p>
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<b>115.52</b>	<b>Exhaustion of administrative remedies</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· DOCCS Directive #4040, Incarcerated individual Grievance Program (IGP) 1/20/2016</li> <li>· Memo Grievances concerning Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment, or Unauthorized Relationship -revised procedure.</li> <li>· Interview Grievance Coordinator</li> <li>· FAQ</li> </ul> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance:</p> <p>The agency opts to be not applicable to this standard. DOCCS Directive #4040, Incarcerated individual Grievance Program (IGP), confirms that an incarcerated individual is not required to file a grievance about sexual abuse or sexual harassment. It states that any incarcerated individual grievance that is filed regarding a complaint of sexual abuse or sexual harassment shall immediately be reported by the IGP Supervisor to the Watch Commander for further handling in accordance with Departmental policies. The memo issued to all Grievance Supervisors additionally confirms that any incarcerated individual grievance alleging sexual abuse or sexual harassment is immediately reported by the grievance staff to the Watch Commander</p>

	<p>for further handling in accordance with policy and it deemed exhausted upon filing for PLRA purposes, if the grievance does not set forth any additional matters that require a response, the grievance is then closed. The incarcerated individual is informed of this via a memo which informed him that the complaint is deemed exhausted upon filing for PLRA purposes. If the grievance does not set forth any additional matters that require a response, the grievance shall be closed. This supports the expectations clarified in the FAQ issued July 2022 requiring clear agency policy and notice to incarcerated individuals that they are immediately converted to investigations. As noted, this process was confirmed by a brief interview with the Grievance Coordinator. The agency has opted to be exempt from this standard.</p>
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<b>115.53</b>	<b>Inmate access to outside confidential support services</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Incarcerated Individual Access to Outside Confidential Support Services 7/14/2023</li> <li>· Poster How to Report Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment or Get Emotional Support</li> <li>· Pamphlet Help for Victims of Sexual Abuse in Prison Victim Support information</li> <li>· Directive #4423 Incarcerated individual Telephone Calls 1/15/14</li> <li>· Directive #4421, Privileged Correspondence 6/02/2016</li> <li>· Directive #4404 Incarcerated individual Legal Visits 9/18/19</li> <li>· Contract NYSCASA and designated Rape Crisis Programs</li> <li>· Unity House Hotline contract – NYS Domestic &amp; Sexual Violence Hotline 2021-2024</li> <li>· WestCop insert in Handbook</li> <li>· WestCop Scope of Services (contract) 9/25/2025</li> <li>· Poster PREA brochures, “Help for Victims of Sexual Abuse in Prison”</li> <li>· Email correspondence with advocacy group that provides services WestCop</li> <li>· Email correspondence with Program Coordinator for the Unity House</li> </ul>

- Verification of phone calls made
- Interviews random incarcerated individuals
- Observations of the area afforded to make legal calls
- Review of documentation of meetings/private phone calls arranged with victim advocate staff

Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Incarcerated Individual Access to Outside Confidential Support Services states the following:

Policy - DOCCS, in partnership with State and non-governmental partners, makes available emotional support and victim advocacy services for incarcerated survivors of sexual victimization. These services are provided by community-based Rape Crisis Programs.

- DOCCS Rape Crisis Hotline is intended to provide crisis counseling and referrals for emotional support.
- Ongoing emotional support and advocacy services are available through partner PREA Centers.

Procedure:

- Statewide rape crisis hotline - 777 (Unity House)
- Calls for the intended purpose are confidential by law
- Calls will be reported if the caller reveals intent to commit a crime or harmful act
- Crisis hotline staff have been trained in the appropriate reporting mechanisms
- Ongoing services can be provided
- Duration, Frequency and number of calls
- Cancelled calls
- Protection of confidentiality of the incarcerated individual
- Rape Crisis Program Legal Visits
- Rape Crisis Program Correspondence

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) A memo from Jason D. Effman, Associate Commissioner indicates the following: A PREA Statewide Rape Crisis Hotline went into effect January 8, 2019. A 777-speed dial number, available through the Incarcerated individual Telephone System, is active at



all New York DOCCS Correctional Facilities and the Willard Drug Treatment Campus. Calls made are routed to one number, who provides crisis counseling services and if requested, a referral to a Rape Crisis Program for follow-up services. Multi-language services can be provided. If requested, they will also make referrals to the DOCCS via OSI, the facility Assistant Deputy Superintendent/PREA Compliance Manager, facility designated PREA Point Person or to the PREA Coordinator. Ten current PREA service providers across the state have staff specifically trained to assist incarcerated individuals at all of the NYSDOCCS facilities. All conversations are kept confidential; they are not monitored. Ongoing emotional support and victim advocacy services are provided via legal calls (privately, arranged by the ADS PREA or Guidance staff) and in some locations via legal visits.

Directive #4421, Privileged Correspondence, Rape Crisis Programs- incarcerated individuals can send and receive privileged correspondence. It addresses that any local, state or national organization authorized to provide rape crisis services, victim advocacy services, and emotional support services is considered privileged correspondence. Mailroom staff confirmed that correspondence with these organizations is considered confidential and handled in the same manner as legal mail. Incarcerated individuals in restrictive housing areas are issued tablets in which they can make phones call, for up to four hours daily. Mail is collected in these areas by staff who place the mail directly into a lock box, as confirmed by an incarcerated individual. Therefore, the auditor finds the facility provides reasonable communication.

(b) Posters announcing the service were visible throughout the facility, located by every incarcerated individual phone. On the poster, it indicates that the calls are confidential and are not monitored by the facility but that they are recorded in the event of misuse. It also provides the agency's address should an incarcerated individual wish to correspond instead of talk on the phone. It further educates the incarcerated individual population that the counselors are only allowed to report information back to the Department with the permission of the incarcerated individual. PREA brochures, "Help for Victims of Sexual Victimization in Prison" are widely available to incarcerated individuals. In addition this pamphlet provides victim support information on how to report abuse, and outlining the PREA Statewide Rape Crisis Hotline, and it provides contact information regarding the community-based Rape Crisis Program (RCP) for rape crisis counseling victim advocacy and emotional support services (Crisis Services, Inc., Crime Victims Treatment Center, Family Services Center for Victim Safety & Support, RESTORE Sexual Assault Services, Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Sexual Assault Resource Center of Planned Parenthood of Greater NY, St. Peter's Crime Victim Services at Samaritan Hospital, Victim Advocacy Services of Planned Parenthood of Greater NY, Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County, Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP, and Vera House, Inc.) It too reinforces that calls are confidential, will not be monitored but are recorded. It further informs the incarcerated individuals that they do not have to have 777 on their approved telephone list. Telephone numbers to a specific Rape Crisis Program can be added at any time to their approved telephone list.

The following policy directives support this process: Directive #4423, Incarcerated

individual Telephone Calls, an incarcerated individual may add an attorney, or Department of Health approved Rape Crisis Program to their telephone list. Directive #4404 Incarcerated individual Legal Visits, there is an area designated for confidential visits and as stated, Directive #4421, Privileged Correspondence, Rape Crisis Programs- incarcerated individuals can send and receive privileged correspondence. The interview with the Mailroom staff confirmed this process.

(c) The Agency has a signed contract with the New York State Office of Victim Services and the New York State OPDV to provide emotional support services. These State agencies in turn contract with the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault and a community service provider to provide both a state-wide rape crisis hotline and, through additional community services providers, a partnership that provides emotional support and victim advocacy services to incarcerated individuals in all of the State's forty-four (44) correctional facilities. The Unity House provides emotional support and victim advocacy calls and receives referrals for such services through the Statewide Rape Crisis Hotline (777) provider. A contract was provided that demonstrated that the agency agrees to the following: participate in PREA training, participate in quarterly working group calls, provide services for hotline calls and referrals, ensure only PREA trained staff and/or volunteers take calls from and provide services to incarcerated survivors of sexual assault ensure answering service partners are trained in PREA, confidentiality and procedures and response, tour all incarceration facilities that are in the service areas, provide incarcerated survivors of sexual assault with rape crisis counseling, advocacy and emotional support services, follow-up with incarcerated survivors of sexual assault who made direct contact seeking rape crisis services via telephone or mail, as requested by the NYSDOCCS refer victims of sexual assault in state and local incarceration facilities to appropriate service providers, complete forms to track project services among other requirements. At this facility the Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP provides on-going support following a referral from the statewide hotline or as arranged by the ADS PREA. A Help for Victims of Sexual Abuse in Prison pamphlet does provide detailed information on how to obtain this service. Phone numbers and addresses are provided for agencies throughout the State of New York. This is available throughout the facility in areas accessible to incarcerated individuals. Contact information for Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP is also posted on housing unit bulletin boards and is printed in the facility Incarcerated individual Orientation Handbook.

During the onsite audit, the auditor observed a poster next to every incarcerated individual phone providing information on how to access this line. Also, there is a private area where incarcerated individuals can use a phone without anyone in the vicinity listening (same phone provided for legal calls) located outside the living areas, with the assistance of the ADS PREA, PREA Point Person or ORC. This area was observed during the tour. Random incarcerated individual interviews revealed that the population is aware that there is the ability to call this number by dialing 777 for reporting. Incarcerated individual interviews mostly acknowledged they knew of the number for reporting and believed it was free and confidential. They said they knew of the poster with information if they believed they needed to use that service. They acknowledged seeing an address on the poster as well. Most were not aware of the

ability to get emotional support by calling the phone but indicated they didn't have any need for that, so they didn't concern themselves with this. Some indicated they did not believe it was confidential as they had to use their personal identification number (PIN), others said they didn't know if it was or not. When clarified by the auditor that specific information is available on the poster, they did not dispute this.

Additionally, the following was analyzed to determine compliance:

- Documentation was provided to the auditor reflecting that the 777 number was called thirty-nine times in the previous twelve months. This information is contained in a report that gives the number for all facilities, broken down by length of call (one to five minutes, five to ten minutes, ten to fifteen minutes, over fifteen minutes) as well as a reflection on any trends occurring for the month.

- As indicated, at this facility, emotional support services are provided by WestCop Victim Advocate Services. The auditor communicated with the Director of WestCop. She confirmed that her organization can provide these services through the mail, in person or over the phone. Services can include the following: emotional support services, crisis intervention, information and relevant referrals. Depending on how the request is received this may also include accompaniment during forensic medical exam and accompaniment during investigatory interviews and court proceedings. Staff who perform these services are certified by the New York State Department of Health. All individuals who require services receive the agency service guidelines and confidentiality limitations through the mail. They are discussed during the first session with the individual to ensure the content is understood. Individuals receiving these services are referred by the statewide crisis service phone number or a direct referral from the facility (ADS PREA). She indicated that there is a robust involvement with this facility, whereby incarcerated individuals who use the services have been encouraged to arrange the services. The auditor, during random interviews, talked to two incarcerated individuals who have received or are receiving services from this organization. Both were very complimentary. Additionally, she discussed her organization's ability to address limited English services, stating one staff speaks Spanish, one speaks Mandarin. And, though they have not had to, they can utilize Language line services to assist with providing these services.

- The auditor communicated with the Program Director for Unity House which receives all calls statewide from the 777 number. She confirmed the following: Jefferson County Victims Assistance Center provides/serves as the vendor of the New York State PREA Rape Crisis Hotline for incarcerated survivors within DOCCS facilities on behalf of the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. The organization provides the following: emotional support services, crisis intervention, and information. Contact is made via the phone. The individual can then receive follow up services from specialized rape crisis programs that provide PREA related services. Callers can select English or Spanish on the PREA Hotline at time of caller. If another preferred language is required, Hotline staff have access to a live, over the phone, interpretation through a contracted company. Hotline staff undergo forty (40) Hours of Rape Crisis and Domestic/Family Violence Advocate certification in addition to a several weeklong on the job orientation and onboarding training. Following that, staff receive regular 1:1 supervision and group supervision. Staff are required to maintain

	<p>at least ten hours of professional development towards certification annually. She additionally provided information confirming that her organization has provided individual services to incarcerated individuals.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: As illustrated, this facility provides crisis service and on-going emotional support services to incarcerated individuals. Review of the policy, observation of the area where the phone calls can be made, and strong knowledge of the availability of the service as demonstrated by the incarcerated individual interviews all support a finding of compliance. Correspondence to these organizations is treated with confidentiality in the same manner as legal mail. The auditor believes these enhanced services provide incarcerated individuals in the NYSDOCCS comprehensive services therefore meeting the criteria for “exceeds standards”.</p>
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<b>115.54</b>	<b>Third-party reporting</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response, 12/1/2023</li> <li>· DOCCS website</li> <li>· Test of complaint form on website</li> <li>· Observations</li> </ul> <p>Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response, states, <i>Third-party reporting Third-party reports on behalf of anyone under the Department’s custody or supervision can be made to any employee. The receiving employee shall immediately forward such report to the facility Superintendent or Bureau Chief. Immediate after-hours reports concerning an incarcerated individual may be made to the facility Watch Commander. Anyone may report an incident of sexual victimization involving an incarcerated individual or a releasee to the DOCCS OSI through the OSI reporting line at 1-844-OSI4NYS, via email to OSIComplaint@doccs.ny.gov, or by submitting an online complaint at <a href="https://doccs.ny.gov/doccs-office-special-investigations-osi">https://doccs.ny.gov/doccs-office-special-investigations-osi</a>.</i></p> <p>The auditor tested the online complaint form and received a response within two hours of submitting the test complaint. Random staff interviews confirmed to the auditor that they are aware that a third-party allegation is treated the same and must be reported immediately. Incarcerated individual interviews confirmed for the most part that they were aware they can make a third-party allegation. The others said, “I know now”.</p>

	<p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: The auditor reviewed the NYSDOCCS website which has a link to PREA which provides all information about PREA to the public including policy, history of combating sexual assault, PREA education, Reporting Sexual Abuse and how third-party reports on behalf of an incarcerated individual can be made. There is a website-initiated complaint form which allows for confidentiality and anonymity. Previous interviews with the agency investigators confirmed that they have received complaints through this process. The auditor tested the system and received an email confirming receipt of the test complaint in two hours. Random staff interviews and incarcerated individual interviews further the auditor with further evidence to make a determination of compliance with the requirements of this standard. Therefore, the auditor finds this standard to be deemed compliant. The auditor finds a determination of exceeds due to the report form which allows the complainant to remain anonymous and ensures confidentiality.</p>
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<b>115.61</b>	<b>Staff and agency reporting duties</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response, 12/1/2023</li> <li>· Employee Manual 2019</li> <li>· HSPM 1.01 Incarcerated individual Orientation to Health Care Services - 8/21/20 Form 3102 Health Services Orientation 8/9/2021</li> <li>· Office of Mental Health MOU</li> <li>· Vulnerable Persons law</li> <li>· Coordinated Response Plan specific to Taconic Correctional Facility</li> <li>· Watch Commander Quick Reference Chart for Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment related complaints</li> <li>· Watch Commander Sexual Abuse Response Checklist</li> <li>· PREA Pocket card</li> <li>· Interview with the Watch Commander</li> <li>· Interviews random staff</li> <li>· Interviews Medical &amp; Mental Health staff</li> </ul>

· Observations

Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention & Response states, Staff Reporting.

*a. All staff shall report to a supervisor immediately: (1) Any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility whether or not the facility is part of the Agency, and any unauthorized relationship. This duty to report includes any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment of a releasee whether in a community based residential program or while under Community Supervision, and any unauthorized relationship with a releasee. (2) Any acts of retaliation against an incarcerated individual, releasee, or staff for reporting such an incident or for participating in an investigation of an incident of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or an unauthorized relationship. (3) Any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. (4) Any report of or substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. Risk of imminent sexual abuse generally involves a narrow and specific threat made by an identifiable source. b. For reporting purposes under this directive, "employee" includes any employee, contractor, contract employee, volunteer, or intern of the Department or any employee, contractor, or contract employee assigned to work in a Department correctional facility by any other State agency. c. The duty to report includes verbal, written, third-party, and anonymous reports, regardless of whether staff personally believe the information to be true or reliable. Facility staff who receive a report shall immediately notify a security supervisor. Community Supervision staff who receive a report shall immediately notify their supervisor. All staff who receive a verbal report shall ensure that the details of the report are documented in a signed written memorandum no later than the end of the shift. d. Staff may privately report suspected sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or an unauthorized relationship by calling the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's (DOCCS) OSI's Sex Crimes Division at 1-844-OSI4NYS or 518-457-2653, or via the online reporting portal. e. Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse or sexual harassment report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in Agency policy including, but not limited to, the SVPPM, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions. f. Pursuant to Directive #0700, "Office of Special Investigations (OSI)," and Directive #2111, "Report of Employee Misconduct," under no circumstances shall a facility or Community Supervision bureau investigation involving sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or an unauthorized relationship be initiated unless and until OSI has been consulted. The only exception to this rule is when an initial facility or Community Supervision bureau investigation is authorized pursuant to one of the following: (1) An approved Coordinated Response to Reports of Sexual Victimization Facility Operations Manual (FOM) (see SVPPM, Section 115.65). (2) Form #4027RC, "Watch Commander Quick Reference Chart" (see SVPPM, Section 115.65). (3) Form #4027CS, "Community Supervision Supervisor/Reentry Manager Quick Reference Chart" (see SVPPM, Section 115.65).*

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) Policy noted above, the FOM, and the Employee Manual requires staff to report

immediately any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, any retaliation against an incarcerated individual or staff who report such an incident and any neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. Random staff interviews confirmed that they are trained and aware of this requirement to report knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency; retaliation against incarcerated individuals or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. The interview with the Watch Commander and observation of the Response Plan provided the auditor further assurance that staff receive all required allegations and suspicions, report them verbally and then with a follow up report.

(b) Random staff interviews confirmed that they are trained and aware of this requirement to maintain confidentiality after they have reported to the appropriate supervisor and completed appropriate actions and reports. They maintain a pocket-sized Response Card that addresses these requirements, all staff interviewed had this on their possession or readily accessible.

(c) HSPM 1.01 Incarcerated individual Orientation to Health Care Services Form 3102 Health Services Orientation states the following: At the time of admission/intake, health staff at each correctional facility provides all incarcerated individuals with a written and oral orientation to the health services available at the facility, the procedure for requesting such services, and the method by which complaints regarding services can be made. This information is available to incarcerated individuals with limited English proficiency in a language they can understand. Provide each incarcerated individual with Form 3102 "Health Services Orientation" (English). Form 3102 "Health Services Orientation" (Spanish) is available on the Health Exchange share drive. The incarcerated individual will sign Form 3102, attesting to the fact that they received orientation and received Form DOH-5032.

Form 3102 . Disclosure of Sexual Abuse – Limitations of Confidentiality: Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, medical and mental health practitioners are required to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurs in any facility, whether or not that facility is part of DOCCS. Disclosures of sexual abuse or sexual harassment will be reported and referred for an investigation under agency policy. Interviews with medical and mental health staff confirmed to the auditor their awareness of the limits of confidentiality and their duty to report these limitations, explaining the process described above.

(d) There are no incarcerated individuals under the age of eighteen (18) years old; incarcerated individuals are not included in the state vulnerable Person's Central Register (New York Consolidated Laws, Social Services Law, Section 488-497). The PREA Coordinator confirmed, as of August 6, 2020, DOCCS no longer houses any individuals under the age of 18. Further, DOCCS is not included within the statutory jurisdiction of the State entity that investigates allegations concerning vulnerable adults.

(e) As stated, the appropriate investigating agency is OSI. Directive #0700 Office of Special Investigations (OSI) supports the following: The Sex Crimes Division (SCD) conducts investigations involving unauthorized relationships and sexual misconduct between incarcerated individuals or parolees and Departmental staff, as well as incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual abuse. Furthermore, the SCD coordinates with outside law enforcement and prosecutors in the development of these cases for criminal prosecution. The SCD also collaborates with others within the Department to ensure compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

In addition, the MOU with OMH supports that mental health staff will report any knowledge or suspicion of sexual misconduct directly to the Watch Commander. The interview with medical and mental health staff confirmed they are aware of their obligation to report any knowledge or suspicions relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Interviews with security staff, security supervisors, the Watch Commander support a strong knowledge of the process. The Superintendent confirmed that all allegations will be reported to the investigators via the Watch Commander. The auditor did not find any instance of an allegation that was not reported using this process during the PREA audit. In addition, staff have been issued pocket cards that reflect the process. Most staff interviewed had the card on their person. Interviews with the investigators ensured they are receiving all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment immediately for their review and action. All staff interviews confirmed their knowledge of the requirement to maintain confidentiality. For all reasons noted, the auditor finds this facility in substantial compliance with the requirements of the standard.

<b>115.62</b>	<b>Agency protection duties</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4948 - Protective Custody Status - 1/19/2024</li> <li>· Interviews Commissioner</li> <li>· Interview Superintendent</li> <li>· Interview random staff</li> <li>· Observations</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul>



	<p>The PAQ indicates there have been no times the facility determined that an incarcerated individual was at risk of imminent sexual abuse. The auditor found no reason to dispute this during the audit process.</p> <p>Directive #4948 - Protective Custody Status addresses the use of involuntary protective custody for an incarcerated individual who is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. It supports that placement will occur immediately until the facility can complete an assessment.</p> <p>The interview with the Commissioner further elaborated, “The facility must take immediate action to protect the incarcerated individual who reports a risk of imminent sexual abuse, which generally involves a narrow and specific threat made by an identifiable source. Protection measures for an imminent threat of sexual abuse may include, but are not limited to, housing changes or transfers of reported abusers or victims, temporary removal of reported abusers from contact with reported victims, facilitating access to emotional support services, implementation of additional supervision measures, etc. Placement in Involuntary Protective Custody is a last resort and shall only be used in accordance with Directive #4948, “Protective Custody Status.”</p> <p>The interview with the Superintendent confirmed that an incarcerated individual at imminent risk of sexual abuse or any imminent risk of harm shall have immediate action taken to ensure his safety. All staff interviews confirmed to the auditor that they would take immediate action if they believed an incarcerated individual was at imminent risk of sexual abuse. Incarcerated individual interviews illustrated to the auditor that staff are approachable. Corrections Officers and supervisors confirmed that this request would be supported, and action would be taken to protect the incarcerated individual before the believed event occurred.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Based on interviews, policy the PAQ and overall observations during the audit, the auditor found this credible and to be an integral part of the culture of this facility.</p>
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<b>115.63</b>	<b>Reporting to other confinement facilities</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Official Response Following an Incarcerated Individual Report 8/24/2022</li> <li>· Form 115.63</li> </ul>

- Documentation of notifications within 72 hours sent for the previous twelve months - three examples sent, three examples received provided with the PAQ
- Interview with Commissioner
- Interview Superintendent
- Review of investigations
- Observations
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates four allegations were received that incarcerated individual was abused while confined at another facility, three allegations of sexual abuse were received from another facility.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) (b) (c) Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Official Response Following an Incarcerated Individual Report

Policy: Upon receiving an allegation that an incarcerated individual was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of the facility that received the allegation must notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency or facility where the sexual abuse is alleged to have occurred. This notification shall be as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation.

Procedure:

The Superintendent shall notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency or facility where the abuse allegedly occurred within 72 hours of receipt

Preparation of the Notification: Among other specific directions, the procedure requires a follow up phone call to the receiving facility to confirm receipt.

The Deputy Superintendent for Security at each facility shall record the allegation in the Report of Sexual Victimization Logbook.

Each form 115.63 will be electronically maintained in a designated folder.

The OIC SCD shall ensure that the report is or has been investigated.

Interview with Commissioner (paraphrased): Allegations received at one facility involving a different facility are forwarded to the Superintendent of the facility where the abuse allegedly occurred, with a copy of the notification to OSI. Allegations from other agencies are typically received by the Office of Special Investigations or the Associate Commissioner/PREA Coordinator. The allegation is referred to OSI for an investigation, and to the Superintendent or designee for appropriate documentation. If the incarcerated individual is currently in a DOCCS facility, the ADS PREA

	<p>Compliance Manager also ensures that retaliation monitoring is initiated, and access to victim support and advocacy services is facilitated if desired. We have received reports following a transfer to another facility, as well as from other agencies.</p> <p>The interview with the Superintendent supported that these notifications are made by her office within 72 hours of receipt. Three examples sent with the PAQ confirmed this.</p> <p>(d) The PAQ and interview with the Superintendent confirms that in the past twelve (12) months, the facility has received three allegations from another facility. Two were reflected during the review of the investigations.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: The policy, review of notification forms, investigations of allegations received and interview with the Commissioner and Superintendent provided the auditor with sufficient evidence to support a finding of compliance. There is a process in place to ensure the requirements of this standard are met.</p>
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<b>115.64</b>	<b>Staff first responder duties</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Official Response Following an Incarcerated Individual or Releasee Report 2/15/2022</li> <li>· FOM Coordinated Response to Reports of Sexual Victimization 702 5/16/2023</li> <li>· Watch Commander’s Sexual Abuse Response Quick Reference Chart 9/19/2023</li> <li>· Watch Commander’s Sexual Abuse Response Sheet 2/15/2022</li> <li>· Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response (SAPR) Lesson Plan</li> <li>· PREA Response Card</li> <li>· Random staff interviews</li> <li>· Informal interviews (teachers, recreation, state shop staff)</li> <li>· Observations</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ indicates that during the previous 12 months:</p>

There were six allegations of sexual abuse

- o Zero times the first security staff member to respond separated the alleged victim and abuser
- o Zero times staff was notified within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence.
- o Of these allegations where staff were notified within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence, zero times the first security staff member to respond to the report preserved and protected any crime scene until appropriate steps could be taken to collect any evidence
- o Of these allegations where staff were notified within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence, zeros time the first security staff member to respond to the report requested that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating:
- o Of these allegations where staff were notified within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence, zero times the first security staff member to respond to the report ensured that the alleged abuser not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating:
- o There were zero incidents of alleged sexual abuse in which a non-security staff member was the first responder

Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Official Response Following an Incarcerated Individual or Releasee Report

Policy: Each facility must maintain 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, agency investigators and facility leadership.

Procedure:

Each Facility Coordinated Response Plan shall be in the form of a Facility Operation manual (FOM) addressing Coordinated Response to Reports of Sexual Victimization which delineates facility-specific procedures to coordinate actions in response to an incident of sexual abuse and related matters, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) (b) Watch Commander's Sexual Abuse Response Checklist, Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response (SAPR) Lesson Plan, PREA Pocket Card all address the requirements of this standard. Whether a first responder or not, all reports go to the immediate supervisor and to the Watch Commander. The scene would be

	<p>immediately secured. An incarcerated individual victim is asked, and any alleged perpetrator is told to not take any action which could potentially destroy evidence such as washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating smoking, drinking or eating. The Watch Commander's Sexual Abuse Response Tracking Sheet would be initiated. All random staff responses supported this process. The auditor informally questioned staff during the tour about training and their role if they become aware of an incident of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. All understood that they keep the incarcerated individual with them until security is contacted and would follow the instructions on the Response Cards issued. No staff were identified who have acted as a first responder at this facility. Both first responder staff and non-first responder staff attend training as required in 115.31; these requirements are reinforced at that time. Also, staff carry a Pocket Card to review in the event of a situation. All staff interviews demonstrated knowledge of the process.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: For these reasons noted, the auditor finds the facility in compliance with the requirements of this standard. The statistics reported in the PAQ did coordinate with the review of the investigations.</p>
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<b>115.65</b>	<b>Coordinated response</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Official Response Following an Incarcerated Individual or Releasee Report 2/15/2022</li> <li>· Health Services Policy Sexual Assault 1.60 7/22/2022</li> <li>· FOM Coordinated Response to Reports of Sexual Victimization 702 5/16/2023</li> <li>· Watch Commander Quick Reference Chart</li> <li>· Watch Commander's Sexual Abuse Response Sheet</li> <li>· Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response (SAPR) Lesson Plan</li> <li>· PREA Pocket Card</li> <li>· Interview Superintendent</li> <li>· Interview with Watch Commander</li> <li>· Random staff interviews</li> <li>· Observations</li> </ul>

Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Official Response Following an Incarcerated Individual or Releasee Report

Policy: Each facility must maintain 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, agency investigators and facility leadership.

Procedure:

Each Facility Coordinated Response Plan shall be in the form of a Facility Operation manual (FOM) addressing Coordinated Response to Reports of Sexual Victimization which delineates facility-specific procedures to coordinate actions in response to an incident of sexual abuse and related matters, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership.

The Coordinated Response Plan shall address coordination of the following actions as appropriate:

1. Assess victim's acute medical needs
2. Inform victim of their rights under relevant laws
3. Explain the need for a forensic medical exam and offer the victim the option of undergoing one
4. Offer the presence of a victim advocate or a qualified staff member during the exam
5. Provide crisis intervention counseling
6. Interview the victim and any witnesses
7. Collect evidence
8. Provide for any special need the victim may have

Each Facility coordinated response plan shall be derived from the approved FOM Coordinated Response to Reports of Sexual Victimization which incorporates the Watch Commander Quick Reference Chart (Form #4027RC) and the Watch Commander's Sexual Abuse Response Sheet (form #4027WC)

Evidence Collection and Preservation (Incarcerated Individual-on-Incarcerated individual) - Most cases evidence collection and preservation will be conducted by the OSI or State Police. However, if they are unable to respond promptly, facility staff may have to collect evidence required from the victim and suspected perpetrator as directed by the Superintendent/designee who will ensure that trained, uniformed personnel are designated to perform as Facility Evidence Collectors in the rare event that they are required to perform this duty. A current list of Facility Evidence Collectors will be maintained in the Facility's RED Book. Additional details regarding

	<p>the use of a Sexual Abuse Evidence Bag and Recovery Kit is detailed.</p> <p>The Coordinated Response to Reports of Sexual Victimization provides a detailed format specific to the facility for their response. It addresses First Party/Victim Report action, Third-party, Anonymous report actions, the details of the Coordinated Response as directed by the Watch Commander. This includes notification to OSI, Health Services, and specifics on how to arrange for outside transport and what hospitals to use. It addresses post medical assessment, mental health staff actions, and emphasizes confidentiality. All staff interviewed were knowledgeable regarding the process. The interview with the Superintendent further solidified that the facility has a Coordinated Response Plan in which staff are knowledgeable regarding it, reports are directed to the Watch Commander who ensures notifications and appropriate actions are made. The interview with the Watch Commander confirmed she receives notifications regarding PREA allegations. All staff interviewed had the PREA Response Card in their possession.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Based on the feedback in all interviews, the SVPPM and review of the plan, the auditor finds there is ample evidence to support a finding of compliance.</p>
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<b>115.66</b>	<b>Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Six union contracts</li> <li>· Taylor Law Triborough amendment</li> <li>· Interview Commissioner</li> <li>· Interview with a union representative</li> </ul> <p>Review of the contracts found no evidence that the agency is restricted from removing staff. This was reinforced by the written interview responses from the Commissioner: “The current collective bargaining agreement was recently ratified between the State of New York and the Public Employees Federation, AFL-CIO (PEF) and covers the period of 2023-2026. The current collective bargaining agreement was recently ratified between the State of New York and The Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. (CSEA) and covers 2022-2026. In addition, the collective bargaining agreement between the State of New York and the New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (NYSCOPBA) was recently ratified and</p>

	<p>covers the period of April 1, 2023– March 31, 2026. The collective bargaining agreement between the State of New York and the New York State Law Enforcement Employees Union, Council 82 (Council 82) is for the period of 2016-2023. Expired contracts are controlling by operation of law until a new contract is executed. “When asked if he could verify the agreements permit the agency to remove alleged staff abusers from contact with any inmate pending an investigations or a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted. He replied, “Yes, the applicable contracts permit the agency to take appropriate action when warranted to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any incarcerated individual pending the outcome of an investigation or a final determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted. The contracts permit the agency to suspend an employee without pay or temporarily reassign an employee when a determination is made that there is probable cause that such employee’s continued presence on the job represents a potential danger to persons or property or would severely interfere with operations.”</p> <p>A brief interview with a union representative confirmed that the union does not interfere with reassignment of staff related to allegations of sexual abuse.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Review of policy, interview with the Commissioner, review of contracts and interview with a union representative provide the auditor with sufficient evidence to support a finding of compliance.</p>
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<b>115.67</b>	<b>Agency protection against retaliation</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Official Response Following an Incarcerated Individual or Releasee Report 7/14/2023</li> <li>· Employee Manual 2019</li> <li>· Retaliation Monitoring Form 115.67-I, 115.67 -S 8/2022</li> <li>· Retaliation Tracking Sheet, 2022</li> <li>· Interviews Commissioner</li> <li>· Interview Superintendent</li> <li>· Interview with designated staff members charged with monitoring for retaliation (ADS - PREA and PREA Point Person)</li> </ul>



- Review of Retaliation Monitoring reports (five sent with the PAQ)
- Randomly review retaliation monitoring reports that correspond with investigations reviewed – two total
- Review of the Retaliation Monitoring process with the ADS PREA
- Interview with incarcerated individual who reported sexual abuse
- Observations
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates that there were no reported incidents of retaliation that occurred. The auditor found this credible after conducting all audit activities.

Below is the excerpt from the SVPPM:

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Official Response Following an Incarcerated Individual or Releasee Report

*Policy: It is the policy of the Department to protect all incarcerated individuals, releasees, and staff who report sexual abuse, sexual harassment, unauthorized relationships, or who cooperate with an investigation into such incidents, from retaliation by other incarcerated individuals or staff. Further, it is the policy of the Department to protect any other individual who cooperates with an investigation of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or unauthorized relationships and who expresses fear of retaliation for doing so.*

*Procedure:*

*A. Each facility shall employ steps to protect any incarcerated individual and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with a sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigation from retaliation.*

*1. After consulting with the Superintendent, the Assistant Deputy Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager shall implement steps to protect any incarcerated individual and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with a sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigation from retaliation.*

*2. Protection measures may include, but are not limited to, housing changes or transfers of reported abusers or reported victims; facilitating access to emotional support services; temporary removal of reported abusers from contact with reported victims; removal of staff from contact with incarcerated individuals; restricting staff from being assigned to specific posts; implementation of additional supervision measures; implementation of a full-time body-worn camera order; directing staff to participate in training; monitoring of reporting incarcerated individuals and staff to protect against retaliation; and as appropriate may include providing a referral to EAP or an appropriate organization for emotional support services. Appropriate protection measures shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis in light of the nature of the allegation, the presence or absence of corroborating evidence, prior allegations*

*involving the reported participants, and other relevant factors. Note: Central Office approval is required prior to removing staff from a post or implementing a body-worn camera order.*

*3. The Assistant Deputy Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager shall work with OSI to establish protective measures for anyone who is cooperating with an investigation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Further, if any other individual who cooperates with an investigation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment expresses a fear of retaliation, the facility and agency shall take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation as well.*

*B. For a minimum of four (4) months following a report of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, the facility shall monitor the conduct and treatment of:*

*1. An incarcerated individual who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (including a third-party reporter);*

*2. An incarcerated individual who was reported to have suffered sexual abuse or sexual harassment; and*

*3. An employee who initiated a report of an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment of an incarcerated individual based upon their independent observations.*

*C. Monitoring shall seek to identify changes that may suggest possible retaliation by incarcerated individuals or staff.*

*1. Monitoring of incarcerated individuals shall include review of any disciplinary reports, housing or program changes. Such monitoring shall include periodic in-person status checks approximately every 30 days. If no in-person check could be made due to extenuating circumstances (individual out to court, outside hospital, OMH watch, medical isolation, etc.), this shall be noted on Form 115.67-I.*

*2. Monitoring of staff shall include review of any negative performance evaluations or reassignments. In-person status checks are also encouraged for any staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.*

*3. In-person status checks may be conducted by the ADS PCM or may be coordinated with appropriate staff including the designated PREA Point Person, OMH staff, ORC's, etc.*

*D. The facility's Assistant Deputy Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager will coordinate monitoring to prevent retaliation. The designated PREA Point Person will assist and serve as the backup for monitoring, which shall include seeing monitored incarcerated individuals and staff on rounds and reporting any complaints of retaliatory conduct. If the ADS PCM is out of the facility for an extended period, the designated PREA Point Person shall coordinate the monitoring process and ensure that all required steps are taken.*

*E. The obligation to monitor the conduct and treatment of any incarcerated individual*

*who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, or who was reported to have suffered sexual abuse or sexual harassment, shall terminate if the agency determines that the allegation is unfounded or if the monitored incarcerated individual is released.*

*F. Report or Evidence of Retaliation.*

*1. The Office of Special Investigations, Sex Crimes Division shall be notified promptly of any complaint or evidence of retaliation. The complaint or evidence shall be reviewed by OSI for investigation or for further direction.*

*2. Upon consultation with OSI, the facility shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation.*

*3. Monitoring to prevent retaliation shall continue for an additional period of at least four (4) months if the previous period of monitoring indicates a continuing need.*

*G. Retaliation monitoring activities shall be documented on Form 115.67-S for staff and Form 115.67-I for incarcerated individuals.*

*1. These electronic forms are to be updated as monitoring occurs.*

*2. When retaliation monitoring is complete (monitoring complete, terminated or continued), the Form 115.67-I or Form 155.67-S must be electronically signed and dated. The electronic signature must be applied after all other information on the form including the title and date is completed.*

*3. The completed form must be saved in a Retaliation Monitoring subfolder within the PREA Operations Exchange > Facility > PREA Records share folder. The final signed form will be subject to review*

*during internal audits as well as PREA Compliance Audits.*

*H. The ADS PCM shall maintain a Protection Against Retaliation Tracking Sheet (Retaliation Monitoring Tracking Sheet) which shall be a complete listing of all incarcerated individuals and staff who have been monitored to prevent retaliation. The Protection Against Retaliation Tracking Sheet shall be electronically maintained in a designated folder within the PREA Operations Exchange > Facility > PREA Records share folder.*

*I. Transfer. The minimum period for monitoring to prevent retaliation is four (4) months. If the incarcerated individual or staff person being monitored transfers Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to another facility, the ADS PCM or PREA Point Person shall notify the ADS PCM or PREA Point Person at the new facility.*

*1. The notification shall be memorialized on both the individual Retaliation Monitoring Form 115.67-I or Form 115.67-S and on the Retaliation Monitoring Tracking Sheet.*

*2. The individual Form 115.67-I or Form 115.67-S shall be forwarded via e-mail to the ADS PCM or PREA Point Person at the new facility to be updated until such time as*

*monitoring is concluded.*

*J. Confidentiality. Completed retaliation monitoring forms are confidential and must be properly secured to prevent unauthorized viewing. Access shall be limited to the ADS PREA Compliance Manager, designated PREA Point Person, members of the Facility Executive Team, and Central Office representatives responsible for operations and PREA compliance.*

Policy provides detailed requirements for ensuring compliance with all provisions of the standard.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) Employee Manual 2.19 requires that all employees have a duty to report retaliation against incarcerated individuals or staff who reported such an incident. Form 115.67 Retaliation Monitoring Form ensures that all aspects of this standard are proactively monitored and documented. There is a monitoring form for incarcerated individuals and another form for staff. It also requires the facility to conduct periodic in-person status checks at least every thirty (30) days. The PREA ADS and PREA Point Person are responsible for coordinating these actions. In the event of an allegation, the OSI will be contacted promptly. With the consultation of the OSI, the facility shall promptly remedy the retaliation. Finally, it supports the following: "The obligation to monitor the conduct and treatment of any incarcerated individual who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, or who was reported to have suffered sexual abuse or sexual harassment, shall terminate if the agency determines that the allegation is unfounded or if the monitored incarcerated individual is released."

The interview with the Commissioner revealed the following: "The Assistant Deputy Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager, with input from OSI, consults with the Superintendent and then implements steps to protect any incarcerated individual and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with a sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigation from retaliation. Protection measures may include, but are not limited to, housing changes or transfers of reported abusers or reported victims; facilitating access to emotional support services; temporary removal of reported abusers from contact with reported victims; removal of staff from contact with incarcerated individuals; restricting staff from being assigned to specific posts; implementation of additional supervision measures; implementation of a full-time body-worn camera order; directing staff to participate in training; monitoring of reporting incarcerated individuals and staff to protect against retaliation; and as appropriate may include providing a referral to EAP or an appropriate organization for emotional support services. Appropriate protection measures are required to be assessed on a case-by-case basis in light of the nature of the allegation, the presence or absence of corroborating evidence, prior allegations involving the reported participants, and other relevant factors. In any case involving transportation to a hospital for a forensic examination by a SAFE/SANE provider, the incarcerated individual is returned either to the facility infirmary or the infirmary at a designated catchment facility. This ensures both a proper medical follow-up and that the

incarcerated individual is placed in a safe environment while options are considered. Retaliation monitoring is initiated and continues for a minimum of four months, subject to extension when there is a report of retaliation, unless the allegation is unfounded. Monitoring includes review of any incarcerated individual disciplinary reports, housing or program changes, or any negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff. In the case of incarcerated individuals, retaliation monitoring includes periodic in-person status checks approximately every 30 days. In-person status checks are also encouraged for any staff who reported an incident. With respect to access to emotional support services, information on the Department's "777" PREA Statewide Rape Crisis Hotline, Victim Advocacy & Emotional Support Partnership is widely distributed in the facilities and is provided by medical staff when appropriate following a medical assessment for a significant exposure. The Department, in partnership with the State Office of Victim Services and State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and a number of providers, launched a statewide rape crisis hotline in January 2019, expanding the nearly five-year old Enhanced Victim Services pilot program. In addition to hotline services, all facilities have the capacity to provide ongoing victim advocacy and emotional support services through their designated community-based victim assistance program. DOCCS works closely with Crime Victims Treatment Center (CVTC), which provides training and outreach for the PREA Centers, and coordination and clinical supervision on a statewide basis, to ensure that services meet or exceed community standards."

When asked, If an individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, how does the agency take measures to protect that individual against retaliation? The response was, "The Assistant Deputy Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager works with OSI to establish protective measures for anyone who is cooperating with an investigation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment who expresses a fear of retaliation. As with reporting individuals and victims, protective measures may include housing changes, transfers, or other protective measures such as those available to individuals who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment."

During the audit, the facility provided the spreadsheet tracking mechanism utilized to document these actions in addition to five completed Retaliation Monitoring Form. They were reviewed and found to support the requirements of the audit and policy. It reflected monitoring for a complete one hundred twenty (120) day review, no extensions required. The interview with the ADS PREA confirmed that all aspects of the provisions are addressed and are reflected in the Retaliation Monitoring form. It was articulated that discretion is used when conducting periodic status checks to protect confidentiality.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Policy, written authority support compliance with the standard provisions. Interviews with the Commissioner, Superintendent, ADS PREA support that retaliation monitoring is taken seriously and well documented. Even if an incarcerated individual transfers, the retaliation monitoring is continued at the next NYSDOCCS facility. Review of the retaliation monitoring forms found it to be complete and well documented. The agency uses a tracking form to monitor this action, even if transferred to another facility. For these reasons a determination of "exceeds standard" is given.

<b>115.68</b>	<b>Post-allegation protective custody</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4948 Protective Custody Status 1/19/2024</li> <li>· Form 2168A 4/22</li> <li>· Interview Superintendent</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ indicates there were no incarcerated individuals who allege to have suffered sexual abuse who were held in involuntary segregation in the past 12 months for one to 24 hours awaiting completion of assessment and no incarcerated individuals who allege to have suffered sexual abuse who were assigned to involuntary segregated housing in the past 12 months for longer than 30 days while awaiting alternative placement. The auditor found no reason to dispute this during the audit process.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance:</p> <p>See comments on 115.43. The PAQ indicates that no incarcerated individuals have been placed in segregated housing (SHU, RRU, IPC) due to suffering sexual abuse. This facility does not have a segregation/restrictive housing unit, or protective custody. This standard is deemed not applicable - compliant.</p>

<b>115.71</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive 4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response 12/1/2023</li> <li>· SVPPM Data Storage, Publication and Destruction 7/11/2022 Retention schedule</li> <li>· New York Criminal Procedure Law 160.45</li> <li>· Directive #0700 Office of Special Investigations (OSI) 9/20/2022</li> <li>· Policy/Procedure Office of Special Investigations Confidential</li> </ul>

- Letter to the New York State Police Superintendent 5/02/2014
- Interviews Investigative staff - three total
- Interview with the PREA Coordinator
- Investigative reports
- Observations
- PAQ

PAQ indicates no substantiated allegations of sexual abuse that appeared criminal were referred for prosecution since the last PREA audit. The auditor found no reason to dispute this during the audit process.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) Directive #0700 Office of Special Investigations (OSI) states that the Sex Crimes Division (SCD) conducts investigations involving sexual misconduct between incarcerated individuals and departmental staff as well as incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual abuse. As directed herein and in accordance with Directive #0700, "Office of Special Investigations (OSI)," this investigation shall be initiated promptly and shall be the responsibility of the Office of Special Investigations. Allegations of sexual harassment or sexual threats shall be reviewed by the Office of Special Investigations for a determination as to the appropriate investigative steps to be taken, which may include directing specific steps to be taken in a facility investigation. Furthermore, in instances where any complaint is vague, requires clarification, or appears to lack credibility based upon all of the information available at the time of the report, the Office of Special Investigations may direct that a preliminary inquiry be conducted (e.g., interview, video review, etc.) so that the appropriate response can be determined.

(b) All investigators in the SCD receive training. See 115.34

(c) Directive 4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention & Response specifies that OSI SCD investigators are immediately contacted when a PREA allegation is received, in accordance with the facility's response plan/schedule. In accordance with the plan, the first responders ensure evidence is preserved; the OSI SCD investigators complete any evidence gathering required. It provides specific directions on reporting and where and how to document these reports. Interview with the OSI SCD investigators supported that they are and have been immediately contacted regarding all allegations. Additionally, the review of the completed investigations supported this requirement.

(d) (e) The Office of Special Investigations Policy Manual is considered confidential but was provided to the auditor. The auditor reviewed the document and found it supports compliance with this provision. Additionally, polygraph tests are prohibited in accordance with the New York Criminal Procedure Law 160.45 and therefore not used in any aspect of the investigation for sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Review of investigations supported that the credibility of victim, suspect or witness is based on alignment with established facts. This requirement was confirmed by the interview with the investigators.

(f) The Office of Special Investigations Policy Manual is considered exempt from disclosure. The auditor reviewed the document and found it supports compliance with this provision. The interview with the investigators did confirm that staff actions are reviewed in every case. Review of investigations support that they are in standardized, written reports that include a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings.

(g) The Office of Special Investigations Policy Manual is considered exempt from disclosure. The auditor reviewed the document and found it supports compliance with this provision. Compliance with his requirement was confirmed by the review of the confidential manual and the interview with the investigators. The SCD would be the entity to report all substantiated allegations to licensing bodies, as well as ensure all matters that rise to the level of criminal prosecution are referred for criminal handling.

(i) SVPPM Data Storage, Publication and Destruction supports the following: Physical (paper) case records of the Office of Special Investigations will be retained by that office for a minimum of seven years. The electronic case file, including copies of the investigative report and other critical documents, shall be permanently retained. This was confirmed by an interview with the chief investigator at a previous facility audit.

(j) The departure of an alleged abuser or victim from employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation, as confirmed by the interview with the two investigators. This is further reinforced directly in the letter to the New York State Police Superintendent regarding collaboration with the investigation of potential criminal actions of staff. One investigation reviewed demonstrated that the alleged victim left the facility prior to the conclusion of the investigation. Additionally, the interview with the investigators also confirmed that the investigation would continue.

(k) Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

(l) Directive #0700 Office of Special Investigations (OSI) states that the Sex Crimes Division (SCD) conducts investigations involving sexual misconduct between incarcerated individuals and departmental staff as well as incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual abuse. It further states they will assist outside law enforcement in the development of cases for criminal prosecution. A memo from the Superintendent of the New York State Police further confirms support by stating, This will serve to confirm that the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), Office of the Inspector General (IG), Sex Crimes Unit (SCU) and the New York State Police (NYSP), Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) shall continue to work cooperatively in the investigation of reported incidents of staff-on-incarcerated individual and incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual abuse that may involve criminal conduct.



	<p>The interview with the PREA Coordinator (Associate Commissioner) indicated the following: DOCCS Office of Special Investigations, Sex Crimes Division is the lead investigative body for our sexual abuse investigations. OSI will work cooperatively with a District Attorney’s Office (the local prosecuting authority), but the SCD Investigator is the lead investigator in each case and DOCCS does not relinquish jurisdiction. OSI has developed comprehensive policies to ensure that there are no Garrity issues when interviewing staff in criminal investigations. Additionally, DOCCS maintains long standing relationships with several outside law enforcement agencies whose expertise can be brought to bear, in order to supplement OSI capabilities, when necessary, in certain investigations. DOCCS OSI SCD will exchange information throughout the investigation with all relevant entities in order to move an investigation forward.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Based on review of the policies, agency manual, investigations and interviews with the PREA Coordinator and investigators, the auditor concludes that investigators address investigations promptly, thoroughly, in a manner which will hold up in court, and with a review of incidents to address staff actions and assesses credibility consistently. The agency is given and “exceeds standards” due to the extensive training, demonstration of diligence when investigating and specialization of investigators in the SCD of OSI.</p>
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<b>115.72</b>	<b>Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #0700 Office of Special Investigations (OSI) 9/20/2022</li> <li>· Policy/Procedure Office of Special Investigations Confidential</li> <li>· Interviews Investigative staff</li> <li>· Review of investigation using preponderance of evidence (administrative)</li> <li>· Observations</li> </ul> <p>Directive #0700 Office of Special Investigations (OSI) 9/20/2022 and Confidential OSI Manual supports the use of a preponderance of evidence as the criteria to substantiate an allegation.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: The established definition for concluding that an investigation has been substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded supports that the agency uses a preponderance of evidence. This is noted in written policy for OSI and confirmed by the interview with two investigators.</p>

	<p>Review of the administrative investigation supports that the agency uses a finding of substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded based on a preponderance of the evidence. The auditor agreed with the reasoning, based on evidence, for the findings reached. The auditor finds there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of compliance.</p>
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<b>115.73</b>	<b>Reporting to inmates</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard</p> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Office of Special Investigation Policy Manual (confidential)</li> <li>· Observations (mail room legal mail handling)</li> <li>· Interview Superintendent</li> <li>· Interviews with investigative staff</li> <li>· Interview with the mailroom staff</li> <li>· Documentation of mailroom handling of notifications</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ indicates that two criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged incarcerated individual sexual abuse were completed in the previous twelve months. Three incarcerated individuals were notified, verbally or in writing, of the results of the investigation in the previous twelve months. Zero investigations were completed by an outside agency in the past twelve months.</p> <p>Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:</p> <p>(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f)The Office of Special Investigations Policy Manual is considered exempt from disclosure. The auditor reviewed the document and found it supports compliance with all requirements of this standard. Accordingly, the investigator ensures that the notification is made either through the Facility Superintendent or in person. The notifications process was confirmed with the interview with the investigators. The Superintendent confirmed that this is required for investigations. Notifications of the investigations are provided to the Superintendent where the complainant/incarcerated individual is currently housed, via a "Notification of Investigation Determination" who in turn notifies the complainant/incarcerated individual via Privileged Mail which the complainant/incarcerated individual will sign for receipt. Documentation of this process was confirmed with the interview with the</p>

	<p>mailroom staff and observations of notations in the legal mail log. If the case is determined to be substantiated, the OSI investigators indicated that they inform the incarcerated individual in person.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Review of the OSI (confidential) Manual, interview with the Superintendent, investigators and provided sufficient evidence to support a finding of compliance. The auditor finds that the agency exceeds the standard by providing an enhanced level of confidentiality when providing this notification. There had been no notification to review as the review of the investigation had not been formally concluded.</p>
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<b>115.76</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for staff</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive 4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response 12/1/2023</li> <li>· Directive #2110 - Employee Discipline - Suspension from Duty During the Continuation of Disciplinary Proceedings - 3/24/2021</li> <li>· Employee Manual 2019</li> <li>· Directive #2111- Report of Employee Misconduct - 1/11/2023</li> <li>· Memo: Daniel F. Martuscello III, Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Services - 2/5/16 RE: Prison Rape Elimination Act / Presumptive Disciplinary Sanction for Staff Sexual misconduct</li> <li>· OSI Manual (confidential)</li> <li>· Conversations with the Superintendent, investigators, PREA Coordinator and ADS PREA</li> <li>· Observations</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ indicates that no staff have been terminated, none referred to licensing bodies for violating agency sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment policy, zero staff violated agency sexual abuse/sexual harassment policies.</p> <p>Directive 4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response states, <i>All allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, unauthorized relationships, and retaliation against staff, an incarcerated individual, or a releasee for reporting a sexual abuse or sexual</i></p>

*harassment incident or for participating in an investigation will be thoroughly investigated. Furthermore, any perpetrator of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, an unauthorized relationship, or retaliation related to such an incident or investigation will be dealt with severely through discipline or prosecution to the fullest extent permitted by law.*

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) When investigation substantiates an allegation of sexual abuse and/or inappropriate relationships, it is the Department's policy to refer such incident to the appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecutor, through the Department's Office of Special Investigations, for consideration of criminal charges. Any conduct constituting sexual abuse, sexual harassment, staff voyeurism, inappropriate relationships or any act of retaliation against an incarcerated individual, parolee, or employee for reporting an incident of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, staff voyeurism, inappropriate relationships, or for participating in an investigation involving any of those acts may be the basis for disciplinary action whether or not prosecution or a conviction results.

Directive #2110 - Employee Discipline - Suspension from Duty During the Continuation of Disciplinary Proceedings states, *When the OSI receives a report of staff sexual misconduct, they shall evaluate the facts and circumstances of the report together with any other available information and consult with the appropriate Bureau of Labor Relations representative regarding appropriate action, including removal of the employee from contact with any incarcerated individuals pending the outcome of an investigation.*

Employee Manual reinforces that any perpetrator of sexual abuse, sexual harassment or act of staff voyeurism will be dealt with severely. It emphasizes the duty to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Memo: Daniel F. Martuscello III, Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Services RE: Prison Rape Elimination Act / Presumptive Disciplinary Sanction for Staff Sexual misconduct confirms that termination is the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse of an incarcerated individual. Disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) shall continue to be 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."

Directive #2111- Report of Employee Misconduct additionally confirms that staff will be disciplined, noting sanctions up to termination for sexual misconduct.

(b) Memo: Daniel F. Martuscello III, Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Services - RE: Prison Rape Elimination Act / Presumptive Disciplinary Sanction for Staff Sexual misconduct supports that termination is the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse.

(c) Memo: Daniel F. Martuscello III, Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Services -RE: Prison Rape Elimination Act / Presumptive Disciplinary Sanction for Staff Sexual

	<p>misconduct and Directive #2111- Report of Employee Misconduct supports that disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment 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.</p> <p>(d) Office of Special Investigations Policy Manual is considered exempt from public disclosure. The auditor reviewed the document and found that it supports compliance with this standard.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: The PAQ supports that no staff have been terminated nor referred to licensing bodies for violating agency sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment policy, zero staff violated agency sexual abuse/sexual harassment policies. The auditor found this credible after conducting the pre-audit and onsite audit. Policy, written authority, and dialogue with the Superintendent, investigators, PREA Coordinator and ADS PREA support that all allegations against staff for sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation or neglect are investigated, and disciplinary action would be commensurate with the circumstances up to termination for sexual abuse. Therefore, this standard is deemed compliant.</p>
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<b>115.77</b>	<b>Corrective action for contractors and volunteers</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4750, Volunteer Services Program 5/2/2024</li> <li>· Standards of Conduct for Volunteers Within The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision</li> <li>· Acknowledgements of Standards of Conduct for Volunteers and All Applicable Policies</li> <li>· Interviews Superintendent</li> <li>· Interview with volunteers – four total</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ notes that no contractor or volunteer has been involved in an investigation regarding sexual abuse or sexual harassment towards an incarcerated individual. The auditor found no evidence to dispute this statement during the audit process.</p>

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) (b) Directive #4750, Volunteer Services Program requires that volunteers be notified of DOCCS zero tolerance policy and that they can be criminally liable for their behavior under the definition sexual conduct with an incarcerated individual. It states, *DOCCS has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse. It is a crime for any employee to engage in sexual conduct or sexual contact with an incarcerated individual. For purposes of Penal Law §130.05, an employee also includes any person providing direct services to incarcerated individuals in a State Correctional Facility pursuant to a contractual arrangement with the Department or, in the case of a volunteer, a written agreement with the Department. Additionally, it stipulates the following: During volunteer orientation, volunteers must be informed that a formal suspension/dismissal procedure exists and what constitutes grounds for suspension and/or dismissal. Grounds for suspension/dismissal of volunteers are usually based on a violation of the Standard of Conduct for Volunteers.*

Standards of Conduct for Volunteers Within The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Relationship with Incarcerated individuals states, *sexual abuse and sexual harassment violate Department rules and threaten security. All allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or retaliation for reporting such an incident or participating in an investigation will be thoroughly investigated. It is a crime for a volunteer or intern who provides direct services to incarcerated individuals in a State Correctional Facility to engage in a sexual act with an incarcerated individual or parolee assigned to that facility, even if the incarcerated individual or parolee 'willingly' participates in the act. Furthermore, any perpetrator of a sexual abuse or sexual harassment incident will be dealt with severely through discipline or prosecution to the fullest extent permitted by law and will be reported to any relevant licensing bodies.*

The auditor observed that volunteers sign an acknowledgment that they have received this information, which confirms they will be held accountable and indicates they understand this. Examples were provided with the pre-audit documentation demonstrating compliance. In addition, as noted, the auditor randomly reviewed seven volunteer folders and observed the signed acknowledgement. One example of the process was provided with the PAQ. This acknowledgement is re-issued when the volunteer received refresher orientation.

The interview with the Superintendent confirmed that she is able and willing to temporarily suspend volunteers and contractual staff from entering the facility if there is a suspicion of misbehavior. See comments to 115.32. Additionally, she confirmed that he has the authority to terminate the agreement and, if the incident appeared criminal, it would be referred for prosecution.

The interviews with the volunteers confirmed to the auditor that they are appropriately trained and aware that they are subject to disciplinary action including dismissal, referral for criminal prosecution or termination from providing services for any behavior deemed to be sexually abusive or sexually harassing towards an incarcerated individual.

	<p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: After analysis of the PAQ, documentation, policy, and interviews, the auditor finds the standard to be compliant finding it credible that no volunteer or contractual staff have violated sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. Processes are in place to address this if an incident occurs.</p>
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<b>115.78</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for inmates</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response 12/1/2023</li> <li>· Directive #4401 Guidance and Counseling, 8/21/2020</li> <li>· Hearing Officer Sanctioning Guidelines 7/2022</li> <li>· Directive #4932 - Chapter V, Standards Behavior &amp; Allowances - 11/1/2023</li> <li>· Directive #6910 Criminal Prosecution of Incarcerated Individuals - 6/29/2023</li> <li>· Standards of Incarcerated Individual Behavior Rule 1.00</li> <li>· Pamphlet Prevention of Sexual Victimization in Prison What You Need to Know</li> <li>· Interviews Superintendent</li> <li>· Interview with the Disciplinary Officer</li> <li>· Interview with mental health staff</li> <li>· Observations</li> <li>· PAQ</li> </ul> <p>The PAQ indicates there have been no administrative findings or criminal findings of incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual abuse. The auditor found no reason to dispute this during the audit process.</p> <p>Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:</p> <p>(a)Directive #4932 - Chapter V, Standards Behavior &amp; Allowances Category 101 addresses Sex Offenses. 101.10 Sex Offense An incarcerated individual shall not engage in or encourage, solicit or attempt to force another to engage in any sexual act. The Hearing Officer Reference Book provides recommended sanction ranges for different categories of sex offenses including forcing or attempting to force another to</p>

engage in any sexual act, encouraging or soliciting sexual act; and engaging in asexual act (when there is no Force or coercion). Similar guidance is provided for charges including 101.11 Forcible touching, 101.20 Lewd Conduct, 101.21 Physical Contact, and 101.22 Stalking. Review of the investigations for the previous twelve months yielded no misconducts for sexual abuse, incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual, occurred during the audit review period. Directive #6910 Criminal Prosecution of Incarcerated Individuals describes the process for pursuit of criminal prosecution for acts deemed to involve criminal behavior.

(b) The auditor reviewed the Hearing Officer Sanctioning Schedule. It provides guidance for Hearing Officers when imposed disciplinary sanctions on incarcerated individual's misconducts. Aggravating and mitigating factors are considered. These include the age of the incarcerated individual, incarcerated individual's medical condition, incarcerated individual's intellectual capacity, past disciplinary history and record of adjustment, and seriousness of the misconduct. Confinement/sanctions recommendations are based on the severity of the incident and formatted in a table to reflect appropriate graduated sanctions. For the most serious sex offense charge, recommended penalties consider whether the perpetrator used force or coercion, or previously engaged in similar misconduct. This was additionally confirmed during the interview with the Disciplinary Officer. If the Disciplinary decision does not coincide with the sanctioning schedule, they must be reviewed for appropriateness by the Superintendent as confirmed during her interview.

(c) Directive #4932 - Chapter V, Standards Behavior & Allowances -states, mental state or intellectual capacity. *When an incarcerated individual's mental state or intellectual capacity is at issue, a Hearing Officer shall consider evidence regarding the incarcerated individual's mental condition or intellectual capacity at the time of the incident and at the time of the Hearing in accordance with this Section.* The auditor spoke with the Disciplinary Officer during the tour. He confirmed that mental health review is automatically required for an incarcerated individual who has a mental illness and showed the auditor on the hearing documents how this occurs. The interview with mental health staff provided additional assurances that mental health is consulted regarding disciplinary hearings when the incarcerated individual is recognized as being on the mental health caseload.

(d) Directive 4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention & Response states, Upon learning that an incarcerated individual has a history of committing an act of sexual abuse against another incarcerated individual, including, but not limited to, a finding of guilt of a Tier disposition per the Incarcerated Individual Rule Series 101 for a sex offense, penal law offense of a sexual nature, or attempt thereof while incarcerated, the Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator (ORC) shall complete a referral to Central Office Guidance for evaluation for the Sex Offender Counseling and Treatment Program (SOCTP) and Form #3150, "DOCCS - Mental Health Referral," for consideration by OMH for other appropriate mental health treatment to address sexual offending behavior. Directive 4401 Guidance and Counseling addresses treatment services, including sex offender treatment programs, available for incarcerated individuals in NYSDOCCS. It indicates that this will include guilty findings at a tier hearing per Incarcerated individual Standards of Behavior for any sexually abusive and/or



	<p>assaultive act. Failure to participate can and will prevent an incarcerated individual from release.</p> <p>(e) Policy on the Prevention of Sexual Victimization, memo addressed to all Employees, Contractors, Volunteers and Interns specifically states, a staff person who engages in such an act (sexual abuse) is guilty of a sex offense even if the incarcerated individual or releasee “willingly” participates or manipulates the staff member. It was confirmed by the disciplinary officer at the facility that the agency may discipline an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.</p> <p>(f) Pamphlet Prevention of Sexual Victimization in Prison What You Need to Know informs incarcerated individuals that a person may be charged or disciplined for making a false report, if after the investigation, it is proven that the person made the statement knowing it was false or baseless, or the person reported an alleged crime or incident knowing it did not occur. A report made in good faith is not falsely reporting an incident or lying even if the investigation does not substantiate the allegation.</p> <p>(g) Hearing Officer Sanction Guidelines Sex Offenses, and penalty categories distinguishes between forcing or attempting to force another to engage in a sexual act, encouraging or soliciting sexual act, and engaging in sexual act (no forcer or coercion).</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Review of the policies and documents noted above support a finding of compliance. The interview with the Superintendent and Disciplinary Officer supported that sanctions are proportionate to the nature and circumstance and mental disability/illness is considered when determining sanctions in accordance with policy. Based on analysis of the evidence, the auditor finds the facility to be compliant with the requirements of this standard.</p>
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<b>115.81</b>	<b>Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· HSPM 1.44 - Health Screening of Incarcerated individuals - 1/4/2023</li> <li>· Directive #4101 Inmate Suicide Prevention 12/21/2023</li> <li>· Taconic PREA Risk Screening FOM 700 1/3/2023</li> <li>· Form 115.41F (complete demonstrating referral and acceptance of a referral to OMH)</li> </ul>

- Mental Health Referral Form 3150 demonstrating completion of the referral
- Form 3278, PREA Screening 6/2022
- Interview staff responsible for conducting risk assessment
- Interview medical and mental health staff
- Observations
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates that 100% of incarcerated individuals who disclosed prior victimization during screening who were offered a follow up meeting with medical/mental health practitioner, 100% of incarcerated individuals who disclosed previously perpetrated sexual abuse during screening who were offered a follow up meeting with medical/mental health practitioner.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a)(b) HSPM 1.44 – Health Screening of Incarcerated individuals addresses information received related to sexual victimization or abusiveness. It states, *upon arrival at a DOCCS facility, every newly received or transferred incarcerated individual, will receive a health screening by a Registered Nurse (RN). In accordance with the National Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards, 28 C.F.R. 115.81, any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff, as necessary, to inform treatment plans and security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law. Medical and mental health practitioners shall obtain informed consent (HIPAA release) from incarcerated individuals before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the incarcerated individual is under the age of 18. As above, informed consent/HIPAA release is not required for a referral to the Office of Mental Health.*

Directive #4101 Inmate Suicide Prevention confirms that health services will complete the Form #3278PREA upon arrival from a transfer, in addition to reception facilities. Form 3278PREA prompts screening staff to complete a mental health referral form #3150 for affirmative responses to prior victimization since their last transfer.

PREA Screening Form directs the screener to forward a copy of the form directly to Mental Health to serve as the Mental Health Referral Form. The Mental Health Referral has a check box. Staff can also submit a referral form. Completion of the referral is noted on the bottom of the form by mental health staff.

Taconic Correctional Facility PREA Risk Screening FOM indicates, if during the screening process, it is determined that the incarcerated individual previously disclosed sexual victimization or perpetrated sexual abuse whether in an institutional

setting or in the community, the Sergeant shall offer to refer the incarcerated individual to OMH. The Watch Commander will be notified of the referral.

Directive #4301 - Mental Health Satellite Services and Commitments to CNYPC, confirms that mental health services for this facility are located at this facility. Mental Health Referral Form 3150 supports those referrals received will be addressed within fourteen days. The Facility Operations Manual for Taconic Correctional Facility, PREA Risk Screening both describe the specific steps needed to ensure a referral is made at this facility. One document representing compliance with this process was provided with the pre-audit documentation.

Form 115.41F directs the screener to ascertain if the incarcerated individual wants a referral to mental health is they indicate they have previously suffered sexual abuse. The auditor interviewed the mental health staff assigned to this facility (currently one with one vacancy). She indicated that her caseload is an average of one hundred twenty (120) individuals, 60% of the population reflecting that she is actively involved with the incarcerated individuals. She indicates she does receive referrals and meets with them within fourteen days but typically much sooner (one to two days).

(c) The facility is a prison, not a jail.

(d) (e) HSPM 1.44 - Health Screening of Incarcerated Individuals states that any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting is strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law. It also requires medical and mental health practitioners to obtain informed consent from incarcerated individuals before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting unless the incarcerated individual is under the age of 18. The PREA Screening Form also notes an area for reports of sexual victimization that occurred outside the institutional setting. It includes a place for consent by the incarcerated individual. This was confirmed with the interview with the physician.

Form 3278 includes a brief review again of whether the incarcerated individual has been sexually abused or victimized. It is completed by health care staff upon arrival. It affords a place to obtain consent for those who report abuse that occurred outside the prison to obtain consent. It is specified that it is for incarcerated individuals over the age of eighteen. It provides a referral for mental health and notification to the Watch Commander if the information triggers a concern, demonstrating that the information is only provided to staff to inform treatment plans and security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments. This was confirmed with the interview with the nurse supervisor.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Policies support compliance with meeting the requirements of the standard provisions. The PAQ notes the 100% of incarcerated individuals who disclosed prior victimization during screening were offered a follow-up meeting with medical or mental health, and 100% of incarcerated individuals who have previously perpetrated sexual abuse during the screening were

	<p>offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner. The auditor finds this credible based on the process for intake. Review of the randomly reviewed risk assessments supported that the procedure as established by this Agency is being followed. Interviews with medical staff and intake staff supports a finding of compliance with this standard. The auditor finds that the facility exceeds the standard in that the risk assessment process demonstrates compliance but additionally, the medical assessment at intake provides a second avenue to ensure that is someone has been sexually victimized, will be offered a referral to mental health.</p>
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<b>115.82</b>	<b>Access to emergency medical and mental health services</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response, 12/1/2023</li> <li>· HSPM 1.60 - Sexual Assault - 7/22/2022</li> <li>· HSPM 1.12B Incarcerated Individual Bloodborne pathogens Exposure Protocol 12/3/2021</li> <li>· Public Health Law 2807 no general hospital can refuse to provide hospital services to a person admitted from a correctional facility</li> <li>· Documentation of medical evaluation related to PREA allegation (three examples)</li> <li>· Facility Coordinated Response FOM with Watch Commander Medical Quick Reference Chart 7/2022)</li> <li>· Taconic Correctional Facility FOM 702 5/16/2023</li> <li>· Review of Coordinated Response Plan on site/interview with the Watch Commander</li> <li>· Review of Binder with medical policies, directions located in the health care clinic</li> <li>· Interviews with medical staff</li> <li>· Observations made during the tour</li> </ul> <p>Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:</p> <p>(a) (b) (c) (d) Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response,</p>

Medical and Mental Health Care Access to emergency medical and mental health services states, *a. All reports of sexual abuse must be medically assessed immediately at the facility or by an outside hospital emergency department, regardless of whether or not the allegation has been independently verified prior to the victim's presentation for treatment (see Health Services Policy Manual, Section 1.60). b. If no qualified medical and mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, the Watch Commander will ensure that security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim and shall immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners pursuant to the facility specific Coordinated Response to Reports of Sexual Victimization FOM and shall document the action taken on Form #4027WC "Watch Commander's Sexual Abuse Response Sheet" (see SVPPM, Section 115.65). c. Incarcerated victims of sexual abuse shall be offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis per Health Services Policy Manual, Sections 1.12B and 1.60. Treatment services shall be provided to the victim without financial liability and regardless of whether or not the victim cooperates in any investigation arising from the incident as set forth in Health Services Policy Manual, Section 1.60.*

The Facility Coordinated Response Plan FOM, HSPM 1.60 Sexual Assault and the New York Public Health Law support that incarcerated individuals will receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. First responders will ensure medical and mental health staff are notified. These documents support that incarcerated individual victims of sexual abuse are offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis and treatment services will be provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation. The MOU with OMH supports that mental health staff will evaluate and treat victims. The interview with the physician confirmed that incarcerated individuals would 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. Mental health treatment would be addressed by a referral to a nearby facility.

Medical staff are available sixteen hours a day. Staff can consult with medical staff at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week (24/7). Mental health staff are located at the facility Monday to Friday eight hours daily and are available for crisis intervention 24/7. Interviews with medical staff, the Superintendent and ADS PREA support the requirement that victims receive immediate unimpeded access to emergency medical care in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care. Post Exposure prophylactic needs will be immediately evaluated prior to sending the victim to the hospital, in accordance with the HSPM 1.12B Incarcerated individual Bloodborne Pathogens Significant Exposure Protocol. A List of SANE/SAFE hospitals is maintained with Health Services located in a PREA Binder with all relevant information regarding medical services) and the Watch Commander. This was viewed in the Coordinated Response Plan during the on-site

	<p>audit. Medical documentation was provided with the pre-audit documentation demonstrating a medical evaluation occurring after a PREA allegation.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: There was no reported incident that warranted emergency medical and mental health care; the auditor found this credible after conducting the preaudit and onsite audit. Policy and interviews with medical and mental health staff support the requirements of the standard. Review of the Coordinated Response Plan and documentation demonstrating a medical evaluation post PREA allegation provided further evidence of compliance. The auditor finds there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of compliance.</p>
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<b>115.83</b>	<b>Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response, 12/1/2023</li> <li>· HSPM 1.60 - Sexual Assault - 7/22/2022</li> <li>· HSPM 1.12B Incarcerated individual Bloodborne Pathogens Significant Exposure Protocol - 12/3/2021</li> <li>· Taconic Correctional Facility FOM 702 5/16/2023</li> <li>· Directive #4401 Guidance and Counseling 8/21/2020</li> <li>· OMH MOU</li> <li>· Interviews medical and mental health staff</li> </ul> <p>Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention &amp; Response, states, <i>Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers (PREA Standard 115.83/283). a. The facility shall offer medical and mental health evaluations and, as appropriate, treatment to all incarcerated individuals who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility. b. The evaluation and treatment, as appropriate, will include follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, continuing care upon transfer or release. c. Incarcerated victims of sexual abuse will be provided with ongoing medical and mental health services consistent with the community standard of care, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment. (1) Medical Care shall be in accordance with applicable sections of the HSPM. (2)</i></p>

*Mental Health Services shall be in accordance with the current Memorandum of Understanding between DOCCS and the NYS Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH), and in accordance with policy promulgated by NYS OMH.*

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a)(b) (c) HSPM 1.60 - Sexual Assault and Office of Mental Health Memorandum of Understanding confirms compliance with the requirement that all victims will be provided with ongoing medical and mental health services consistent with community standards. It states, treatment will include follow-up services, treatment plans, and if needed, continuing care upon release. The interview with medical staff confirmed they believe the care provided is consistent with community standards. HSPM 1.12 supports that treatment for STIs are in accordance with CDC guidelines.

(d) (e) HSPM 1.60 - Sexual Assault - 10/25/17 states, pregnant inmate victims will receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all appropriate pregnancy related services. This was confirmed with the interview with the facility physician.

(f) HSPM 1.60 - Sexual Assault, HSPM 1.12B Incarcerated individual Bloodborne Pathogens Significant Exposure Protocol confirms that a victim will be offered appropriate tests for sexually transmitted infections, in accordance with medically established timeframes.

(g) HSPM 1.60 - Sexual Assault supports that medical treatment will be without cost to the victim, regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

(h) Directive #4401 Guidance and Counseling addresses treatment services available for incarcerated individuals at NYSDOCCS. HSPM 1.60 - Sexual Assault confirms that a mental health evaluation of all known incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual abusers will be conducted within sixty (60) days. They will be referred to the Sex Offender Counseling and Treatment Program per the guideline. In accordance with the SOCTP Guidelines, incarcerated individuals referred to the program receive an evaluation by specialized staff upon referral to the program. However, the auditor concludes that if an incarcerated individual was deemed to be an incarcerated-on-incarcerated sexual abuser she would have her custody level increased and be transferred to Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: There was no reported incident that warranted ongoing medical and mental health care; the auditor found this credible after conducting the preaudit and onsite audit. Policies noted above, interviews with the medical staff and mental health staff support a finding of compliance.

<b>115.86</b>	<b>Sexual abuse incident reviews</b>
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	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Exceeds Standard
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## Auditor Discussion

The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:

- Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention & Response, 12/1/2023
- Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Data Collection and Review 7/14/2023
- Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklist - 8/24/2022 (three completed examples sent with PAQ)
- Substantiated Unauthorized Relationship Incident Review checklist
- Incident Review Recommendations Tracking Sheet
- Interviews Superintendent
- Interviews ADS PREA
- Interview Incident Review Team Member (PREA Point Person)
- Observations
- PAQ

The PAQ indicates that in the past twelve months, there were two criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility, excluding only "unfounded" incidents.

Directive #4027 Sexual Victimization Prevention & Response, states,

*Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews 1. Each facility is required to conduct a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days of the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. In furtherance of that mandate, OSI will develop the necessary investigative documentation in order to facilitate the completion of those incident reviews. 2. At the conclusion of any PREA reportable substantiated or unsubstantiated investigation, OSI will submit the necessary Sexual Abuse Incident Review Information (SAIRI) to SAPEO. SAPEO will forward an incident review packet to the Superintendent, ADS PREA, and the designated PPP with instructions to conduct the incident review and report back to SAPEO with any findings and recommendations. 3. OSI will also provide SAPEO with the relevant incident review information for any substantiated non-PREA reportable unauthorized relationship investigations. Such incidents present significant security threats. Accordingly, these acts of misconduct are included in the incident review process with the goal of identifying policy and operational improvements that will help detect and prevent unauthorized relationships.*

Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:



Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Data Collection and Review, Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews

Policy: Policy: A sexual Abuse Incident Review (SAIR) must be completed for reported allegations that fall within the definition of sexual abuse for all incidents that are substantiated or unsubstantiated.

Procedure:

Initial review:

- Within 30 days of receiving a report, the ADS shall obtain documentation relevant to the initial handling of the report.
- The ADS and indicated staff shall verify appropriate steps were taken
- Identification and initiation of corrective action will be taken

Review - will be completed within 30 days of the conclusions of the investigation unless it is deemed unfounded.

Review team shall include upper-level management officials with input from the Sex Crimes Unit, area sergeant, Crisis Intervention Unit, Health Services, Office of Mental Health and others deemed appropriate.

Using the Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklist, the review team shall:

Examine whether policies were followed and whether they need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, and respond. Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility; Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse; Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts; Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff; and (complete the Sexual Abuse Incident Checklist.

Implementation of recommendations or reasons for not doing so. An Incident Review Tracking Sheet shall be used for each calendar year documenting corrective action and completion.

A SAIR will be completed for all substantiated unauthorized relationships.

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e)

The Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklist is a 6-page form which addresses and requires assessment with all requirements of the standard. Three reviews sent with the PAQ demonstrated completion of the process as required by policy. They

	<p>contained a very detailed assessment. They demonstrated team members to include the ADS PREA, PREA Point Person, (Supervisor Offender Rehabilitation Counselor (SORC) with input from medical/mental health staff and Line Supervisor (lieutenant, sergeant).</p> <p>Interviews with the Superintendent, ADS PREA and PREA Point Person confirm that incident reviews are completed for each investigation, as indicated by the standard provisions, except those deemed unfounded.</p> <p>The written authority, requiring a review of the incident thirty days after the report, enhances the effectiveness of the review prior to the conclusion of the investigation, allowing the facility to implement changes earlier. The process was confirmed with the PREA Deputy. The Substantiated Unauthorized Relationship Incident Review form demonstrates efforts to prevent sexual abuse by assessing the situation before sexual abuse has occurred.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Written authority, the established format, interviews with the staff that complete the incident reviews in addition to review of completed reviews, and review of the Recommendation Tracking Sheet all provided ample evidence for this standard to be deemed compliant. The auditor finds the standards warrants a finding of Exceeds Standards” related to the development of the review of the Unauthorized Relationship investigation, demonstrating a process geared toward preventing sexual abuse and sexual harassment. No examples were available for review as they had not conducted any investigations regarding unauthorized relationships in the previous twelve months.</p>
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<b>115.87</b>	<b>Data collection</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p> <p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Data Collection and Review 2/15/2022</li> <li>· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Introduction - Definitions used for collecting data</li> <li>· Facility Specific Form 2103SAII and 2103SASI</li> <li>· Interview with the PREA Coordinator</li> <li>· Interview ADS PREA</li> <li>· Completed SSV 2022</li> </ul>

· Observations

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a)(b) (c) Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Introduction provides the standardized definitions for collection of data; they are based on the definitions included in 115.6.

Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Data Collection and Review

*Policy: Procedures for data collection, review, storage and reporting of sexual abuse data.*

*Procedure:*

*Collection of uniform data for every allegation.*

· *The PREA Analyst conducts preliminary reviews of Sex Crimes Division allegations weekly and organizes into five categories of sexual victimization.*

· *The PREA Research Analyst utilized the definition of "sexual abuse" or "sexual harassment" as defined by the standards.*

· *Data is reviewed and amended throughout the year*

*Data includes all necessary information to answer all questions from the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV).*

*Yearly, upon request by the DOJ, DOCCS shall provide data requested by the deadline specified.*

*OSI Sex Crimes Division retains control and retention of all investigation files; the PREA Analyst maintains separate incident-based data from all available incident-based documents and ensures it is securely retained.*

Office of Program Planning Research and Evaluation – PREA Data Collection, Review, Retention and Publication Manual support that the facility will maintain monthly sexual abuse/threat incident summaries which are forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner for Correctional Facilities and the Associate Commissioner for Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). This provides information that can address the Survey of Sexual Victimization if requested from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The information is used for the Agency report. An example of this monthly report specific to Greene Correctional Facility was provided with the pre-audit documentation.

(d) Office of Program Planning Research and Evaluation supports that the data base is set up to capture agency data from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews. It describes the process for data collection, review, storage and reporting of sexual abuse data.

(e) Documentation was provided demonstrating that information from the private

	<p>agencies is not incorporated into the agency database and therefore not included as they only contract with private entities for confinement of parolees. A separate area of the Annual Report provides statistics on community based residential program sites.</p> <p>(f) The agency provided documentation indicating receipt of the Survey of Sexual Victimization from the DOJ for data dated 2022.</p> <p>The PREA Coordinator confirmed the following: The agency does review data collected and aggregated pursuant to 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies and training. “Our Program Planning Research and Evaluation department works cooperatively with my office and OSI on all data collection and analysis pertinent to PREA matters. Raw data files and reports are stored in restricted drives set up by the State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS). All related paper records are stored in locked file cabinets. My copies of the final data reports and other ad hoc reports are stored in my electronic files, which are secure from unauthorized access.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: As stated above, the policies, retention schedule, review of the data gathering operation, interview with the PREA Coordinator and ADS PREA all demonstrate that the requirements of this standard are addressed and therefore the standard is deemed to be compliant. There is a report available on the webpage for the agency that provides an in-depth analysis for the years 2014-2020. It includes aggregated data for 2020 and was completed and published June 2023.</p>
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<b>115.88</b>	<b>Data review for corrective action</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Data Collection and Review 2/15/2022</li> <li>· Annual Report on Sexual Victimization 2016 to 2020 published June 2023</li> <li>· Interviews Commissioner</li> <li>· Interview PREA Coordinator/Associate Commissioner</li> <li>· Interview ADS PREA</li> <li>· Link to website</li> </ul>

- Monthly Report of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment
- Observations

Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:

#### Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Data Collection and Review

*Policy: The Department will review data collected and aggregated as indicated in SVPPM 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training.*

#### *Procedure:*

*Data Review - Data is collected and reviewed by the review team: Associate Commissioner for PREA, the Deputy Chief of Investigations of the Sex Crimes Division, the Director of PREA Compliance and the PREA Analyst who meet annually.*

*Review for Corrective Action - Data collected is collected for the report which includes a comparison of allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment over a five-year period. This includes identification of problem areas, and corrective actions taken for each facility and the agency as a whole, the report avoids disclosure of personal identifying information or material which would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of any facility or the Department. The report is prepared by the Associate Commission for PREA for approval by the commissioner. Once approved, it is published and made available to the public through the Department's website.*

Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision:

(a) (b) (c) (d) An annual report is prepared which compares the statistics from each year, compares the data and action plans and assesses the program towards prevention. There are no personal identifiers in the report, as required by the manual. Information that may present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility can be redacted; however, an explanation of the contents would be provided. This report is available on the NYSDOCCS website and complies with the requirements of this standard. The auditor reviewed the annual reports which analyzed the data for 2016 to 2020. An incident report summarizing 2021 is included. Facility specific corrective action is noted. It is twenty-four (24) pages. Problem areas are identified, an analysis of corrective action is provided. It is approved by the Commissioner and the PREA Coordinator (noted on the document as well as indicated in their interviews).

Additionally, the interview with the ADS PREA supports that monthly reports are maintained and sent to central office for current analysis and notation of any trends occurring. This data accumulated as additional monthly information is added. Examples were provided with the pre-audit documentation.

The interview with the Commissioner confirmed the following: Incident-based data is primarily used to identify facilities or locations within facilities that have recurring

reports of abuse. The Department has funded a research item dedicated to work full-time on PREA matters. Research works with Associate Commissioner Effman, Director Woodworth and OSI in an effort to identify patterns and trends including common characteristics of victim prone incarcerated individuals, common characteristics of incarcerated individual abusers, and any other trends that may be addressed through training or policy changes. The data also plays a key role in keeping the Department's training on sexual abuse prevention and response current. He confirms he approves the annual reports written pursuant to this standard.

The interview with the Associate Commissioner PREA Coordinator confirmed that the agency does take corrective action on an ongoing basis based on the data collected. He stated, " I review both regular and ad hoc reports produced by Research for me. Our Office of Special Investigations and I work closely with the Program Planning research and Evaluation office to monitor trends. We continue to adjust our prevention strategies based on our analysis of the data. A report is provided on a monthly basis to our Superintendents. This report includes a year-to-date breakdown of complaints of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and unauthorized relationships for each facility. This allows facility leadership to more closely monitor trends and be responsive. We are currently working to further improve our data points beyond what is required by the Bureau of Justice Statistics to provide our team with more information to better understand reporting within the agency. This includes a new focus to better identify unfounded reports made in bad faith and distinguish them from good faith but unfounded reports. . . . we prepare and publish an annual report of the allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment as reported to the Department, including information concerning reports at each facility. The Report addresses facility-specific and Department-wide corrective action. As an addendum to the report, DOCCS publishes aggregated sexual abuse data from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which the agency contracts. The latest report was published on or about June 29, 2023. It includes an analysis of five years of data through 2020. In addition, our aggregated data for both 2021, the most recently completed calendar year based upon Bureau of Justice Statistics reporting cycles, and 2022 is included as Appendix B. We are currently finalizing the newest report. We have not redacted any material. Our annual report does not provide case specific information and only aggregated data is presented to avoid identifying any individual or confidential information.'

Annual Report on Sexual Victimization Published June 2023 supports the information provided in the interview with the PREA Coordinator. It is a 24-page report with the following information:

- Vision and mission
- Allegations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment
- Resulting Determinations
- Substantiated Allegations
- Review for Corrective Action

	<p>No information required redaction.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: For these reasons articulated, the auditor finds the standard compliant. The interview with the PREA Coordinator confirmed that the report for 2024 is completed, pending final review and approval. The Annual Report on Sexual Victimization is a comprehensive analysis of the data and is available on the agency website.</p>
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<b>115.89</b>	<b>Data storage, publication, and destruction</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	<p>The auditor reviewed, gathered, analyzed and/or retained the following evidence related to this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Storage, Publication and Destruction 7/14/2023</li> <li>· Interviews PREA Coordinator</li> <li>· Documentation that it is on the website</li> <li>· Historical data since 2012</li> <li>· Observations</li> </ul> <p>Evidence reviewed/analyzed by provision: (a) (b) (c) (d)</p> <p>Below is the analysis of the SVPPM:</p> <p>Sexual Victimization Prevention Policy Manual: Data Collection and Review</p> <p>Policy: Department will ensure all data collected is stored, published and retained in accordance with PREA Standard 115.89.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>The annual report is available at About PREA   Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (ny.gov) (<a href="https://doccs.ny.gov/about-prea#annual-reports">https://doccs.ny.gov/about-prea#annual-reports</a>)</p> <p>The Department will maintain the sexual abuse data collected for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection.</p> <p>Interview with the Investigators and PREA Coordinator supported that investigations are securely retained. The auditor viewed where sexual abuse/sexual harassment data is retained at the facility in the guidance staff office (Guidance folders) and the</p>

	<p>ADS PREA office. Investigations are stored with OSI investigators at a secure location not at the facility. No personal identifiers require redaction on the published data.</p> <p>The Associate Commissioner/PREA Coordinator confirmed the following: Our Program Planning Research and Evaluation department works cooperatively with my office and OSI on all data collection and analysis pertinent to PREA matters. Raw data files and reports are stored in restricted drives set up by the State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS). All related paper records are stored in locked file cabinets. My copies of the final data reports and other ad hoc reports are stored in my locked office. The auditor viewed the report along with historical data from 2012 on the agency website.</p> <p>Summary of evidence to support a finding of compliance: Based on the above, the auditor finds this standard to be in compliance.</p>
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<b>115.401</b>	<b>Frequency and scope of audits</b>
	<p><b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard</p>
	<p><b>Auditor Discussion</b></p> <p>Posters announcing the audit were visible throughout the facility on blue paper. They indicated the following: THIS AGENCY IS BEING AUDITED FOR PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT COMPLIANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The American Correctional Association is a private, non-profit organization</li> <li>• Taconic Correctional Facility is voluntarily undergoing an audit to demonstrate its compliance with nationally established standards</li> <li>• The PREA standards compliance audit of this agency will be conducted on September 16-19, 2024.</li> <li>• Any person with information relevant to this compliance audit may confidentially* correspond with the auditor via the following address:</li> </ul> <p>*CONFIDENTIALITY – All correspondence and disclosures during interviews with the designated auditor are confidential and will not be disclosed unless required by law. There are exceptions when confidentiality must be legally broken. Exceptions include, but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if the person is an immediate danger to her/himself or others (e.g. suicide or homicide);</li> <li>• allegations of suspected of child abuse, neglect or maltreatment;</li> <li>• in legal proceedings where information has been subpoenaed by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.</li> </ul> <p>Interviews with incarcerated individuals that they have seen the posters “for awhile” They were visible on green salient paper.</p> <p>No letters were received prior to the onsite audit.</p>



	<p>Private interviews were conducted with all staff and incarcerated individuals.</p> <p>The auditor was allowed free access to all areas of the facility, access to interview incarcerated individuals and staff selected randomly and intentionally, and to see or retain any documentation requested.</p>
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<b>115.403</b>	<b>Audit contents and findings</b>
	<b>Auditor Overall Determination:</b> Meets Standard
	<b>Auditor Discussion</b>
	Review of the agency website reveals 175 PREA audit reports posted. This is the 3rd year cycle.

<b>Appendix: Provision Findings</b>		
<b>115.11 (a)</b>	<b>Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator</b>	
	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
<b>115.11 (b)</b>	<b>Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator</b>	
	Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator?	yes
	Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy?	yes
	Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities?	yes
<b>115.11 (c)</b>	<b>Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator</b>	
	If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes
	Does the PREA compliance manager have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes
<b>115.12 (a)</b>	<b>Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates</b>	
	If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its inmates with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to comply with the PREA standards in any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates.)	yes
<b>115.12 (b)</b>	<b>Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates</b>	
	Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure	yes

	that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates.)	
<b>115.13 (a)</b>	<b>Supervision and monitoring</b>	
	Does the facility have a documented staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Generally accepted detention and correctional practices?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any judicial findings of inadequacy?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: All components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated)?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The composition of the inmate population?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The number and placement of supervisory staff?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The institution programs occurring on a particular shift?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into	yes

	consideration: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards?	
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any other relevant factors?	yes
<b>115.13 (b)</b>	<b>Supervision and monitoring</b>	
	In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document and justify all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)	yes
<b>115.13 (c)</b>	<b>Supervision and monitoring</b>	
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan?	yes
<b>115.13 (d)</b>	<b>Supervision and monitoring</b>	
	Has the facility/agency implemented a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts?	yes
	Does the facility/agency have a policy prohibiting staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility?	yes

<b>115.14 (a)</b>	<b>Youthful inmates</b>	
	Does the facility place all youthful inmates in housing units that separate them from sight, sound, and physical contact with any adult inmates through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
<b>115.14 (b)</b>	<b>Youthful inmates</b>	
	In areas outside of housing units does the agency maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
	In areas outside of housing units does the agency provide direct staff supervision when youthful inmates and adult inmates have sight, sound, or physical contact? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
<b>115.14 (c)</b>	<b>Youthful inmates</b>	
	Does the agency make its best efforts to avoid placing youthful inmates in isolation to comply with this provision? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
	Does the agency, while complying with this provision, allow youthful inmates daily large-muscle exercise and legally required special education services, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
	Do youthful inmates have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
<b>115.15 (a)</b>	<b>Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches</b>	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?	yes
<b>115.15 (b)</b>	<b>Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches</b>	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)	yes
	Does the facility always refrain from restricting female inmates' access to regularly available programming or other out-of-cell opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A if the	yes

	facility does not have female inmates.)	
<b>115.15 (c)</b>	<b>Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches</b>	
	Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?	yes
	Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates)?	yes
<b>115.15 (d)</b>	<b>Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches</b>	
	Does the facility have policies that enables inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?	yes
	Does the facility have procedures that enables inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?	yes
	Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit?	yes
<b>115.15 (e)</b>	<b>Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches</b>	
	Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex inmates for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status?	yes
	If an inmate's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner?	yes
<b>115.15 (f)</b>	<b>Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches</b>	
	Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?	yes
	Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex inmates in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?	yes

<b>115.16 (a)</b>	<b>Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient</b>	
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who are blind or have low vision?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have intellectual disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have psychiatric disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have speech disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other (if "other," please explain in overall determination notes.)	yes
	Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication	yes

	with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have intellectual disabilities?	
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have limited reading skills?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: are blind or have low vision?	yes
<b>115.16 (b)</b>	<b>Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient</b>	
	Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
<b>115.16 (c)</b>	<b>Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient</b>	
	Does the agency always refrain from relying on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistance except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations?	yes
<b>115.17 (a)</b>	<b>Hiring and promotion decisions</b>	
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who	yes



	may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two bullets immediately above?	
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two bullets immediately above?	yes
<b>115.17 (b)</b>	<b>Hiring and promotion decisions</b>	
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates?	yes
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates?	yes
<b>115.17 (c)</b>	<b>Hiring and promotion decisions</b>	
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, does the agency perform a criminal background records check?	yes
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, does the agency, consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse?	yes
<b>115.17 (d)</b>	<b>Hiring and promotion decisions</b>	
	Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates?	yes

<b>115.17 (e)</b>	<b>Hiring and promotion decisions</b>	
	Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?	yes
<b>115.17 (f)</b>	<b>Hiring and promotion decisions</b>	
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions?	yes
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees?	yes
	Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?	yes
<b>115.17 (g)</b>	<b>Hiring and promotion decisions</b>	
	Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?	yes
<b>115.17 (h)</b>	<b>Hiring and promotion decisions</b>	
	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
<b>115.18 (a)</b>	<b>Upgrades to facilities and technologies</b>	
	If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	yes
<b>115.18 (b)</b>	<b>Upgrades to facilities and technologies</b>	

	If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	yes
<b>115.21 (a)</b>	<b>Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations</b>	
	If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
<b>115.21 (b)</b>	<b>Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations</b>	
	Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
	Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
<b>115.21 (c)</b>	<b>Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations</b>	
	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
<b>115.21 (d)</b>	<b>Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations</b>	
	Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?	yes
	If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member? (N/A if the agency always makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.)	na
	Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?	yes
<b>115.21 (e)</b>	<b>Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations</b>	
	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
<b>115.21 (f)</b>	<b>Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations</b>	
	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
<b>115.21 (h)</b>	<b>Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations</b>	
	If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (N/A if agency always makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.)	yes
<b>115.22 (a)</b>	<b>Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations</b>	

	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
<b>115.22 (b)</b>	<b>Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations</b>	
	Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior?	yes
	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
<b>115.22 (c)</b>	<b>Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations</b>	
	If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does the policy describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.21(a).)	na
<b>115.31 (a)</b>	<b>Employee training</b>	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?	yes

	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?	yes
<b>115.31 (b)</b>	<b>Employee training</b>	
	Is such training tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility?	yes
	Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa?	yes
<b>115.31 (c)</b>	<b>Employee training</b>	
	Have all current employees who may have contact with inmates received such training?	yes
	Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures?	yes
	In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies?	yes
<b>115.31 (d)</b>	<b>Employee training</b>	
	Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?	yes
<b>115.32 (a)</b>	<b>Volunteer and contractor training</b>	

	Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures?	yes
<b>115.32 (b)</b>	<b>Volunteer and contractor training</b>	
	Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates)?	yes
<b>115.32 (c)</b>	<b>Volunteer and contractor training</b>	
	Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?	yes
<b>115.33 (a)</b>	<b>Inmate education</b>	
	During intake, do inmates receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do inmates receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
<b>115.33 (b)</b>	<b>Inmate education</b>	
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?	yes
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?	yes
<b>115.33 (c)</b>	<b>Inmate education</b>	
	Have all inmates received the comprehensive education referenced in 115.33(b)?	yes

	Do inmates receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the inmate's new facility differ from those of the previous facility?	yes
<b>115.33 (d)</b>	<b>Inmate education</b>	
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills?	yes
<b>115.33 (e)</b>	<b>Inmate education</b>	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions?	yes
<b>115.33 (f)</b>	<b>Inmate education</b>	
	In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats?	yes
<b>115.34 (a)</b>	<b>Specialized training: Investigations</b>	
	In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.31, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators receive training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
<b>115.34 (b)</b>	<b>Specialized training: Investigations</b>	
	Does this specialized training include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include proper use of Miranda and	yes



	Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	
	Does this specialized training include sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
<b>115.34 (c)</b>	<b>Specialized training: Investigations</b>	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
<b>115.35 (a)</b>	<b>Specialized training: Medical and mental health care</b>	
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
	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	yes

	suspicious 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.)	
<b>115.35 (b)</b>	<b>Specialized training: Medical and mental health care</b>	
	If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams or the agency does not employ medical staff.)	yes
<b>115.35 (c)</b>	<b>Specialized training: Medical and mental health care</b>	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
<b>115.35 (d)</b>	<b>Specialized training: Medical and mental health care</b>	
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.31? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners employed by the agency.)	yes
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.32? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency.)	yes
<b>115.41 (a)</b>	<b>Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</b>	
	Are all inmates assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?	yes
	Are all inmates assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?	yes
<b>115.41 (b)</b>	<b>Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</b>	
	Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?	yes
<b>115.41 (c)</b>	<b>Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</b>	
	Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective	yes

	screening instrument?	
<b>115.41 (d)</b>	<b>Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</b>	
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (2) The age of the inmate?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (3) The physical build of the inmate?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (5) Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the inmate about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener's perception whether the inmate is gender non-conforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (9) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10)	yes

	Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes?	
<b>115.41 (e)</b>	<b>Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</b>	
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse?	yes
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses?	yes
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?	yes
<b>115.41 (f)</b>	<b>Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</b>	
	Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening?	yes
<b>115.41 (g)</b>	<b>Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</b>	
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a referral?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a request?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to an incident of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness?	yes
<b>115.41 (h)</b>	<b>Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</b>	
	Is it the case that inmates are not ever disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8), or (d)(9) of this section?	yes
<b>115.41 (i)</b>	<b>Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</b>	
	Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive	yes

	information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates?	
<b>115.42 (a) Use of screening information</b>		
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Housing Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Bed assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Work Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Education Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments?	yes
<b>115.42 (b) Use of screening information</b>		
	Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate?	yes
<b>115.42 (c) Use of screening information</b>		
	When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, does the agency consider, on a case-by-case basis, whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns inmates to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)?	yes
	When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex inmates, does the agency consider, on a case-by-case basis, whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether a placement would	yes

	present management or security problems?	
<b>115.42 (d)</b>	<b>Use of screening information</b>	
	Are placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate?	yes
<b>115.42 (e)</b>	<b>Use of screening information</b>	
	Are each transgender or intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments?	yes
<b>115.42 (f)</b>	<b>Use of screening information</b>	
	Are transgender and intersex inmates given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates?	yes
<b>115.42 (g)</b>	<b>Use of screening information</b>	
	Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
	Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: transgender inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent 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 inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: intersex inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing	yes

	solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent degree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	
<b>115.43 (a)</b>	<b>Protective Custody</b>	
	Does the facility always refrain from placing inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers?	yes
	If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, does the facility hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment?	yes
<b>115.43 (b)</b>	<b>Protective Custody</b>	
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Programs to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Privileges to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Education to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Work opportunities to the extent possible?	yes
	If the facility restricts any access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the opportunities that have been limited? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	yes
	If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the duration of the limitation? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	yes
	If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the reasons for such limitations? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	yes
<b>115.43 (c)</b>	<b>Protective Custody</b>	

	Does the facility assign inmates at high risk of sexual victimization to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged?	yes
	Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days?	yes
<b>115.43 (d) Protective Custody</b>		
	If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety?	yes
	If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged?	yes
<b>115.43 (e) Protective Custody</b>		
	In the case of each inmate who is placed in involuntary segregation because he/she is at high risk of sexual victimization, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS?	yes
<b>115.51 (a) Inmate reporting</b>		
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?	yes
<b>115.51 (b) Inmate reporting</b>		
	Does the agency also provide at least one way for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency?	yes
	Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?	yes
	Does that private entity or office allow the inmate to remain	yes



	anonymous upon request?	
	Are inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security? (N/A if the facility never houses inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes.)	na
<b>115.51 (c)</b>	<b>Inmate reporting</b>	
	Does staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?	yes
	Does staff promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
<b>115.51 (d)</b>	<b>Inmate reporting</b>	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates?	yes
<b>115.52 (a)</b>	<b>Exhaustion of administrative remedies</b>	
	Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because an inmate does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse.	yes
<b>115.52 (b)</b>	<b>Exhaustion of administrative remedies</b>	
	Does the agency permit inmates to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Does the agency always refrain from requiring an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
<b>115.52 (c)</b>	<b>Exhaustion of administrative remedies</b>	
	Does the agency ensure that: An inmate who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from	na

	this standard.)	
	Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
<b>115.52 (d)</b>	<b>Exhaustion of administrative remedies</b>	
	Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by inmates in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	If the agency claims the maximum allowable extension of time to respond of up to 70 days per 115.52(d)(3) when the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision, does the agency notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may an inmate consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
<b>115.52 (e)</b>	<b>Exhaustion of administrative remedies</b>	
	Are third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates? (If a third party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the inmate's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
<b>115.52 (f)</b>	<b>Exhaustion of administrative remedies</b>	

	Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	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 inmate 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
<b>115.52 (g)</b>	<b>Exhaustion of administrative remedies</b>	
	If the agency disciplines an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
<b>115.53 (a)</b>	<b>Inmate access to outside confidential support services</b>	
	Does the facility provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?	yes
	Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers,	na

	including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies? (N/A if the facility never has persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes.)	
	Does the facility enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?	yes
<b>115.53 (b)</b>	<b>Inmate access to outside confidential support services</b>	
	Does the facility inform inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws?	yes
<b>115.53 (c)</b>	<b>Inmate access to outside confidential support services</b>	
	Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?	yes
<b>115.54 (a)</b>	<b>Third-party reporting</b>	
	Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate?	yes
<b>115.61 (a)</b>	<b>Staff and agency reporting duties</b>	
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against inmates or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual	yes

	abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?	
<b>115.61 (b)</b>	<b>Staff and agency reporting duties</b>	
	Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, does staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions?	yes
<b>115.61 (c)</b>	<b>Staff and agency reporting duties</b>	
	Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?	yes
<b>115.61 (d)</b>	<b>Staff and agency reporting duties</b>	
	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
<b>115.61 (e)</b>	<b>Staff and agency reporting duties</b>	
	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
<b>115.62 (a)</b>	<b>Agency protection duties</b>	
	When the agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the inmate?	yes
<b>115.63 (a)</b>	<b>Reporting to other confinement facilities</b>	
	Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred?	yes
<b>115.63 (b)</b>	<b>Reporting to other confinement facilities</b>	
	Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?	yes

<b>115.63 (c)</b>	<b>Reporting to other confinement facilities</b>	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
<b>115.63 (d)</b>	<b>Reporting to other confinement facilities</b>	
	Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?	yes
<b>115.64 (a)</b>	<b>Staff first responder duties</b>	
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?	yes
<b>115.64 (b)</b>	<b>Staff first responder duties</b>	
	If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff?	yes
<b>115.65 (a)</b>	<b>Coordinated response</b>	
	Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in	yes

	response to an incident of sexual abuse?	
<b>115.66 (a)</b>	<b>Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers</b>	
	Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limit the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?	yes
<b>115.67 (a)</b>	<b>Agency protection against retaliation</b>	
	Has the agency established a policy to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff?	yes
	Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?	yes
<b>115.67 (b)</b>	<b>Agency protection against retaliation</b>	
	Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations?	yes
<b>115.67 (c)</b>	<b>Agency protection against retaliation</b>	
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of	yes

	sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation?	
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor any inmate disciplinary reports?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate housing changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate program changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor negative performance reviews of staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor reassignments of staff?	yes
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
<b>115.67 (d)</b>	<b>Agency protection against retaliation</b>	
	In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
<b>115.67 (e)</b>	<b>Agency protection against retaliation</b>	
	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
<b>115.68 (a)</b>	<b>Post-allegation protective custody</b>	
	Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.43?	yes
<b>115.71 (a)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations	yes



	of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	
	Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
<b>115.71 (b)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.34?	yes
<b>115.71 (c)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?	yes
	Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?	yes
	Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator?	yes
<b>115.71 (d)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	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
<b>115.71 (e)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as inmate or staff?	yes
	Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding?	yes
<b>115.71 (f)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	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
<b>115.71 (g)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	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
<b>115.71 (h)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
<b>115.71 (i)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.71(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years?	yes
<b>115.71 (j)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?	yes
<b>115.71 (l)</b>	<b>Criminal and administrative agency investigations</b>	
	When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
<b>115.72 (a)</b>	<b>Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations</b>	
	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
<b>115.73 (a)</b>	<b>Reporting to inmates</b>	
	Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?	yes

<b>115.73 (b)</b>	<b>Reporting to inmates</b>	
	If the agency did not conduct the investigation into an inmate's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.)	na
<b>115.73 (c)</b>	<b>Reporting to inmates</b>	
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the inmate has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
<b>115.73 (d)</b>	<b>Reporting to inmates</b>	
	Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually	yes

	abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	
<b>115.73 (e)</b>	<b>Reporting to inmates</b>	
	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
<b>115.76 (a)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for staff</b>	
	Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?	yes
<b>115.76 (b)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for staff</b>	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes
<b>115.76 (c)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for staff</b>	
	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
<b>115.76 (d)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for staff</b>	
	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
<b>115.77 (a)</b>	<b>Corrective action for contractors and volunteers</b>	
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with inmates?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?	yes

	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
<b>115.77 (b)</b>	<b>Corrective action for contractors and volunteers</b>	
	In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates?	yes
<b>115.78 (a)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for inmates</b>	
	Following an administrative finding that an inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, are inmates subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?	yes
<b>115.78 (b)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for inmates</b>	
	Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories?	yes
<b>115.78 (c)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for inmates</b>	
	When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior?	yes
<b>115.78 (d)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for inmates</b>	
	If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits?	yes
<b>115.78 (e)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for inmates</b>	
	Does the agency discipline an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact?	yes
<b>115.78 (f)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for inmates</b>	
	For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish	yes

	evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation?	
<b>115.78 (g)</b>	<b>Disciplinary sanctions for inmates</b>	
	If the agency prohibits all sexual activity between inmates, does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between inmates to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between inmates.)	yes
<b>115.81 (a)</b>	<b>Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse</b>	
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison).	yes
<b>115.81 (b)</b>	<b>Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse</b>	
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison.)	yes
<b>115.81 (c)</b>	<b>Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse</b>	
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a jail inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a jail).	na
<b>115.81 (d)</b>	<b>Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse</b>	
	Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law?	yes
<b>115.81 (e)</b>	<b>Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse</b>	
	Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior	yes

	sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18?	
<b>115.82 (a)</b>	<b>Access to emergency medical and mental health services</b>	
	Do inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?	yes
<b>115.82 (b)</b>	<b>Access to emergency medical and mental health services</b>	
	If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.62?	yes
	Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes
<b>115.82 (c)</b>	<b>Access to emergency medical and mental health services</b>	
	Are inmate victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate?	yes
<b>115.82 (d)</b>	<b>Access to emergency medical and mental health services</b>	
	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
<b>115.83 (a)</b>	<b>Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers</b>	
	Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?	yes
<b>115.83 (b)</b>	<b>Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers</b>	
	Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody?	yes
<b>115.83 (c)</b>	<b>Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse</b>	

	<b>victims and abusers</b>	
	Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?	yes
<b>115.83 (d)</b>	<b>Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers</b>	
	Are inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if "all male" facility. Note: in "all male" facilities there may be inmates who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.)	yes
<b>115.83 (e)</b>	<b>Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers</b>	
	If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.83(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if "all male" facility. Note: in "all male" facilities there may be inmates who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.)	yes
<b>115.83 (f)</b>	<b>Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers</b>	
	Are inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?	yes
<b>115.83 (g)</b>	<b>Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers</b>	
	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
<b>115.83 (h)</b>	<b>Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers</b>	
	If the facility is a prison, does it attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners? (NA if the facility is a jail.)	yes



<b>115.86 (a)</b>	<b>Sexual abuse incident reviews</b>	
	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
<b>115.86 (b)</b>	<b>Sexual abuse incident reviews</b>	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	yes
<b>115.86 (c)</b>	<b>Sexual abuse incident reviews</b>	
	Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?	yes
<b>115.86 (d)</b>	<b>Sexual abuse incident reviews</b>	
	Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility?	yes
	Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse?	yes
	Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?	yes
	Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?	yes
	Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.86(d)(1)-(d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?	yes
<b>115.86 (e)</b>	<b>Sexual abuse incident reviews</b>	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	yes

<b>115.87 (a)</b>	<b>Data collection</b>	
	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
<b>115.87 (b)</b>	<b>Data collection</b>	
	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
<b>115.87 (c)</b>	<b>Data collection</b>	
	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
<b>115.87 (d)</b>	<b>Data collection</b>	
	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
<b>115.87 (e)</b>	<b>Data collection</b>	
	Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its inmates.)	yes
<b>115.87 (f)</b>	<b>Data collection</b>	
	Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)	yes
<b>115.88 (a)</b>	<b>Data review for corrective action</b>	
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas?	yes
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis?	yes
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant	yes

	to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole?	
<b>115.88 (b)</b>	<b>Data review for corrective action</b>	
	Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse?	yes
<b>115.88 (c)</b>	<b>Data review for corrective action</b>	
	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
<b>115.88 (d)</b>	<b>Data review for corrective action</b>	
	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
<b>115.89 (a)</b>	<b>Data storage, publication, and destruction</b>	
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?	yes
<b>115.89 (b)</b>	<b>Data storage, publication, and destruction</b>	
	Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?	yes
<b>115.89 (c)</b>	<b>Data storage, publication, and destruction</b>	
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes
<b>115.89 (d)</b>	<b>Data storage, publication, and destruction</b>	
	Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.87 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise?	yes
<b>115.401 (a)</b>	<b>Frequency and scope of audits</b>	

	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
<b>115.401 (b)</b>	<b>Frequency and scope of audits</b>	
	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.)	na
	If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the third year of the current audit cycle.)	yes
<b>115.401 (h)</b>	<b>Frequency and scope of audits</b>	
	Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?	yes
<b>115.401 (i)</b>	<b>Frequency and scope of audits</b>	
	Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?	yes
<b>115.401 (m)</b>	<b>Frequency and scope of audits</b>	
	Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?	yes
<b>115.401 (n)</b>	<b>Frequency and scope of audits</b>	
	Were inmates permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel?	yes
<b>115.403</b>	<b>Audit contents and findings</b>	

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