

PREA AUDIT: AUDITOR'S SUMMARY

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AUDIT FINDINGS

NARRATIVE:

The PREA Audit of the South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) was conducted from September 8 through September 11, 2014. The Designated Auditor, Alton Baskerville, was assisted by Maggie Capel, a Certified PREA Auditor. SMCI failed to meet standards 115.13 and 115.15 at the conclusion of the Audit. Documentation of all corrective action was received on April 1, 2015. Video cameras and monitors have been installed in the housing units to cover blind spots. Shower curtains and partitions for toilets have been installed to allow for privacy and security. SMCI is now in full compliance of the PREA Standards.

DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS:

The South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI), a facility accredited by the American Correctional Association, is located on 337 acres of land in Leakesville, Greene County, Mississippi, approximately 53 miles south of Hattiesburg and 93 miles north of Gulfport. SMCI is a minimum, medium and close level facility with a male population ranging in age from 20 to 86 years.

SMCI is divided into three inmate living areas: Areas I, II and III. Area I opened in 1989, and Areas II and III opened in 1996. There are a total of 20 housing units: two single housing units, two multiple occupancy cells housing units and 16 open bay/dorms housing units. 36 cells are designated to house segregation inmate population.

As of August 19, 2014, the facility's inmate population was 3213 inmates of a potential total capacity of 3282 inmates. The number of full time staff employed at the facility during the last 12 months was 407, of whom 178 may have contact with inmates. Within the past 12 months, SMCI has executed three contracts for the services of contractors who might have contact with inmates, and there are a total of 104 volunteers and contractors authorized to enter the facility.

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS:

Number of standards exceeded: 0
Number of standards met: 42
Number of standards not met: 0
Number of standards not applicable: 1

§115.11 – Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

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

The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) has a written policy, MDOC Policy 20-14, adopted in October 2004, that mandates zero tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 also details implementation of the agency's zero tolerance policy, defines prohibited behavior, outlines strategies and responses to reduce and prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and details sanctions for violators. Additionally, MDOC Policy 03-17, adopted in December 1992, includes definitions of prohibited behaviors regarding sexual harassment and sanctions.

MDOC has an agency-wide PREA coordinator position, identified as Branch Director II in MDOC's organizational chart. SMCI designates PREA compliance responsibilities to the Correctional Supervisor position, and this position reports to the statewide PREA Coordinator, Marcia Stingley.

§115.12 – Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates

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

MDOC has entered into three contracts for the confinement of inmates since August 20, 2012. All three contracts require adoption and compliance with PREA standards. Additionally, the contracts require MDOC to monitor the contractor's compliance with PREA standards.

§115.13 – Supervision and monitoring

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

The Facility recently installed cameras in the housing units to cover blind spots. The tower officers will monitor the cameras to insure the safety and the security of the offenders.

§115.14 – Youthful inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)
- Standard Not Applicable**
This standard is not applicable to SMCI since the facility does not have any youthful offenders.

§115.15 – Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)**

Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

SMCI has implemented policies and procedures that enable inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks (this includes viewing via video camera). SMCI has installed privacy curtains in the showers of the housing units, and has placed partitions between the toilets to comply with this standard.

§115.16 – Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient

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

SMCI has established procedures to provide disabled and limited English proficiency inmates 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. MDOC has contracted with an agency for interpreter services to ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities and limited English proficiency.

Additionally, MDOC Policy 20-14-01 prohibits the use of inmate interpreters, inmate readers or other types of inmate assistants, 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 or investigation of the inmate's allegations.

§115.17 – Hiring and promotion decisions

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 prohibits the hiring or promoting of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has previously been convicted or adjudicated to have engaged, or attempted to engage, in forced or nonconsensual sexual activity or sexual abuse. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 also requires criminal background record checks to be performed at least every five years for current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates. In the past 12 months, 178 persons who may have contact with inmates have been hired at SMCI and have completed criminal background record checks.

§115.18 – Upgrades to facilities and technology

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

SMCI has not acquired any new facilities or made any substantial expansions or modifications to existing facilities since August 20, 2012. SMCI has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012.

§115.21 – Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

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

MDOC's Corrections Investigation Division is responsible for conducting sexual abuse investigations as outlined in MDOC Policy 12-05. Additional policies that outline evidence protocol and requirements for forensic medical exams are found in MDOC Policy 16-14 and MDOC Policy 20-14-01. Also, MDOC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MSCASA) to make MSCASA's services available to victims of sexual assault.

All victims of sexual abuse have access to a forensic medical examination at an outside facility without any cost to them. Examinations are conducted by SANEs/SAFEs when available. Within the past 12 months, SMCI has one forensic medical exam conducted by SAFEs/SANEs.

§115.22 – Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

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

SMCI conducts an administrative criminal investigation for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment as stated in MDOC Policy 20-14-01. During the past 12 months, SMCI received 41 allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, of which 39 resulted in administrative investigations and 2 were referred for criminal investigations. All allegations are referred to the Correction Investigations Division for investigation. At the time of the audit, all 41 investigations had been completed.

§115.31 – Employee training

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that all MDOC employees who may have contact with inmates will be trained on all of the enumerated PREA training curriculum requirements. Employees receive training on PREA requirements at least once a year during annual refresher training in accordance with MDOC Policy 04-02., and between trainings, MDOC employs agency directives to provide employees with information about current policies regarding sexual abuse and harassment. In the past 12 months, 350 employees at SMCI were trained on PREA requirements.

§115.32 – Volunteer and contractor training

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

SMCI trains all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates on their responsibilities under the agency's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection and response. SMCI dedicates a section in its Volunteer Handbook, a tool used for training volunteers and contractors, to educate them on PREA and the agency's applicable policies and procedures. In the past 12 months, 178 volunteers and contractors have received training on these policies.

§115.33 – Inmate education

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

Inmates at SMCI receive information at intake about the agency's zero-tolerance policy and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or harassment. The intake form is signed by the inmate and maintained by the agency as documentation of the inmate's PREA education. In the past 12 months, 3294 inmates have been admitted to SMCI and received PREA information at intake, and prior to August 20, 2012, all inmates had been educated on PREA.

§115.34 – Specialized training: Investigations

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

MDOC conducts its own investigations of allegations of sexual abuse, and MDOC Policy 20-14-01 requires all investigators to be trained in sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings. On August 19, 2014, 20 investigators completed the required PREA training.

§115.35 – Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

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

SMCI has four medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly at the facility, all of whom have received the agency's required PREA training in accordance with MDOC Policy 20-14-01. SMCI's medical staff does not conduct forensic examinations.

§115.41 – Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 requires all inmates to be screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other inmates within 72 hours of their intake. All 3293 inmates that entered the facility within the past 12 months were screened for the above-stated risks.

§115.42 – Use of screening information

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

SMCI uses information from the risk screening to inform housing, bed, work, education and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from inmates at high risk of being sexually abusive. SMCI makes individualized determinations on how to ensure the safety of each inmate.

§115.43 – Protective custody

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

MDOC Policy 20-40-01 states that inmates at high risk for sexual victimization will not be placed in involuntary segregated housing unless no alternatives are available. In the past 12 months at SMCI, no inmates at risk of sexual victimization were held in involuntary segregated housing.

§115.51 – Inmate reporting

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

MDOC has established procedures allowing for multiple internal ways for inmates and staff to privately report sexual abuse or harassment of inmates, retaliation and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. MDOC has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault to provide their contact information for inmates who wish to confidentially report incidents to an outside entity.

Additionally, SMCI staff/inmate may call a confidential hotline to report suspected instances of sexual assault. Another avenue for inmates to report incidents is to file a grievance and complete an incident report.

§115.52 – Exhaustion of administrative remedies

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

MDOC Policies 20-14-01 and 20-08 establish administrative procedures for dealing with inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. In the past 12 months, no grievances were filed of alleged past sexual abuse. In the past 12 months, one grievance was filed for imminent sexual abuse, with a final decision reached within five days.

§115.53 – Inmate access to outside confidential support services

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

MDOC has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) to provide their contact information for inmates who wish to confidentially report incidents to an outside entity. Inmates are provided the contact information for MCASA through distributed written materials.

§115.54 – Third-party reporting

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

The MDOC website posts a designated phone number for third parties to call and confidentially report incidents of inmate sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The designated phone number is also visible on PREA Tip Line posters in the institution.

§115.61 – Staff and agency reporting duties

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 requires staff to immediately report any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or harassment, retaliation, or staff neglect or violation of PREA responsibilities. Additionally, the policy states that staff must not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report beyond what is necessary to share for appropriate follow-up actions.

§115.62 – Agency protection duties

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that when the agency or facility learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, immediate action must be taken to protect the inmate. In the past 12 months, there have been no cases where an inmate was determined to be in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.

§115.63 – Reporting to other confinement facilities

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the facility head or designee will notify the appropriate staff in the agency where the alleged abuse occurred. In the past 12 months, SMCI received no allegations that an inmate was abused while confined at another facility.

§115.64 – Staff first responder duties

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

In the past 12 months, there were three allegations that an inmate was sexually abused, and in all three cases, the security staff first responder separated the alleged victim and the abuser. For two of the allegations, security staff was notified in time to collect physical evidence of the sexual assault, and appropriate steps were taken to secure such evidence. There were no instances in the past 12 months where non-security staff served as first responders to an allegation of inmate sexual abuse.

§115.65 – Coordinated response

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

MDOC has developed a written institutional plan, reflected in the Sexual Assault Response and Containment Checklist, to coordinate actions among first responders, medical staff, investigators and leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse.

§115.66 – Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers

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

MDOC has not entered into a collective bargaining agreement that limits its 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.

§115.67 – Agency protection against retaliation

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with investigations will be protected from retaliation by other inmates or staff and monitored by the SMCI's PREA Manager, Rita Bonner. In the past 12 months, there have been no incidents of retaliation.

§115.68 – Post-allegation protective custody

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that any use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is an alleged victim of sexual abuse will be subject to the requirements of the policy regarding Protective Custody. In the past 12 months, no inmates were held involuntarily in segregation housing. In the case that an inmate was involuntarily assigned to segregated housing, SMCI uses a form entitled "Acknowledgment of Investigation and Review" to document the results of the 30-day incident review.

§115.71 – Criminal and administrative agency investigations

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

MDOC Policies 20-14-10 and 12-05 require that an investigation is conducted and documented whenever a sexual assault or threat is reported, and for all substantiated allegations that appear to be criminal to be referred for prosecution. Since August 20, 2012, no allegations were referred for prosecution.

§115.72 – Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence will be used in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

§115.73 – Reporting to inmate

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that following an investigation the agency will inform the offender as to whether the allegation has been substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded. In the past 12 months, two inmates filed complaints alleging sexual abuse. Both were notified of the results of their investigation.

§115.76 – Disciplinary sanctions for staff

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that staff will be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. In the past 12 months, no staff has been found in violation of PREA policies, and therefore, no disciplinary sanctions have been warranted.

§115.77 – Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse will be prohibited from contact with inmates and will be reported to the Corrections Investigations Division. In the past 12 months, there have been no allegations of sexual abuse against contractors or volunteers.

§115.78 – Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that inmates are subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that the inmate sexually abused another inmate. In the past 12 months, there have been no findings of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that occurred at SMCI.

§115.81 – Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 requires all inmates identified as high risk with a history of sexually assaultive behavior or sexual victimization be assessed by a mental health or other qualified professional within 14 days. MDOC policy also satisfies the informed consent requirements of this standard.

§115.82 – Access to emergency medical and mental health services

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

MDOC Policy 12-40-01 provides for timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services without any cost to the inmate.

§115.83 – Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that SMCI will offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse consistent with the community level of care. Since SMCI is an all male facility, standard 115.83(e) is not applicable.

§115.86 – Sexual abuse incident reviews

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that SMCI will conduct sexual abuse review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation unless the allegation has been determined unfounded. This review will take place 30 days after the conclusion of the investigation and will be conducted by the facility head, the statewide PREA coordinator and the PREA Manager.

The Annual PREA Report documents SMCI's efforts to improve policies for more effective compliance with PREA. For example, in 2013, MDOC signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault to provide victims of sexual assault access to a victim's advocate upon request.

§115.87 – Data collection

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

Pursuant to MDOC Policy 20-14-01, MDOC uses a standard form and definitions sheet to facilitate the uniform collection of data for every sexual abuse allegation. MDO Policy states that the agency will collect incident data at least annually, and upon request, will provide such data for the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice.

§115.88 – Data review for corrective action

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 requires the agency to review data collected in order to assess and to improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. Annual reports, approved by the MDOC Commissioner, containing institutional assessment information are posted online at www.mdoc.state.ms.us.

§115.89 – Data storage, publication and destruction

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

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that the agency will ensure that data is securely retained, and personal identifiers are removed before making data on sexual abuse publicly available.

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION:

The auditor certifies that the contents of the report are accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and no conflict of interest exists with respect to his or her ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.

Auditor Signature Alton Baskerville

Date April 7, 2015