PREA Facility Audit Report: Final

Name of Facility: South Mississippi Correctional Institution

Facility Type: Prison / Jail

Date Interim Report Submitted: 12/23/2023 **Date Final Report Submitted:** 05/16/2024

Auditor Certification		
The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.		
No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.		
I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate/resident/detainee or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.		
Auditor Full Name as Signed: Alton Baskerville Date of Signature: 05		16/2024

AUDITOR INFORMA	AUDITOR INFORMATION		
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Start Date of On- Site Audit:	11/14/2023		
End Date of On-Site Audit:	11/16/2023		

FACILITY INFORMATION				
Facility name:	: South Mississippi Correctional Institution			
Facility physical address:	22689 Mississippi 63, Leakesville, Mississippi - 39451			
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Facility Characteristics		
Designed facility capacity:	2882	
Current population of facility:	2798	
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	2798	
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	Yes	
Which population(s) does the facility hold?	Males	

Age range of population:	18-80
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels:	Minimum and Medium
Does the facility hold youthful inmates?	No
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with inmates:	295
Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	6
Number of volunteers who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	15

AGENCY INFORMATION			
Name of agency:	Mississippi Department of Corrections		
Governing authority or parent agency (if applicable):			
Physical Address:	301 N. Lamar Street, Jackson, Mississippi - 39201		
Mailing Address:			
Telephone number:			

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

Agency-Wide PREA Coordinator Information			
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Facility AUDIT FINDINGS Summary of Audit Findings

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

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

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

POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORMATION			
GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION			
On-site Audit Dates			
1. Start date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2023-11-14		
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2023-11-16		
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?	Yes No		
a. Identify the community-based organization(s) or victim advocates with whom you communicated:	MSCASA		
AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION			
14. Designated facility capacity:	2882		
15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	2798		
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	18		
17. Does the facility ever hold youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees?	Yes No Not Applicable for the facility type audited (i.e., Community Confinement Facility or Juvenile Facility)		

Audited Facility Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite **Portion of the Audit** Inmates/Residents/Detainees Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit 2765 36. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit: 6 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: 56 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: 0 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:

2

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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

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

43. Enter the total number of inmates/

lesbian, gay, or bisexual in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of

residents/detainees who identify as

audit:

the audit:

the audit:

44. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	2
45. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
46. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	92
47. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
48. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit (e.g., groups not tracked, issues with identifying certain populations):	Facility was not able to track and provide the total number of inmates who reported sexual abuse as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit.
Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Portion of the Audit	n Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite
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:	295
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:	82

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:	0	
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:	Have no additional comments to add,	
INTERVIEWS		
Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	。	
Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews		
53. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	37	
54. Select which characteristics you	Age	
considered when you selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees: (select all that apply)	■ Race	
interviewees. (Select all that apply)	Ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic, Non-Hispanic)	
	Length of time in the facility	
	Housing assignment	
	☐ Gender	
	Other	
	None	
55. How did you ensure your sample of RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees was geographically diverse?	I looked at documentation which showed inmates' gender, age, housing assignment and length of sentences.	
56. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/	● Yes	
resident/detainee interviews?	○ No	

We interviewed a large number of disabled, 57. Provide any additional comments aging inmates. regarding selecting or interviewing random inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation): Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews 58. Enter the total number of TARGETED 17 INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed: As stated in the PREA Auditor Handbook, the breakdown of targeted interviews is intended to guide auditors in interviewing the appropriate cross-section of inmates/residents/detainees who are the most vulnerable to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. When completing questions regarding targeted inmate/resident/detainee interviews below, remember that an interview with one inmate/resident/detainee may satisfy multiple targeted interview requirements. These questions are asking about the number of interviews conducted using the targeted inmate/ resident/detainee protocols. For example, if an auditor interviews an inmate who has a physical disability, is being held in segregated housing due to risk of sexual victimization, and disclosed prior sexual victimization, that interview would be included in the totals for each of those questions. Therefore, in most cases, the sum of all the following responses to the targeted inmate/resident/detainee interview categories will exceed the total number of targeted inmates/ residents/detainees who were interviewed. If a particular targeted population is not applicable in the audited facility, enter "0". 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:** 2 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: 62. Enter the total number of interviews 0 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:

a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.	
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	There were three inmates who had poor vision during the 12 months of the audit. However, they were not at the facility during the onsite visit. Staff informed the auditor and there were no poor vision inmates interviewed.	
63. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1	
64. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	2	
65. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	1	
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:	2	

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:	1
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:	2
69. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are or were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization using the "Inmates Placed in Segregated Housing (for Risk of Sexual Victimization/Who Allege to have Suffered Sexual Abuse)" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Discussed with staff who were assigned to segregation, and they confirmed that no inmates were placed in Segregation for risk of sexual victimization.
70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):	No additional information for this area.

Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interviews				
Random Staff Interviews				
71. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:	17			
72. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that apply)	 Length of tenure in the facility Shift assignment Work assignment Rank (or equivalent) Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken) None 			
73. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?	Yes No			
74. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random staff (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	We oversampled female security staff working at the facility.			
Specialized Staff, Volunteers, and Contractor	Interviews			
Staff in some facilities may be responsible for more than one of the specialized staff duties. Therefore, more than one interview protocol may apply to an interview with a single staff member and that information would satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.				
75. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):	19			
76. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?	● Yes ○ No			

77. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent	Yes
or their designee?	○ No
78. Were you able to interview the PREA Coordinator?	Yes
	No
79. Were you able to interview the PREA Compliance Manager?	Yes
Compliance Manager:	○ No
	O NA (NA if the agency is a single facility agency or is otherwise not required to have a PREA Compliance Manager per the Standards)

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

	Other
81. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/	Yes
residents/detainees in this facility?	○ No
a. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS who were interviewed:	2
b. Select which specialized VOLUNTEER	☐ Education/programming
role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that	☐ Medical/dental
apply)	Mental health/counseling
	Religious
	Other
82. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/	Yes
residents/detainees in this facility?	○ No
	1
a. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS who were interviewed:	1
b. Select which specialized CONTRACTOR	Security/detention
role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that	☐ Education/programming
apply)	■ Medical/dental
	☐ Food service
	☐ Maintenance/construction
	C Other
83. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.	Specialized staff were randomly chosen for interviews when more than one chose was available.

SITE REVIEW AND DOCUMENTATI	ION SAMPLING	
Site Review		
PREA Standard 115.401 (h) states, "The auditor of the audited facilities." In order to meet the reconstruction of the onsite audit must include a thorous review is not a casual tour of the facility. It is an with staff and inmates to determine whether, an practices demonstrate compliance with the Stan review, you must document your tests of critical through observations, and any issues identified to collect through the site review is a crucial part of compliance determinations and will be needed to Audit Reporting Information.	gh examination of the entire facility. The site active, inquiring process that includes talking d the extent to which, the audited facility's dards. Note: As you are conducting the site functions, important information gathered with facility practices. The information you f the evidence you will analyze as part of your	
84. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?	Yes No	
Was the site review an active, inquiring proce	ess 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, crossgender viewing and searches)?		
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)?		
87. Informal conversations with inmates/ residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?		
88. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not	● Yes	

O No

required)?

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).

All areas of the facility were accessible to the auditors.

Documentation Sampling

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

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



O No

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

Twelve inmate files were randomly selected, one from each month of the year being audited. Lack of sufficient documentation resulted in a Corrective Action Period.

SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS FACILITY

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations and Investigations Overview

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

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

	# of sexual abuse allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate- on- inmate sexual abuse	43	6	43	5
Staff- on- inmate sexual abuse	1	0	1	0
Total	44	6	44	5

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

	# of sexual harassment allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate-on- inmate sexual harassment	31	0	31	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	1	1	0
Total	31	1	32	0

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

Sexual Abuse Investigation Outcomes

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

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

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/ Court Case Filed	Convicted/ Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on- inmate sexual abuse	4	1	0	0	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	1	0	0	0

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

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	4	7	32	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	1	0
Total	4	7	33	0

Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

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

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

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

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

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	4	27	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	1	0
Total	0	4	28	0

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review

Sexual Abuse Investigation Files Selected for Review

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

15

99. Did your selection of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	No NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation	files
100. Enter the total number of INMATE- ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	14
101. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-	Yes
INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	○ No
	NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
102. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	No NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation fil	les
103. Enter the total number of STAFF- ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	1
104. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	No NA (NA if you were unable to review any
	staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)

105. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	No NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Select	ed for Review
106. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	10
107. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	Yes No NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investig	ation files
108. Enter the total number of INMATE- ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	8
109. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT files include criminal investigations?	Yes No NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
110. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	No NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)

Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigat	cion files
111. Enter the total number of STAFF- ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	1
112. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?	 Yes No NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
113. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	No NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
114. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.	Investigative files were reviewed with the CID investigator.
SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION	
DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support S	Staff
115. Did you receive assistance from any DOJ-CERTIFIED PREA AUDITORS at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the preonsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	Yes No

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 preonsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	Yes No
a. Enter the TOTAL NUMBER OF NON- CERTIFIED SUPPORT who provided assistance at any point during this audit:	2
AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND	COMPENSATION
121. Who paid you to conduct this audit?	The audited facility or its parent agency
	My state/territory or county government employer (if you audit as part of a consorti or circular auditing arrangement, select thi option)
	A third-party auditing entity (e.g., accreditation body, consulting firm)
	Other

Standards

Auditor Overall Determination Definitions

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

Auditor Discussion Instructions

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

115.11	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator				
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard				
	Auditor Discussion				
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed				
	• MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA				
	MDOC Organization Chart				
	Interviews:				
	1. Random Inmates				
	2. Targeted Inmates				
	3. Correctional Officers				
	4. Facility Compliance Specialist / PREA Compliance Manager				
	5. PREA Coordinator				
	6. Superintendent				
	7. Head of Agency				
	MDOC Statewide SOP 20-14-01				
	(a) An agency shall have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and outlining the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct. PREA [§ 115.11] (b) An				

agency shall employ or designate an upper-level, 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. PREA [§115.11] (c) Where an agency operates more than one facility, each facility shall designate a PREA compliance manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the upper-level, 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. PREA [§115.11]

Analysis/Reasoning

Through interviews with inmates and staff and review of offender and personnel files, review of facility and agency protocols and a facility tour, it is evident that this facility interweaves requirements of PREA in their daily protocols. Both inmates and staff could speak to facility PREA practices and protocols being used as is described in the agency's Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Policy.

Site Observation:

During the tour, multiple informal interviews were conducted with inmates and personnel. Inmates stated they were aware of PREA and how to report through information posted in their dorms, calling family and or through by calling the hotline through inmate phones. Informal interviews with staff demonstrated each was aware they would immediately report allegations to their supervisor or up the chain of command and keep victims separated from inmates until a supervisory staff could retrieve the inmate alleging harassment or abuse.

Conclusion:

MDOC and SMCI have shown they meet the standard 115.11. The agency and facility have met PREA standards in the past and the coordinators, analysts and managers display exceptional efforts in maintaining that status. Policy is very good requiring zero tolerance and adherence to efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse of harassment of offenders under MDOC charge. Through such reviews of the many standardized PREA bulletin boards and the medical PREA binder containing agency policies and protocols, the facility meets the standard requirements.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC Policy 20-14 PREA Interviews: 1. PREA Director / Head of Agency MDOC Policy 20-14 PREA

It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) to maintain a safe and secure environment for all offenders/staff members with the objective of maintaining a zero tolerance for prison rape and other forms of sexual misconduct in MDOC facilities as well as all facilities that contract for the confinement of MDOC offenders.

MDOC has entered into or renewed a contract for the confinement of residents on or after August 20, 2012 or since the last PREA audit. Such contracts do require contractors to adopt and comply with PREA standards. Additionally, the contracts do require MDOC to monitor the contractor's compliance with the PREA standards. I spoke the Director of Private and Regional Facilities concerning their role to monitor contract facilities. They frequently visit all contract facilities to ensure full compliance of PREA every three years.

115.13 Supervision and monitoring

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC Policy 20-14 PREA
- MDOC Policy 03-29 Review of Staffing
- MDOC Policy 06-02 Daily Population Report
- MDOC Policy 25-08-C Staffing Plan
- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 Supervision and Monitoring

Interviews

- 1. Random Inmates
- 2. Targeted Inmates
- 3. Correctional Officers
- 4. Correctional Lieutenant / Rounds
- 5. Superintendent

MDOC Policy 20-14-01

The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section; the facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies; and the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan. Each agency operating a facility shall implement 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. Such policy and practice shall be implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts. Each agency shall have a policy to prohibit 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. PREA [§ 115.13]

MDOC Policy 03-29

A formula will be employed to determine the number of staff needed for essential positions. The formula will account for holidays, regular days off, annual leave, and average sick leave. Staffing requirements will be assessed at least annually.

MDOC Policy 06-02

The master index that is available in the MDOC Offendertrak will be utilized to account for state offenders housed in any correctional facility whether in or out of the state of Mississippi. This index will also identify offenders who are currently on supervised earned release and Intensive Supervision Programs. The report will be made available to administrators. Each institution will maintain a daily report on offender population movement.

MDOC Policy 25-08-C

The Health Services Administrator (and other designated staff members) will identify the classification and number of staff based upon the population's basic health needs. Health Service activities (i.e., medication administration, sick call, segregation visits) will be considered when developing the staffing plan. Medical, nursing, dental and mental health needs will be considered in the development of the staffing plan. Annually, but more frequently, when necessary, the Health Services Administrator and other team members will review and revise the staffing plan. Quality improvement studies will assess staffing capabilities in order to meet the basic health needs. All staffing determinations will be reflected in a written plan.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The agency shall ensure that each facility it operates shall develop, document, and make its best efforts to comply on a regular basis with a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing, and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse. In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, facilities shall take into consideration:
- (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;
- (11) Any other relevant factors.
- (b) In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, the facility shall document and justify all deviations from the plan.
- (c) Whenever necessary, but no less frequently than once each year, for each facility the agency operates, in consultation with the PREA coordinator required by §115.11, the agency shall assess, determine, and document whether adjustments are needed to:

- (1) The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section;
- (2) The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies; and
- (3) The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan.
- (d) Each agency operating a facility shall implement 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. Such policy and practice shall be implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts. Each agency shall have a policy to prohibit 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. PREA [§ 115.13]

Analysis/Reasoning

Since August 20, 2012, or last PREA audit, whichever is later, the average daily number of inmates is 2,798. Since August 20, 2012, or last PREA audit, whichever is later, the average daily number of inmates on which the staffing plan was predicated 2,249. There have not been any deviations from the staffing plan in the past 12 months at SMCI. Interviews with the offenders and Correctional Officers demonstrated opposite gender staff make cross-gender announcements were occurring at the beginning of each shift, upon a female reporting for duty to a unit and about 75% of the time upon when entering a pod.

The interview with the Correctional Lieutenant demonstrated he conducts unannounced rounds every day by never going to the same pod at the same time and ensures he is seen on camera, completing rounds. In addition to completing rounds in each unit, the Correctional Lieutenant stated he completes rounds in enterprise, the medium unit, yards and parking lots. Rounds are documented on unit narratives.

The interview with the Superintendent demonstrated he reviews the Staffing Plan Analysis annually in collaboration with the PREA Office. The Superintendent was aware the plan would be updated throughout the year should the facility complete any major modifications or when changes to post assignments took place.

Conclusion:

The Auditor concluded the facility has an adequate staffing plan to ensure the protection of inmates from sexual abuse. The staffing plan is reviewed in accordance with this standard. The Auditor reviewed policies, procedures, annual PREA report, facility visit form, and unannounced rounds, interviewed staff and inmates and made observations to determine the facility meets the requirements of this standard.

115.14	Youthful inmates
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (2004) Youthful Inmates
- Interviews: Warden

MDOC Policy 20-14-01

(a) A youthful inmate shall not be placed in a housing unit in which the youthful inmate will have sight, sound, or physical contact with any adult inmate through use of 205 a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters. (b) In areas outside of housing units, agencies shall either: (1) maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates, or (2) provide direct staff supervision when youthful inmates and adult inmates have sight, sound, or physical contact. (c) Agencies shall make best efforts to avoid placing youthful inmates in isolation to comply with this provision. Absent exigent circumstances, agencies shall not deny youthful inmates daily large-muscle exercise and any legally required special education services to comply with this provision. Youthful inmates shall also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible. PREA [§ 115.14]

Analysis/Reasoning

SMCI prohibits placing youthful inmates in a housing unit where they would have sight or sound contact with any adult inmate through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower or sleeping quarters. In the past 12 months, no youthful offender has been assigned to SMCI. Conversation with random employees and random offenders indicate that they had no knowledge of any youthful offenders assigned to SMCI. No youthful offenders were observed in the facility while conducting a thorough tour of the compound. SMCI is in compliance with this standard based on review of relevant files, interviews of staff and inmates and personal observations during the tour of the facility.

Conclusion

Interviews with the Warden demonstrated youthful inmates were not housed at this facility. The facility tour, formal and informal interviews with offenders and staff demonstrated youthful inmates were not housed at the facility.

115.15	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches			
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard			
	Auditor Discussion			
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Limits to Cross Gender viewing)			
	Interviews:			
	1. Random Offenders			
	2. Targeted Offenders			

- 3. Correctional Officers
- 4. Facility Compliance Specialist / PREA Compliance Manager
- 5. Warden

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The facility shall not conduct cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches (meaning a search of the anal or genital opening) except in exigent circumstances or when performed by medical practitioners.
- (b) As of August 20, 2015, or August 20, 2017 for a facility whose rated capacity does not exceed 50 inmates, the facility shall not permit cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates, absent exigent circumstances. Facilities shall not restrict female inmates' access to regularly available programming or other out-of-cell opportunities in order to comply with this provision.
- (c) The facility shall document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches, and shall document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates.
- (d) The facility shall implement policies and procedures that enable 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. Such policies and procedures shall require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit.
- (e) The facility shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. If the inmate's genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination 236 conducted in private by a medical practitioner.
- (f) The agency shall train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches, and searches of transgender and intersex inmates, in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs. PREA [§ 115.15]

Analysis/Reasoning

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). The Auditor conducted a review of the training curriculum on offender searches. Offenders (male and female) were asked if they had been pat searched or strip searched by a staff member of the opposite gender of the offender. Confined Persons informed the Auditor they had not been pat searched or strip searched by the opposite gender staff member.

Interviews with targeted and random offenders demonstrated a large percentage believed the search procedures to be conducted respectfully by staff. Offenders

stated most female staff announce their presence when entering their dorms and the facility makes an announcement at the beginning of each shift over the intercom.

Interviews with female Correctional Officers demonstrated each had been trained in cross gender pat searches and the facility does not provide the option for females to strip search transgender offenders. The interview with the Warden demonstrated offenders are always searched by two Correctional Officers at all times.

Conclusion:

(d) The facility shall implement policies and procedures that enable 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. Such policies and procedures shall require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit.

Non-Compliance Reason:

Staff of the opposite gender do not document when they announce their presence prior to entering the housing unit.

Corrective Action Needed:

A memo from the Superintendent stating that "All staff of the opposite gender of their unit will continue to announce their entrance into Inmate Living Areas, AND they will also log their announcement, and entrance into the living area, each time they enter".

Corrective Action Deadline:

Corrective action is requested 30 days after the onsite visit. Superintendent sent out a memo requiring staff of the opposite gender to announce prior to entering the housing unit and requiring housing unit officer will log the announcement in the housing register. This standard is now in compliance.

115.16	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient			
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard			
	Auditor Discussion			
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA			
	• Interviews: Superintendent			
	PREA Compliance Manager Random Staff			

Random and Targeted Offenders

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

(a) The agency shall take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who are blind or have low vision, or those who have intellectual, psychiatric, or speech 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. Such steps shall include, when necessary to ensure effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary. In addition, the agency shall ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities, including inmates who have intellectual disabilities, limited reading skills, or who are blind or have low vision. An agency is not required to take actions that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a service, program, or activity, or in undue financial and administrative burdens, as those terms are used in regulations promulgated under title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, 28 CFR 35.164.

Analysis/Reasoning

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. In the past 12 months, there were zero (0) number of instances where inmate interpreters, readers, or other types of inmate 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.

Conclusion

The Auditor concluded the agency provides information that ensures equal opportunity to inmates who are disabled. The facility takes reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the facility's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment are provided to inmates who are Limited English proficient and those who are disabled. The Auditor conducted a thorough review of the agency's SOP's, procedures, inmate handbook, intake information, posters that were posted, conducted interviews with staff, inmates and made observations to determine the agency meets the requirements of this standard.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Hiring and Promotional decisions)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Administrative (Human Resources) Staff

115.17 (a) PAQ: Agency policy prohibits hiring or promoting anyone who may have contact with inmates and prohibits enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates, who: 1. 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); 2. Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or 3. Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 7) The agency shall not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates, or retain the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates, who - 1. Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution; or 2. Has been convicted of, or civilly or administratively adjudicated for, engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent. 3. Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed the facility asks all applicants and employees about previous misconduct in written applications for hiring and promotions and in written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews for current employees.

115.17 (b) PAQ: Agency policy requires the consideration of any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with inmates. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 7) The agency shall consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with inmates. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed the department considers prior incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with the inmates.

115.17 (c) PAQ: Agency policy requires that before it hires any new employees who may have contact with inmates, it (a) conducts criminal background record checks, and (b) consistent with federal, state, and local law, makes its best efforts to contact

all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse.

During the past 12 months: The number of persons hired who may have contact with inmates who have had criminal background record checks: 126.

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (pages 7-8) Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, the agency shall: (1) Perform a criminal background records check; and (2) 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. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed the agency performs criminal background record checks and considers pertinent civil or administrative adjudications for all newly hired employees who may have contact with the inmates and all employees, who may have contact with inmates who are being considered for promotions. The auditor reviewed records of background checks of personnel hired in the past 12 months for verification they are conducted in compliance with the standard provision.

115.17 (d) PAQ: Agency policy requires that a criminal background records check be completed before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates. During the past 12 months: 0. The number of contracts for services where criminal background record checks were conducted on all staff covered in the contract who might have contact with inmates: 0. 2. The percent of contracts for services where criminal background record checks were conducted on all staff covered in the contract who might have contact with inmates: N/A

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 8) The agency shall also perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed the department performs criminal background record checks and considers pertinent civil or administrative adjudications for all contractors who may have contact with the inmates and all contractors, who may have contact with inmates who are being considered for promotions. The facility currently does not employee contractors who might have contact with inmates.

115.17 (e) PAQ: Agency policy requires that either criminal background records checks be conducted at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or that a system is in place for otherwise capturing such information for current employees. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 8) The agency shall 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. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed the agency requires that criminal background records checks be conducted at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates. The auditor reviewed records of criminal background records checks of personnel for verification

they are conducted in compliance with the standard provision.

115.17 (f) MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 8) The agency shall 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 and in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees. The agency shall also impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct.

115.17 (g) PAQ: Agency policy states that material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 8) Material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination.

115.17 (h)

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 8) Unless prohibited by law, the agency shall 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.

Conclusion:

The policy is consistent with the requirements of the standard.

115.18 Upgrades to facilities and technologies

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC 20-14-01 PREA (Upgrades to facilities and technology)
- Interviews:Superintendent

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

(a) When designing or acquiring any new facility and in planning any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, the agency shall consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. (b) When installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, the agency shall consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. PREA [§ 115.18]

115.18 (a) PAQ: The agency or facility has not acquired a new facility or made a

substantial expansion or modification to existing facilities since the last PREA audit. The Superintendent confirmed the facility has not experienced substantial expansions or modifications since the last PREA audit.

115.18 (b) PAQ: The agency or facility has installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since the last PREA audit. The Superintendent confirmed when installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, the agency shall consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. He stated the facility reviews instances of all security risks, including sexual abuse, periodically during monthly upper staff and PREA meetings.

The PREA Compliance Manager stated there are no updates. This facility is equipped with a video monitoring/electronic surveillance system that is suitable for appropriate protection to protect offenders from sexual abuse. This auditor finds this standard compliant.

Conclusion:

Based upon the review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined the agency and facility is fully compliant with this standard regarding upgrades to facilities and technologies. No corrective action is required.

115.21 Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 Evidence Protocol and Forensic Medical Examinations
- MDOC Policy 12-05 Criteria for Correction Investigation Division (CID) Investigation
- MOU: Mississippi Coalition against Sexual Assault
- Interviews:

Random Staff

Nurse Supervisor

MDOC Policy 20-14-01

- (a) To the extent the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, the agency shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions.
- (b) The protocol shall be de1,1elopmentally appropriate for youth where applicable, and, as appropriate, shall be adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol 15 for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011.

- (c) The agency shall 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. Such examinations shall be performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible. If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, the examination can be performed by other qualified medical practitioners. The agency shall document its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs.
- (d) The agency shall attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center. If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the agency shall make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency. staff member. Agencies shall document efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers. For the purpose of this standard, a rape crisis center refers to an entity that provides intervention and related assistance, such as the services specified in 42 U.S.C. 14043g(b)(2)(C), to victims of sexual assault of all ages. The agency may utilize a rape crisis center that is part of a governmental unit as long as the center is not part of the criminal justice system (such as a law enforcement agency) and offers a comparable level of confidentiality as a nongovernmental entity that provides similar victim services.
- (e) As requested by the victim, the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals.
- (f) To the extent the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, the agency shall request that the investigating agency follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.
- (g) The requirements of paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section shall also apply to:
- (1) Any State entity outside of the agency that is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse in prisons or jails; and (2) Any Department of Justice component that is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse in prisons or jails.
- (h) For the purposes of this section, a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member shall be an individual who has been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and has received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general. PREA [§ 115.21]

MDOC Policy 12-05

CID staff having the status of Mississippi certified law enforcement officers pursuant to Sections 47-5-54 and 45-6-3 of the Mississippi Code, who are primarily responsible for conducting investigations relating to criminal/administrative and/or policy and procedural violations by employees and offenders.

The interview with the Nurse Supervisor demonstrated she is aware of signs and symptoms of sexual abuse and would immediately report allegations to the Officer in Charge and make arrangements to send offenders to Pine Hurst Medical for forensic exams.

Analysis/Reasoning

115.21 (a) PAQ: The facility is responsible for conducting administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations (including inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse or staff sexual misconduct). MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 9) To the extent the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, the agency shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions. Staff interviews confirmed they are knowledgeable of the agency's protocol for obtaining usable physical evidence if an inmate alleges sexual abuse. They were also knowledgeable that facility investigators are responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse.

115.21 (b) PAQ: The protocol was adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the DOJ'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. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 9) The protocol shall be developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable, and as appropriate, shall be adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol 15 for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011.

115.21 (c) PAQ: The facility offers all inmates who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations. Forensic medical examinations are offered without financial cost to the victim. Where possible, examinations are conducted by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs). When SANEs or SAFEs are not available, a qualified medical practitioner performs forensic medical examinations.

In the past 12 months: 1. The number of forensic medical exams conducted: 0 2. The number of exams performed by SANEs/SAFEs: 0 3. The number of exams performed by a qualified medical practitioner: 0

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 9) The agency shall 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. Such examinations shall be performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible. If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, the examination can be performed by other qualified medical practitioners. The agency shall document its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs. Forensic medical examinations are conducted through MDOC.

115.21 (d) PAQ: The facility makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to the victim, in person or by other means. These efforts are documented. If and when a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the facility provides a qualified staff member from a community-based organization or a qualified agency staff member. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 9) The agency shall attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center. If

a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the agency shall make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member. Victim advocates are available from the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault. The auditor reviewed an MOU with MCASA for services. The auditor contacted PREA Advocate Coordinator with MCASA and determined the organization would provide victim advocacy services to victims of sexual abuse. Services would be provided at no cost to the victim. The PREA Compliance Manager also confirmed victim advocates are available from MCASA.

115.21 (e) PAQ: If requested by the victim, a victim advocate, or qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompanies and supports the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 10) As requested by the victim, the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified communitybased organization staff member shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals. The auditor contacted PREA Advocate Coordinator with MCASA and determined the center would provide victim advocacy services to victims of sexual abuse to include accompanying and supporting the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and providing emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed if requested by the victim, a victim advocate, or qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompanies and supports the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals. He confirmed the facility has an MOU with MCASA for qualified victim advocates.

115.21 (f) PAQ: If the agency is not responsible for administrative or criminal investigating allegations of sexual abuse and relies on another agency to conduct these investigations, the agency has requested that the responsible agency follow the requirements of paragraphs §115.321 (a) through (e) of the standards. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 10) To the extent the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, the agency shall request that the investigating agency follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

Conclusion:

Based upon the review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined the facility is fully compliant with this standard regarding evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations. No corrective action is required.

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

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 Policies to Ensure Referrals of Allegations for Investigation
- Interviews:
- 1. Correctional Officers
- 2. Correctional Unit Manager / Investigator

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The agency shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- (b) The agency shall have in place a policy 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. The agency shall publish such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, make the policy available through other means. The agency shall document all such referrals.
- (c) If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, such publication shall describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity.
- (d) Any State entity responsible for conducting administrative or criminal investigations of sexual
- abuse or sexual harassment in prisons or jails shall have in place a policy governing the conduct of such investigations.
- (e) Any Department of Justice component responsible for conducting administrative or

investigations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in prisons or jails shall have in place a policy governing the conduct of such investigations. PREA [§ 115.22]

Analysis/Reasoning

115.22 (a) PAQ: The agency ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. In the past 12 months: 1. The number of allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment that were received: 0 2. The number of allegations resulting in an administrative investigation: N/A 3. The number of allegations referred for criminal investigation: N/

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 11) The agency shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed the agency ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. There were no investigative reports for allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

115.22 (b) The agency has a policy that requires that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment be referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, including the agency if it conducts its own

investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. Agency policy regarding the referral of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation is not published on the agency website or made publicly available via other means. The agency documents all referrals of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation.

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 11) The agency shall have in place a policy 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. The agency shall publish such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, make the policy available through other means. The agency shall document all such referrals. The facility investigator confirmed agency policy requires that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment be referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. South Mississippi Correctional Institution does not have a website. The PREA Compliance Manager stated the policy would be available upon request.

115.22 (c) N/A South Mississippi Correctional Institution is responsible for conducting criminal investigations.

Conclusion:

Based upon the review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined the facility is fully compliant with this standard regarding policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations. No corrective action is required.

115.31 Employee training

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 Employee Training
- PREA Training PowerPoint

Interviews:

1. Correctional Officers

Interviews with Correctional Officers demonstrated each were aware of and received initial, annual and refresher PREA training. Correctional Officers stated training is delivered to them once a year through in person in-service training, the learning management system and through their supervisors throughout the year.

MDOC Policy 20-14-01

- (a) The agency shall train all employees who may have contact with inmates on:
- (1) Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment;

- (2) How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures;
- (3) Inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- (4) The right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- (5) The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement;
- (6) The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims;
- (7) How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse;
- (8) How to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates;
- (9) How to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates; and
- (10) How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.
- (b) Such training shall be tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility. The employee shall receive additional training if the employee is reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa.
- (c) All current employees who have not received such training shall be trained within one year of the effective date of the PREA standards, and the agency shall 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. In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, the agency shall provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies.
- (d) The agency shall document, through employee signature or electronic verification that employees understand the training they have received. PREA [§ 115.31]

Analysis/Reasoning

115.31 (a) PAQ: The agency trains all employees who may have contact with inmates on the ten required topics.

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 12) The agency shall train all employees who may have contact with inmates on: 1. Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse, sexual harassment and retaliation; 2. How to fulfill their responsibilities regarding prevention, detection, reporting, and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment; 3. Inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment; 4. The right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; 5. The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement; 6. The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims; 7. How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse; 8. How to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates; 9. How to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates; 10. How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities. The auditor reviewed staff training records and the PREA training curricula. The staff interviewed reported receiving the training topics annually. The auditor confirmed this by reviewing the 2021-2023 training records.

115.31 (b) PAQ: Training is tailored to the unique needs and attributes and gender of the inmates at the facility. Employees who are reassigned from facilities housing the opposite gender are given additional training. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 12) Such training shall be tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility. The employee shall receive additional training if the employee is reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa. Staff are trained to work with inmates of both genders.

115.31 (c) PAQ: Between trainings the agency provides employees who may have contact with inmates with refresher information about current policies regarding sexual abuse and harassment. The frequency with which employees who may have contact with inmates receive refresher training on PREA requirements: Annually MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 12) All current employees who have not received such training shall be trained within one year of the effective date of the PREA standards, and the agency shall 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. In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, the agency shall provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. The auditor reviewed the training curricula and staff training logs for 2021-2023.

115.31 (d) PAQ: The agency documents that employees who may have contact with inmates understand the training they have received through employee signature or electronic verification. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 12) The agency shall document, through employee signature or electronic verification that employees understand the training they have received. The auditor reviewed the training curricula and staff training logs for 2021-2023. Staff sign that they have received training.

Conclusion:

Based upon the review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined the facility is fully compliant with this standard regarding employee training. No corrective action is required.

115.32	Volunteer and contractor training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC 20-14-01 PREA (Volunteer and Contractor Training) • Interviews:
	Volunteers and Contractors who have Contact with Inmates The interview with the contractor and the volunteer demonstrated each have completed mandatory in person training on the agency zero tolerance for sexual harassment and sexual abuse. Each were able to convey they were taught to report

to the nearest staff member or an immediate supervisor, do their best to maintain confidentiality and keep the victim near them, if possible and write a statement once the situation was safe to do so.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The agency shall ensure 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.
- (b) 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, but all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates shall be notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents.
- (c) The agency shall maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received. PREA [§ 115.32)

Analysis/Reasoning

- 115.32 (a) PAQ: All volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response. The number of volunteers and contractors, who have contact with inmates, who have been trained in agency's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response: 6; There are 15 volunteers. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 13) The agency shall ensure 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. The auditor reviewed the training curriculum and found it to be inclusive of the training requirements. Volunteers interviewed confirmed they have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response.
- 115.32 (b) PAQ: 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, but all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates shall be notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 13) 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, but all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates shall be notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents.
- 115.32 (c) PAQ: The agency maintains documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received. MDOC Policy 20-14-01 (page 13) The agency shall maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received. The auditor reviewed training documents for volunteers, demonstrating that they sign that they understand the

training they have received.

Conclusion:

education sessions.

Based upon the review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined the facility is fully compliant with this standard regarding volunteer and contractor training. No corrective action is required.

115.33 Inmate education Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Inmate Education) Interviews: 1. Intake Staff 2. Random Offenders Interviews with random and targeted offenders demonstrated they were educated on PREA during the orientation process, typically within one to three days of entering the facility. Offenders were aware of their rights, the agency zero tolerance policy and multiple internal and external reporting options. **MDOC SOP 20-14-01** (a) During the intake process, inmates shall receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. (b) Within 30 days of intake, the agency shall provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such (c) Current inmates who have not received such education shall be educated within one year of the effective date of the PREA standards, and shall 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. (d) The agency shall provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates, including those who are limited English proficient, deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as to inmates who have limited reading skills. (e) The agency shall maintain documentation of inmate participation in these

(f) In addition to providing such education, the agency shall ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through

posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats. PREA [§ 115.33]

Analysis/Reasoning

Per MDOC Policy 20-14-01, p.13 all inmates arriving at SMCI through intake must receive information 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. There were (3088) residents admitted during the past 12 months who were given this information at intake.

- (a) During the intake process, inmates shall receive information explaining the agency's zero- tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report incidents or harassment.
- (b) Within 30 days of intake, the agency shall provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents.

Intake staff interviewed stated inmates are given an Inmate Handbook during intake which includes PREA information.

Non-Compliance Reason

The auditor conducted a review of 12 inmate record files. Each file represented a different month of the 12-month audit period. The review results indicate that 5 of the 12 inmates received PREA information at intake. 16 of 50 inmates that were interviewed said they did not receive PREA information at intake, nor did they receive a comprehensive education within 30 days of intake.

Corrective Action Needed

The facility must provide PREA comprehensive education to all currently assigned inmates during the first 90 days of the 180-day Corrective Action Period. In addition, PREA information must be provided to all incoming inmates at intake and comprehensive PREA education must be provided within 30 days of intake going forward.

Corrective Action Deadline

Action Deadline will be the first 90 days of the 180-day Corrective Action Period.

Corrective Action has been completed. Documentation of PREA education is attached,

115.34	Specialized training: Investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Specialized Training: Investigations)
- Interviews:

Warden

PREA Compliance Manager

Facility Investigator

Interviews with the Investigator and personnel file review demonstrated that the investigator had completed investigator training through the learning management system and in person many years ago.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to § 115.31, the agency shall ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings.
- (b) Specialized training shall include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral.
- (c) The agency shall maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations.
- (d) Any State entity or Department of Justice component that investigates sexual abuse in confinement settings shall provide such training to its agents and investigators who conduct such investigations. PREA [§ 115.34]

Analysis/Reasoning

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. Two (2) investigators currently employed at MDOC and SMCI completed the required PREA training.

Conclusion

Auditor finds SMCI in compliance of this standard based on review of MDOC Policy 20-14-01, review of investigators' training records, and interview with the Investigator.

115.35	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed
	Policy, Materials, litterviews and other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Specialized Training: Medical and Mental Health Care)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Medical Staff

Mental Health Staff

Interviews with medical and mental health staff demonstrated they themselves and their staff had completed specialized training for medical and mental health staff through the online learning management system, throughout the year. Medical and mental health staff interviewed stated newly hired personnel complete specialized training during the onboarding training.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The agency shall ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in:
- (1) How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- (2) How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse;
- (3) How to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and
- (4) How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- (b) If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, such medical staff shall receive the appropriate training to conduct such examinations.
- (c) The agency shall maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere.

Medical and mental health care practitioners shall also receive the training mandated for employees under § 115.31 or for contractors and volunteers under § 115.32, depending upon the practitioner's status at the agency. PREA [§ 115.35)

Analysis/Reasoning

One hundred percent (100) of all medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly at this facility and have received the training required by agency policy. SMCI's medical staff does not conduct forensic examinations.

Conclusion

This Auditor finds SMCI compliant with this standard based on interviews of medical and mental health staff, random inmates receiving medical and mental health care, review of training documents of staff interviewed, and perusal of relevant policies and procedures.

	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness)
- Mental Health Intake Screening Form
- Psychological Evaluation Initial Screening
- Medical History Intake Screening Form
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening

Random Inmates

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) All inmates shall be assessed during an intake screening and upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates.
- (b) Intake screening shall ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility.
- (c) Such assessments shall be conducted using an objective screening instrument.
- (d) The intake screening shall 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;
- (2) The age of the inmate;
- (3) The physical build of the inmate;
- (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated;
- (5) Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent;
- (6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child; gender nonconforming;
- (7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or
- (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization;
- (9) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability; and
- (10) Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes.
- (e) The initial screening shall consider prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse, as known to the agency, in assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive.
- (f) Within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, the facility will reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening.
- (g) An inmate's risk level shall be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.
- (h) Inmates may not be 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.

(i) The agency shall implement appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates. PREA [§ 115.41]

Non-Compliance Reason

The auditor conducted a review of 12 inmate record files. Each file represented a different month of the 12-month audit period. The review indicated that all 12 inmates received a PREA Intake Screening on the same day of arrival at the facility. However, none of the inmates received a reassessment within 30 days of their arrival. Also, a number of the inmates interviewed said they did not get a Reassessment at least 72 hours after arrival to the facility.

The auditor finds that the agency has provisions for screening for risk of sexual victimization and for risk of sexual abusiveness in MDOC 20-14-01. There is a screening instrument that is used to determine risk levels. Interview with the PREA Coordinator indicate that the facility is required to complete the reassessment within 30 days of the initial assessment. Intake staff who was interviewed stated they did not complete reassessment of all incoming inmates within 30 days of their arrival.

Corrective Action Needed

All inmates must get a Reassessment 90 days from the last day of the onsite audit Within 30 days of the onsite audit, all new arrivals must get a Reassessment moving forward.

Corrective Action Deadline

The Deadline is the Same as in the Corrective Action Needed section. Once completed, the auditor will request reassessment documentation for randomly selected inmates.

Documentation shows facility has completed a reassessment of all incoming inmates shortly after the onsite audit. This standard is now in compliance.

115.42	Use of screening information
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Use of Screening Information)
	Intake Medical History and Screening/Intake Mental Health Screen Interviews:
	Superintendent
	PREA Compliance Manager

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening Intake Staff Random Staff Random Inmates

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The agency shall use information from the risk screening required by§115.41 to inform housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.
- (b) The agency shall make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate.
- (c) In deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, and in making other housing and programming assignments, the agency shall consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems.
- (d) Placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate shall be reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate.
- (e) A transgender or intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety shall be given serious consideration.
- (f) Transgender and intersex inmates shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates.
- (g) The agency shall not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless such 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 such inmates. PREA [§115.42]

Non-Compliance Reason

The facility staff does not have documentation that inmates are being assigned to housing units, jobs and programs based upon risk as potential sexual victims or potential sexual abusers. There does not appear to be a method in the classification system to highlight and track these two types of PREA designated inmates.

Corrective Action Needed

Facility staff need to provide documentation of risk-based housing decisions; documentation of reassessment of programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmates; documentation of housing assignments of inmates identified to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex for compliance with the standard.

Corrective Action Deadline

Documentation requested should be received during the first 120 days of the corrective action period.

Documentation received shows awareness of transgender, intersex, gay, bisexual inmates when assigning housing and program assignments. This standard is now in

co	mpliance.

115.43 Protective Custody

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Protective Custody)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Coordinator

PREA Compliance Manager

Staff who Supervise Inmates in Segregated Housing

The interview with Staff demonstrated if victims of sexual abuse are held in restrictive housing they are allotted limited privileges as they cannot go to work or attend programming; however, education is brought to them when possible, phone calls are allowed the stated program staff meet with them every 15 days and document their conversations in the Inmate individual notes in the database, to include reasons the inmate may need to continue his stay in restricted housing.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed 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. If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, the facility may hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment.
- (b) Inmates placed in segregated housing for this purpose 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:
- (1) The opportunities that have been limited;
- (2) The duration of the limitation; and
- (3) The reasons for such limitations.
- (c) The facility shall assign such inmates to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged, and such an assignment shall not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days.
- (d) If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph
- (a) of this section, the facility shall clearly document:
- (1) The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety; and
- (2) The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged.

(e) Every 30 days, the facility shall afford each such inmate a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population. PREA [§ 115.43]

Analysis/Reasoning

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 there were no inmates at risk of sexual victimization were held in involuntary segregated housing.

(a) Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed 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. If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, the facility may hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment.

Policy requires that Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization will not be placed 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. If an assessment cannot be conducted immediately, the inmate may be held in involuntary segregation for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment.

(b): Inmates placed in segregated housing for this purpose 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: (1) The opportunities that have been limited; (2) The duration of the limitation: and (3) The reasons for such limitations.

Inmates placed in segregated housing for this purpose shall have access to programs, privileges, education, and work opportunities to the extent possible. If the restrictions are placed on access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, the following reason(s) will be documented in a jail incident report: a) The opportunities that have been limited; b) The duration of the limitation; and c) The reasons for such limitations.

(c) The facility shall assign such inmates to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged, and such an assignment shall not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days.

If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made, a jail incident report will be completed clearly documenting the following information: the basis for concern for the inmate's safety and the reason(s) why no alternative means of separation can be arranged. A review will be conducted every 30 days to determine the continuing need for separation from general population.

- (d) If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph
- (a) of this section, the facility shall clearly document: (1) The basis for the facility's

concern for the inmate's safety: and (2) The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged. The agency's Protective Custody Cover Sheet, documents that the inmate is to receive all of the same privileges as inmates in general population with some exceptions identified. It also affirms the status of an inmate in PC is to be reviewed every seven days for the first two months of segregation and at least 30 days thereafter. The review is documented on the inmate's record. Privileges must be offered each day unless special circumstances prohibit it. These are documented as missed privileges.

Interviews with the Superintendent, PREA Coordinator and other staff indicated that placing an inmate victim on PC involuntarily would be a last resort. They indicated inmates needing protection may be placed in medical or in another living unit, including the special needs unit. Staff supervising segregation indicated inmates get recreation, Food is brought in, the Chaplain visits, and Medical is there daily and at pill call. Inmates have access to phones and a television.

Several examples of Protective Custody inmates were provided. None of them were in PC as a result of PREA issues. Inmates were asked if they felt safe in their living units and if they wanted to return to general population. All of these examples were voluntarily housed in Protective Custody.

(e) Every 30 days, the facility shall afford each such inmate a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population. Policy provides that a review will be conducted every 30 days to determine the continuing need for separation from general population.

Conclusion

This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance with this standard based on a review of policy and procedures and interviews of relevant staff and inmates.

115.51	Inmate reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA
	PowerPoint PREA Training
	MOU with Miss. Coalition Against Sexual Assault Interviews:
	Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager
	Random Staff
	Random Inmates Targeted Inmates

Interviews with the targeted and random inmates demonstrated they were aware of reporting options to include the PREA hotline. Many offenders commented on the signs with hotline numbers posted above their phones.

Interviews with Correctional Officers demonstrated they would accept and report any type of allegation received, heard or rumored regarding sexual harassment and sexual abuse to their immediate supervisors or up the chain of command.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The agency shall provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents.
- (b) The agency shall also provide at least one way for inmates to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency, and that is able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the inmate to remain anonymous upon request. Inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes shall be provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security.
- (c) Staff shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties and shall promptly document any verbal reports.
- (d) The agency shall provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates. PREA [§ 115.51]

Analysis/Reasoning

MDOC has established procedure 20-14-01, p.18 L. 851-863, 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 offenders to report incidents is to file a grievance and complete an incident report.

Conclusion

During interviews, inmates stated that they could talk to any of the staff if they had any issue. Several expressed that they felt safe and knew of the PREA safety postings on the bulletin boards in the housing units, dining hall, and other common areas. According to the PREA Questionnaire, the agency does not house inmates for immigration purposes. This Auditor finds SMCI to be in compliance with this standard based upon interviews of staff and inmates, observations during the tour, and review of relevant policies and procedures.

Exhaustion of administrative remedies 115.52 Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies) Interviews: Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager Random Inmates Interviews with inmates demonstrated most were aware of the grievance procedures, stating grievances are available upon request to an officer and none had a hard time obtaining them. The interview with the PREA Compliance Manager demonstrated grievance boxes are checked five days a week. **MDOC SOP 20-14-01** (a) An agency shall be exempt from this standard if it does not have administrative procedures to address inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. (b) (1) The agency shall not impose a time limit on when an inmate may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse. (2) The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse. (3) The agency shall not require an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse. (4) Nothing in this section shall restrict the agency's ability to defend against an inmate lawsuit on the ground that the applicable statute of limitations has expired. (c) The agency shall ensure that-(1) An inmate who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint, and (2) Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint. (d) (1) The agency shall 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. (2)Computation of the 90-day time period shall not include time consumed by inmates in preparing any administrative appeal. (3) The agency may claim an extension of time to respond, of up to 70 days, if the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision. The agency shall notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made. (4) 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, the inmate may consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level.

- (e) (1) Third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, shall be permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for -administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and shall also be permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates.
- (2) 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.
- (3) If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, the agency shall document the inmate's decision.
- (f)(1) The agency shall establish procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.
- (2) After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, the agency shall 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, shall provide an initial response within 48 hours, and shall issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days. The initial response and final agency decision shall document the agency's determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse and the action taken in response to the emergency grievance.
- (g) The agency may discipline an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse only where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith. PREA [§115.52]

Analysis/Reasoning

MDOC Policies 20-14-01 and 20-08 establish administrative procedures for dealing with inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. A procedure allows an inmate to submit a grievance alleging sexual abuse without submitting it to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint. Policy requires that a resident grievance alleging sexual abuse not be referred to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint. Policy requires that a decision on the merits of any grievance or portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse be made within 90 days of the filing of the grievance. In the past 12 months, (0) grievances were filed of alleged sexual abuse. In the past 12 months, (0) grievances were filed alleging sexual abuse that reached final decision within 90 days after being filed. In the past 12 months, (0) alleging sexual abuse that involved extensions because final decision was not reached within 90 days.

Conclusion

The Auditor determined the MDOC has appropriate policies and procedures in place for addressing inmate allegations of sexual abuse and an imminent risk of sexual abuse. Facility staff understand the agency's procedures and the inmate population is aware they can submit grievances alleging sexual abuse and/or risk of imminent sexual abuse. The Auditor reviewed the agency's policies, procedures, Inmate Handbook, grievances, investigative records, and conducted interviews with staff and inmates to determine the facility meets the requirements of this standard.

115.53 Inmate access to outside confidential support services

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Inmate Access to Outside Confidential Support Services)
- MOU between MDOC and MS Coalition Against Sexual Assault/Contact Information
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Random Inmates

Interviews with inmates demonstrated offenders formally interviewed were aware the facility made victim advocates available for them in the event offenders are sexually abused while in the program.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The facility shall 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, and, for persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes, immigrant services agencies. The facility shall enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible.
- (b) The facility shall 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.
- (c) The agency shall 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. The agency shall maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements. PREA [§ 115.53]

On February 13,2023, The PREA Advocate Coordinator for MSCASA was invited by the facility to conduct a training session for approximately 50 staff members. She conducted an overview of MSCASA, Local Programs and Services. Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment, Reporting, PREA Victim Services & Crisis Intervention and Gender Identity were discussed in the training. In addition, I invited the PREA Advocate Coordinator to meet during the onsite audit. She visited on the second day of the audit and joined key staff and me on a tour of the inmate housing and program areas. This was her first tour of the inmate housing and program areas. This was a very beneficial meeting for the PREA Advocate Coordinator, the PREA Coordinator, the program staff and the auditor.

Non-Compliance Reason

Inmates must use their pin numbers to contact MS Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) by telephone. This auditor contacted MCASA by telephone using an

offender's pin number. The counselor receiving the call did not know a pin number was required for the offender to call their number. The counselor said the offender could remain anonymous if they desired. The pin number requirement does not make the call confidential. The facility will contact their telephone provider to remove the personal pin number requirement.

The MOU between the Mississippi Department of Corrections and the MCASA expired on October 1, 2023. According to the PREA Advocate Coordinator (MCASA), the current MOU is in the Commissioner's office pending his signature.

Corrective Action Needed

The requirement for the use of the inmate's pin number to telephone MCASA must be removed to ensure confidentiality. The auditor must receive the new MOU between the Mississippi Department of Corrections and the MS Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA).

Corrective Action Deadline

This action should be taken and shared with the auditor as soon as possible during the 180-day Corrective Action Period. The facility maintains documentation it provides emotional support services for sexual abuse victims through written agreements. Contact information with the organization is provided by intake personnel through the Offender Handbook and comprehensive education. The Auditor reviewed the MDOC policies, procedures, Memorandum of Understanding, Offender Handbook, training acknowledgements and interviewed staff, inmates and victim advocate to determine the facility meets the requirements of this standard.

The facility is no longer requiring inmates to use their pin number to call MSCASA. They can now use *888 to call and remain anonymous while seeking emotional support services. The new MOU between MSDOC and MSCASA is effective from 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2025.

115.54	Third-party reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed
	MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Third Party Reporting)
	PREA Website
	PREA Tip Line Posters (English, Spanish)
	• Interviews:
	Superintendent
	PREA Coordinator
	PREA Compliance Manager
	Random Staff
	Random Offenders

Interviews with inmates demonstrated many were aware of third-party reporting and that a trusted adult in the community could report for them.

Interviews with Correctional Officers and facility personnel demonstrated each would accept a third-party report and report the allegation to their immediate supervisor as soon as possible.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

The agency shall establish a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and shall distribute publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate. PREA [§ 115.54]

Analysis/Reasoning

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.

Conclusion

SMCI is in compliance of this standard based on observations of documents, review of MDOC website, and interviews with staff and inmates.

115.61 Staff and agency reporting duties

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Staffing and Agency Reporting Duties)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Random Staff Medical and Mental Health Staff

Interviews with the facility staff demonstrated each actively practices and understood the importance of immediately reporting all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

(a) The agency shall 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; retaliation against inmates or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.

- (b) Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, staff shall not reveal 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.
- (c) Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, medical and mental health practitioners shall be required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph
- (a) of this section and to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services.
- (d) If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, the agency shall report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws.
- (e) The facility shall report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators. PREA [§ 115.61]

Analysis/Reasoning

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.

Conclusion

The Auditor concluded staff, is aware of the MDOC requirement to report any knowledge, suspicion or information related to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Staff understands the requirement to maintain confidentiality with the information obtained by an allegation. Interviews with medical and mental health practitioners revealed they understand the requirements for reporting sexual abuse that occurred in a community setting and for youthful offenders. The Auditor reviewed agency policies, procedures, training curriculum, investigative reports and conducted interviews with staff and confined persons to determine the facility meets the requirements of this standard.

Agency protection duties
Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
Auditor Discussion
Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Protection Duties)
Interviews: PREA Coordinator
Random Staff

The interview with Staff demonstrated victims have not been held in the restrictive housing unit; however, each were aware of limited victim privileges and documenting.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

When an agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it shall take immediate action to protect the inmate. PREA [§ 115.62]

Analysis/Reasoning

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.

Conclusion

The Auditor concluded the SMCI takes immediate and appropriate actions to ensure the protection of inmates who are identified at a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. The Auditor reviewed agency policy, procedures, investigative records, conducted interviews with staff and offenders, made observations and determined the SMCI meets the requirements of this standard.

115.63 Reporting to other confinement facilities

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Reporting to Other Confinement Facilities)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Coordinator

Random Staff

The interview with the superintendent demonstrated that he was aware that upon receiving an allegation that an offender was sexually abused while confined at another facility he would personally notify the unit head from the facility where the allegation was alleged to have occurred within 72 hours of receipt of the allegation.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of the facility that received the allegation shall notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred.
- (b) Such notification shall be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation.

- (c) The agency shall document that it has provided such notification.
- (d) The facility head or agency office that receives such notification shall ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards. PREA [§ 115.63]

Analysis/Reasoning

The Auditor conducted a formal interview with the facility's Superintendent. He notifies another facility once the SMCI receives an allegation that an offender alleges suffering sexual abuse at another facility. The Superintendent places a telephone call followed by an email to make notification. When asked when the notification would occur he explained he has up to 72 hours to make the notification but would make the notification as soon as he receives it. The Auditor asked the Superintendent to explain what takes place when he receives notification from another facility that a former SMCI offender has alleged suffering sexual abuse at the SMCI. He stated he would ensure the investigator is notified so an investigation would be conducted.

Conclusion

In the past 12 months, SMCI received (0) allegations that an inmate was abused while confined at another facility. This facility has not had any reported (0) allegations that an inmate was abused while confined at this facility within the last 12 months. A review of MDOC Policy 20-14-01 and interviews of staff and inmates show SMCI is in compliance of this standard.

115.64 Staff first responder duties

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interview and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Staff First Responder Duties)
- Interviews:

Random Staff

Staff First Responder

Interviews with Staff demonstrated they were aware of their first responder responsibilities to include separating victims from their abusers, block of the scene, secure and ensure evidence on persons or in the area was not tampered with, take the victim to medical and document their involvement on a staff statement form.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, the first security staff member to respond to the report shall be required to:
- (1) Separate the alleged victim and abuser;
- (2) Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence;

(3) If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, 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; and
(4) If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, 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.
(b) If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, the responder shall be required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff. PREA [§ 115.64]

Analysis/Reasoning

The Auditor conducted interviews with security and non-security staff first responders. All security first responders were asked to explain the actions they take when responding to a sexual abuse incident. First responders stated they would maintain separation of the victim and abuser and immediately notify the CID (Corrections Investigation Division). Security staff stated they would request the victim and ensure the abuser not shower, eat, use the restroom, brush their teeth, drink or take any actions that could destroy physical evidence. The Auditor asked each what action they take regarding the crime scene. Staff stated they ensure the crime scene is secured. The Auditor asked each if they knew who would be allowed in the crime scene to process the evidence. Staff understood the MDOC CID Investigator would process evidence from the crime scene.

Each staff member interviewed by the Auditor was asked how they preserve evidence of a crime scene. Staff informed the Auditor a cell door would be locked if the incident occurred in a cell. Staff stated a security member would be posted in an area if the alleged incident occurred in an area outside of a cell. Staff stated the population would be locked down following an incident until the evidence could be processed. The Auditor asked how they document their actions. Each staff member stated they are required to submit an RVR and Incident Report and required to include information in the housing unit logbook.

In the past 12 months, there were (0) allegations that an inmate was sexually abused. There were (0) instances when the security staff first responder had to separate the alleged victim and the abuser. In the past 12 months, there was (0) allegation where staff was notified with in a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence.

Of these allegations in the past 12 months where staff were notified within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence, there was (0) number of 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.

Of these allegations in the past 12 months where staff were notified within a time

period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence, there was (0) number of times 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.

Of the allegations that an inmate was sexually abused made in the past 12 months, there was zero (0) number of times a non-security staff member was the first responder. Of those allegations responded to first by a non-security staff member, there was zero (0) number of times that staff member requested that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence. Of those allegations responded to first by a non-security staff member, there was zero (0) number of times that staff member notified security staff.

Conclusion

This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance of this standard based on review of audit files, and interviews of investigative staff, and random staff.

115.65	Coordinated response
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed
	MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Coordinated Response)
	• Interviews:
	Superintendent
	PREA Compliance Manager
	Random Staff
	Interviews with the Superintendent demonstrated the response to allegations of
	sexual assault is written to coordinate actions taken in response to sexual abuse and
	sexual harassment incidents.
	MDOC SOP 20-14-01
	Coordinated Response
	The facility shall develop a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in
	response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and
	mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership. PREA [§ 115.65]
	Analysis/Reasoning
	According to the SMCI pre-audit form, 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. Interviews confirmed that staff was aware of their specific responsibilities in response to an allegation of sexual abuse.

Conclusion

This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance with this standard based upon reviewing file documents, checklists and interviews of a number of employees.

115.66

Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Preservation of Ability to Protect Inmates from Contact with Abusers)
- Interviews:Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

The interview with the Superintendent demonstrated the facility is not responsible for collective bargaining.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

Preservation of Ability to Protect Inmates/Residents from Contact with Abusers (a) Neither the agency nor any other governmental entity responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf shall enter into or renew any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted.

- (b) Nothing in this standard shall restrict the entering into or renewal of agreements that govern:
- (1) The conduct of the disciplinary process, as long as such agreements are not inconsistent with the provisions of §§115. 72 and 115. 76; or
- (2) Whether a no-contact assignment that is imposed pending the outcome of an investigation shall be expunged from or retained in the staff member's personnel file following a determination that the allegation of sexual abuse is not substantiated. PREA [§ 115.66]

Analysis/Reasoning

MDOC has not entered into a collective bargaining agreement that limits its ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any residents pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent

discipline is warranted.

Conclusion

This Auditor finds SMCI to be in compliance with this standard based upon review of MDOC policy, and interviews with staff which confirmed MDOC does not engage in collective bargaining.

115.67 Agency protection against retaliation

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Agency Protection against Retaliation)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Retaliation Monitor

The interview with Staff demonstrated they would initiate contact with the inmate upon receipt of the allegation and explain the retaliation monitoring process. Staff stated for up to 90 days or as long as is necessary retaliation monitoring would include inmate behaviors, job changes, housing changes and disciplinary reports.

MDOC Policy 20-14-01

Agency Protection against Retaliation

- (a) The agency shall establish 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, and shall designate which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation.
- (b) The agency shall 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.
- (c) For at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, the agency shall monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse and 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, and shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. Items the agency should monitor include any inmate disciplinary reports, housing, or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff. The agency shall continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need.

- (d) In the case of inmates, such monitoring shall also include periodic status checks.
- (e) If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, the agency shall take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation.
- (f) An agency's obligation to monitor shall terminate if the agency determines that the allegation is unfounded. PREA [§ 115.67]

Analysis/Reasoning

The Auditor conducted interviews with security and non-security staff first responders. All security first responders were asked to explain the actions they take when responding to a sexual abuse incident. First responders stated they would maintain separation of the victim and abuser and immediately notify the CID (Corrections Investigation Division). Security staff stated they would request the victim and ensure the abuser not shower, eat, use the restroom, brush their teeth, drink or take any actions that could destroy physical evidence. The Auditor asked each what action they take regarding the crime scene. Staff stated they ensure the crime scene is secured. The Auditor asked each if they knew who would be allowed in the crime scene to process the evidence. Staff understood the MDOC CID Investigator would process evidence from the crime scene.

Each staff member interviewed by the Auditor was asked how they preserve evidence of a crime scene. Staff informed the Auditor a cell door would be locked if the incident occurred in a cell. Staff stated a security member would be posted in an area if the alleged incident occurred in an area outside of a cell. Staff stated the population would be locked down following an incident until the evidence could be processed. The Auditor asked how they document their actions. Each staff member stated they are required to submit an RVR and Incident Report and required to include information in the housing unit logbook.

Conclusion

The number of times an incident of retaliation occurred in the past 12 months (0). This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance of this standard based on review of audit files, and interviews of investigative staff, and random staff.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC Policy 19-01-02 (Protective Custody) • Interviews: Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager Staff who Supervise Inmates in Segregated Housing

The interview with the Superintendent demonstrated protective custody in the restricted housing unit is granted at the request of the victim. The Warden stated victims in protective custody are allotted limited privileges and personal items while in restricted housing.

MDOC Policy 20-14-01

Post-Allegation Protective Custody

Prisons and Jails: Any use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse shall be subject to the requirements of \$115.43. PREA [§ 115.68]

Analysis/Reasoning

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 state 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. There was (0) number of inmates who allege to have suffered sexual abuse who were held in involuntary segregated housing in the past 12 months for one to 24 hours awaiting completion of assessment. There was (0) number of inmates 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.

From a review of case files of inmates who allege to have suffered sexual abuse who were held in involuntary segregated housing in the past 12 months, there (0) number of case files that include BOTH (a) a statement of the basis for facility's concern for the inmate's safety, and (b) the reason or reasons why alternative means of separation could not be arranged:

Conclusion

This Auditor finds SMCI to be in compliance with this standard based upon review of MDOC Policy 20-14- 01 and interviews with staff and inmates.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC SOP 20.14.01 Criminal and Administrative Agency Investigations • Interviews: Superintendent PREA Compliance Manager

Investigator

Offenders who Reported Sexual Abuse

The interview with the Investigator demonstrated the facility completes investigations for every allegation of sexual harassment and sexual abuse. The Investigator stated he reads through statements, and begins a preliminary investigation to determine if the allegation meets PREA definition. When the allegation is determined to meet PREA criteria, the investigator interviews the victim, provide the victim medical and mental health options and information on retaliation monitoring. Next the investigator reviews policies and procedures, requests statements from anyone the victim states was involved and or in the area during the allegation, collects any evidence and begins documentation of the investigation in the system. The Investigator stated he would contact the PREA Compliance Manager, Law Enforcement and the CDI if the evidence collected meets the criteria of a criminal investigation.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, it shall do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports.
- (b) Where sexual abuse is alleged, the agency shall use investigators who have received special training in sexual abuse investigations pursuant to § 115.34.
- (c) Investigators shall gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data; shall interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses; and shall review prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator.
- (d) When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, the agency shall conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution.
- (e) The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and shall not be determined by the person's status as inmate or staff. No agency shall require an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation.
- (f) Administrative investigations:
- (1) Shall include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the

abuse; and .

(2) Shall be documented in written reports that include a description of the physical and

testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and

findings.

(g) Criminal investigations shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible.

(h) Substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal shall be referred for

prosecution.

- (i) The agency shall retain all written reports referenced in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this section for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years.
- (j) The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the facility or agency shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation.
- (k) Any State entity or Department of Justice component that conducts such investigations shall do so pursuant to the above requirements.
- (I) When outside agencies investigate sexual abuse, the facility shall cooperate with outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation. PREA [§ 115.71]

Analysis/Reasoning

The Auditor conducted a formal interview with a facility investigator. The investigator discussed the procedures utilized when conducting sexual abuse investigations. The process starts by interviewing the alleged victim. During the investigation he interviews the alleged victim, perpetrator and all witnesses, including staff witnesses. The Auditor asked what information is reviewed concerning the victim and abuser. The Investigator stated he reviews criminal record, institutional history, grievances, discipline history, Incident Reports, RVR forms, video footage, telephone records, previous complaints and any other relevant information. The investigator was asked how he determines the credibility of a victim, abuser and witnesses. The Auditor was informed credibility is not based solely on a person's status and is based on a review of documents, information, video footage, phone records, and statements made during the interview and subsequent interviews The Investigator was asked if he attempts to determine if staff actions or failure to act may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse. The Investigator stated he does attempt to determine if staff actions or lack thereof contributed to the incident.

Conclusion

MDOC Policies 20-14-10 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. MDOC retains all written reports pertaining to administrative or criminal investigation of alleged sexual assault or sexual harassment as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years. During the past 12 months, there was (0) substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal that were referred for prosecution referred for prosecution since August 20, 2012. This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance with this standard based upon review of related policies and reports reference to criminal and administrative investigations.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Evidentiary Standards for Administrative Investigations)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Investigator

The interview with the Investigator demonstrated the facility shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

The agency shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. PREA [§ 115.72]

Analysis/Reasoning

The Auditor conducted a formal interview with facility Sexual Abuse Investigators. Each Investigator informed the Auditor the agency's policy requires the use of preponderance as the standard of evidence to substantiate an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The Auditor asked the investigators to explain the meaning of preponderance. Investigators explained a preponderance means there is more evidence to justify the investigator's determination.

Conclusion

The Auditor was able to determine Investigators understand preponderance as the basis for determining investigative outcomes. The Auditor reviewed the agency's policies, procedures, investigative reports and interviewed facility Investigators and determined the facility meets the requirements of this standard. This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance of this standard after reviewing MDOC Policy 20-14-01 and after interviews of investigative staff and administrative staff.

115.73	Reporting to inmates
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed • MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Reporting to Inmates)

- Sample Investigation
- Notification of Outcome/Status Update
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Investigator

Inmate Reported Sexual Abuse

The interview with the Investigator demonstrated notification requirements to victims was given verbally and in writing. Documentation of notifications is to be documented on the Offender Notification Form.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, the agency shall inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded.
- (b) If the agency did not conduct the investigation, it shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate.
- (c) Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, the agency shall subsequently inform the inmate (unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded) whenever:
- (1) The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit;
- (2) The staff member is no longer employed at the facility;
- (3) The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
- (4) The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
- (d) Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, the agency shall subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever:
- (1) The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
- (2) The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
- (e) All such notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented.
- (f) An agency's obligation to report under this standard shall terminate if the inmate is released from the agency's custody. PREA [§ 115.73)

Analysis/Reasoning

The Auditor conducted a formal interview with the PREA Compliance Manager. Either the investigator or the PCM informs inmate victims of the investigative outcome at the conclusion of an investigation. The Auditor asked the PCM who notifies the offender following an indictment and/or criminal charges placed against an inmate or staff member. The PCM stated that information is obtained from the CID and the notification would be made by either the Investigator or PCM. The Auditor asked the PCM how notifications to offenders are documented by the facility. The Auditor was informed notifications are documented on a PREA Incident Briefing form to the

offender.

The Auditor asked the PCM how notification is received from the CID regarding criminal charges and indictments. The PCM stated the CID Investigator contacts the Superintendent, PCM or Investigator so proper notification can be made to the inmate. The PCM informed the Auditor retrieving that information is not difficult as the CID is part of the agency and required by policy to provide the information. The Auditor conducted a formal interview with an CID Investigator. The CID Investigator was asked if he notifies the facility following the placement of criminal charges and/or indictments. The CID Investigator stated he does contact the facility and share that information. The CID investigator was asked if he would ever notify an inmate of the investigative or prosecutorial efforts. The investigator stated he is not obligated to make that notification but is obligated to inform the facility.

Conclusion

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that following an investigation the agency will inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded. In the past 12 months, (0) criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged inmate sexual abuse that were completed by the agency/facility. In the past 12 months, (0) alleged sexual abuse investigations that were completed, and inmates were notified, verbally or in writing of the results of the investigation. In the past 12 months, there were (0) investigations of alleged inmate sexual abuse in the facility that were completed by an outside agency. In the past 12 months, there was (0) number of notifications to inmates that were provided pursuant to this standard. Of those notifications made in the past 12 months, (0) was documented. Documentation indicated that all were notified of the results of their investigation. This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance of this standard.

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

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC Policy 20-14 PREA
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Coordinator

PREA Compliance Manager

Interview with the Superintendent demonstrated the employee would not be allowed into the facility, he or she would go through the Office of Staff Investigation, be reported to law enforcement and applicable licensing agencies would be notified.

MDOC Policy 20-14-01

- (a) Staff shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.
- (b) Termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse.
- (c) Disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) shall 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.
- (d) 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, shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies. PREA [§ 115.76]

Analysis/Reasoning

The Auditor conducted formal interviews with facility Investigators. Investigators informed the Auditor if the act was criminal in nature the investigator would contact the CID for a criminal investigation. Facility investigators immediately cease efforts once a determination is made that sufficient evidence appears to support criminal activity. Each Investigator coordinates with the CID Investigator and assists in their efforts when requested by the CID Investigator. The Auditor asked how the investigation is handled if the act was not criminal in nature. The Investigator continues the investigation until a determination is made. The results of the investigation are shared with command staff so appropriate discipline against a staff member can be sanctioned if warranted.

In the past 12 months, there was (0) number of staff from the facility who have violated agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. According to the questionnaire, this violation was a case was staff on staff, no inmates were involved. In the past 12 months, there was (0) number of those staff from the facility who have been terminated (or resigned prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. According to the questionnaire, this violation was a case was staff on staff, no inmates were involved. In the past 12 months, there were (0) number of staff from the facility who have been disciplined, short of termination, for violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse).

In the past 12 months, there was (0) number of staff from the facility that have been reported to law enforcement or licensing boards following their termination (or resignation prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.

Conclusion

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. 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 sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar history. All terminations for violations of a sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, are reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal. In the past 12 months, (0) staff has been found in violation of PREA policies. In the past 12 months, (0) staff from the facility has been terminated (or resigned prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. In the past 12 months, there were (0) number of staff from the facility that have been reported to law enforcement or licensing boards following their termination (or resignation prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.

This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance with this standard based upon review the above named policy and responses of administrative and investigative staff who were interviewed.

115.77 Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Corrective Action for Contractors and Volunteers)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

The interview with the Superintendent demonstrated any volunteer or contractor would not be allowed into the facility, the associated agency, law enforcement and any applicable licensing agency would be notified.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse shall be prohibited from contact with inmates and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies.
- (b) The facility shall take appropriate remedial measures, and shall consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates, in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer. PREA [§ 115.77]

Analysis/Reasoning

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 states that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse will be prohibited from contract with inmates and will be reported to the Corrections Investigations Division. MCCF takes remedial measures and prohibits further contact with inmates in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.

In the past 12 months, there were (0) number of contractors or volunteers reported to law enforcement for engaging in sexual abuse of inmates.

Conclusion

According to the PREA Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, there have been no allegations of sexual abuse against contractors or volunteers. This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance of this standard based on review of MDOC Policy 20-14-01. Also, review of investigative files, and interviews with investigative and administrative staff support compliance.

115.78 Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Disciplinary Sanctions for Inmate)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Medical Staff

Mental Health Staff

The interview with the Superintendent demonstrated offender disciplinary procedures would take place, an investigation would be completed, and law enforcement would be notified.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01(Disciplinary Sanctions)

- (a) Inmates shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that the inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse
- (b) Sanctions shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories.
- (c) The disciplinary process shall consider whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed.
- (d) If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility shall consider whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits.
- (e) 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.
- (f) For the purpose of disciplinary action, a report of sexual abuse made in good faith

based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.

(g) An agency may, in its discretion, prohibit all sexual activity between inmates and may discipline inmates for such activity. An agency may not, however, deem such activity to constitute sexual abuse if it determines that the activity is not coerced. PREA [§ 115.78]

Analysis/Reasoning

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. Agency disciplines inmate for sexual conduct with staff only upon finding that staff member did not consent to such contact. Agency prohibits disciplinary action for a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, even if an investigation does not established evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.

Conclusion

In the past 12 months, there have been zero (0) findings of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that have occurred at the facility and zero (0) criminal findings. This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance of this standard based upon review of MDOC 20-14-01 and interviews with random, administrative and investigative staff.

115.81 Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Medical and Mental Health Screening)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Intake Staff

Medical Staff

Staff Perform Risk of Victimization Screening

Interviews with medical and mental health staff demonstrated disclosure reports are automatically flagged and forwarded to the facility staff. Medical staff stated they would see the offender on the day of the referral and Mental Health staff stated they screen mental health referrals every three days to ensure offenders are seen as quickly as possible.

MDOC Policy 20-14-01(Medical and Mental Health)

- (a) If the screening pursuant to \$115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.

 (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, staff shall ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.
- (c) If the screening pursuant to \$115.41 indicates that a jail inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Medical and mental health practitioners shall obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18. PREA [§ 115.81]

Analysis/Reasoning

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. Policy states that an inmate who has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the inmate is offered a follow up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of intake screening. 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 form treatment plans and to make security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education and program assignments.

MDOC policy also states that medical and mental health practitioners shall obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual

MDOC policy also states that medical and mental health practitioners shall obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18. The auditor reviewed submitted documentation showing follow up meetings occurring within the 14 days of intake. Also, documentation confirms that information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness occurring in an institutional setting is strictly limited to medical, mental health practitioners, and other necessary staff. Interviews with medical and mental health, and classification staff confirms knowledge of this policy requirement.

Conclusion

In the past 12 months, (100%) of inmates who disclosed prior victimization during screening who were offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health

practitioner. In the past 12 months, (100%) of inmates who have previously perpetrated sexual abuse, as indicated during the screening, who were offered a follow up meeting with a mental health practitioner. This Auditor finds that SMCI is in compliance of this standard.

115.82 Access to emergency medical and mental health services

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Access to Emergency Medical and Mental Health Services)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Medical Staff

Mental Health Staff

Offender who Reported Sexual Abuse

Interviews with medical and mental health staff demonstrated each are aware of access to emergency medical and mental health services upon receipt of an allegation of sexual abuse. Both stated victims of sexual abuse are provided immediate access to medical and mental health services.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01 (Access to Emergency Medical)

- (a) Inmate 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.
- (b) If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, security staff first responders shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to
- §115.62 and shall immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners.
- (c) Inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be 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.
- (d) Treatment services shall be 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. PREA [§ 115.82]

Analysis/Reasoning

MDOC Policy 12-40-01 provide for timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical

treatment and crisis intervention services without any cost to the inmate. The nature and scope of such services are determined by medical and mental practitioners according to their professional judgement. The inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered timely information to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care where medically appropriate.

Conclusion

This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance with this standard based upon my review of the above referenced policy, and interviews with professional and random staff, and interviews with inmates.

115.83

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

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Medical and Mental Health Screening)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

Mental Health Staff

Medical Staff

Offenders who Reported Sexual Abuse

Interviews with medical and mental health staff demonstrated a continuum of medical and mental health treatment would begin directly upon receiving allegations of sexual abuse and upon an offenders return from a forensic exam.

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The facility shall 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.
- (b) The evaluation and treatment of such victims shall include, as appropriate, followup services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody.
- (c) The facility shall provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.
- (d) Inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered pregnancy tests.

- (e) If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph (d) of this section, such victims shall receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services.
- (f) Inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.
- (g) Treatment services shall be 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.
- (h) All prisons shall 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. PREA [§115.83]

Analysis/Reasoning

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 state that MSP 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. Inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

Conclusion

The facility attempts to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate on inmate abuser within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offers treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners. This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance with this standard based upon review of this policy, and interview of medical and mental health staff.

115.86	Sexual abuse incident reviews
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed
	MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews)
	Incident Review Form/Example
	• Interviews:
	Superintendent
	PREA Compliance Manager
	The interview with the Superintendent demonstrated there is no incident review
	team.
	MDOC SOP 20-14-01
	(a) The facility shall 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.

- (b) Such review shall ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation.
- (c) The review team shall include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners.
- (d) The review team shall:
- (1) Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse;
- (2) 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;
- (3) Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse;
- (4) Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts;
- (5) Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff; and
- (6) Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1)-(d)(5) of this section, and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager.
- (e) The facility shall implement the recommendations for improvement, or shall document its reasons for not doing so. PREA [§ 115.86]

Non-Compliance Reason

The facility does not have an Incident Review Team and has not met the requirements of this standard.

Corrective Action Needed

The facility must establish an Incident Review Team which shall include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, medical or mental health practitioners. The Team will ordinarily meet thirty days after the completion of an investigation. The Team will meet on all completed cases that were not unfounded during the investigation of complaints during the current audit period. Copies of the Incident Review Team Report will be sent to the auditor.

Corrective Action Deadline

This action should be completed 90 days from the date of the onsite audit. The Incident Review Team has been meeting on a regular according to the standard. Upper management, line supervisor, medical/mental health staff and investigator are members of the team. This standard is now in compliance.

115.87	Data collection
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Data Collection)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Coordinator

PREA Compliance Manager

The interview with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated the agency reviews all incident reports of sexual harassment and sexual abuse, staff and inmates involved in allegations, compile year end reports, and investigations referred for criminal prosecution and look for common trends. The agency focuses on areas to address in the past year and identifies areas needing corrective action.

MDOC Policy 20-14-01

- (a) The agency shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions.
- (b) The agency shall aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually.
- (c) The incident-based data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.
- (d) The agency shall maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.
- (e) The agency also shall obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates.
- (f) Upon request, the agency shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30. PREA [§ 115.87]

Analysis/Reasoning

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. MDOC 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.

Conclusion

This Auditor finds SMCI in compliance with this standard based upon a review of all relevant documents, and interview with the Statewide PREA Coordinator.

115.88	Data review for corrective action
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Data Review for Corrective Action)
- MDOC Website Annual PREA Report
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The agency shall 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:
- (1) Identifying problem areas;
- (2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
- (3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.
- (b) Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
- (c) The agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other
- (d) The agency may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted. PREA [§ 115.88]

Analysis/Reasoning

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 requires the agency to review data collected in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. The annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years. When the agency redacts material from an annual report for publication, the redactions are limited to specific materials where publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of the facility.

Conclusion

Annual reports, approved by the MDOC Commissioner, containing institutional assessment information are posted online at www.mdoc.state.ms.us. This Auditor finds WGCF in compliance with this standard based on my review of policy, reporting documents, and online website posting.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

- MDOC SOP 20-14-01 PREA (Data Storage, Publication, and Destruction)
- Interviews:

Superintendent

PREA Compliance Manager

MDOC SOP 20-14-01

- (a) The agency shall ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained.
- (b) The agency shall 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.
- (c) Before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, the agency shall remove all personal identifiers.
- (d) The agency shall 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. PREA [§ 115.89]

Analysis/Reasoning

MDOC Policy 20-14-01 state that the agency will ensure that data is securely retained, and personal identifiers are removed before making data on sexual abuse publicly available. Agency policy requires that aggregated sexual abuse data from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts be made readily available to the public at least annually through its website. Before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, the agency removes all personal identifiers.

Conclusion

The agency maintains sexual abuse data collected pursuant to 115.87 for at least 10 years after the date of initial collection, unless federal, state, or local law requires otherwise. This Auditor finds SMCI to be in compliance with this standard based on review of policy, reporting documents, and online website posting.

115.401	Frequency and scope of audits
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	This is the fourth PREA audit of this facility. South Mississippi Correctional Institution

was last audited in November 9-11, 2020. The auditor was allowed access to all areas of the facility and had access to all required documentation. The auditor was allowed to conduct private interviews with offenders and staff. Notifications of the audit were posted throughout the facility permitting offenders to send confidential letters to the Auditor prior to the audit. MDOC posts all audit reports on the MDOC website in accordance with PREA Standard 115.403 subsection (f) which may be reviewed at:https://www.mdoc.ms.gov/Divisions/Pages/PREA-Audit-Reports.aspx.

I received access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility and requested and received copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information).

115.403 Audit contents and findings

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

When the audit was completed, the auditor conducted an exit briefing. The auditor gave the Administrative Staff a preliminary overview of the audit and thanked the staff for their hard work and commitment to the Prison Rape Elimination Act. The auditor advised the Superintendent and his staff that he will assist them in their efforts to be in compliance with the six standards that were in non-compliance. They would have 180 days from the last day of the onsite audit to work toward full compliance of the PREA Standards. In order to determine compliance, the auditor used the information and documentation provided during the pre-audit, onsite documentation review, information obtained through inmate and staff interviews, as well as visual observations during the facility tour.

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

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

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

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

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

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

	with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have intellectual disabilities?	
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have limited reading skills?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: are blind or have low vision?	yes
L15.16 (b)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English
	Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
115.16 (c)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English
	Does the agency always refrain from relying on inmate	yes
	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?	
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115.17 (a)	except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations? Hiring and promotion decisions Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile	yes

	Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates?	yes
115.17 (d)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	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
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, does the agency perform a criminal background records check?	yes
115.17 (c)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	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
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates?	yes
L15.17 (b)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	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
	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 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
	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?	

115.17 (e)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?	yes
115.17 (f)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions?	yes
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees?	yes
	Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?	yes
115.17 (g)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?	yes
115.17 (h)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.)	yes
115.18 (a)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	
	If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	no

	If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	yes
115.21 (a)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
115.21 (b)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	na
	Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/ Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
115.21 (c)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate?	yes
	Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?	yes
	If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)?	yes

	Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?	yes
115.21 (d)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?	yes
	If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member? (N/A if the agency always makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.)	na
	Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?	yes
115.21 (e)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews?	yes
	As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?	yes
115.21 (f)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating agency follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	na
115.21 (h)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (N/A if agency always makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.)	na
	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	KARUM AND

	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?	yes
115.22 (b)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations
	Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior?	yes
	Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?	yes
	Does the agency document all such referrals?	yes
115.22 (c)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations
	If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does the policy describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.21(a).)	na
115.31 (a)	Employee training	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	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

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

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

	Do inmates receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the inmate's new facility differ from those of the previous facility?	yes
115.33 (d)	Inmate education	
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills?	yes
115.33 (e)	Inmate education	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of inmate participation	yes
	in these education sessions?	
115.33 (f)	Inmate education Inmate education	
115.33 (f)		yes
311. An an an an	Inmate education In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written	yes
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	Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	
	Does this specialized training include sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.34 (c)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.35 (a)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
113133 (a)	Specialized training, Medical and mental hearth care	
225.55 (α)	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
ΣΣ333 (α)	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	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 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.) 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	

	suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	
L15.35 (b)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams or the agency does not employ medical staff.)	no
115.35 (c)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
115.35 (d)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.31? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners employed by the agency.)	yes
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.32? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency.)	yes
115.41 (a)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all inmates assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?	no
	Are all inmates assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?	no
115.41 (b)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?	no
115.41 (c)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	

	screening instrument?	
.15.41 (d)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability?	no
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (2) The age of the inmate?	no
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (3) The physical build of the inmate?	no
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated?	no
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (5) Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent?	no
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child?	no
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the inmate about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener's perception whether the inmate is gender nonconforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)?	no
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization?	no
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (9) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability?	no
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10)	no

	Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes?	
115.41 (e)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse?	no
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses?	no
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?	no
115.41 (f)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening?	no
115.41 (g)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a referral?	no
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a request?	no
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to an incident of sexual abuse?	no
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness?	no
115.41 (h)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Is it the case that inmates are not ever disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8), or (d)(9) of this section?	no
115.41 (i)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive	no

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

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

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

	Does the facility assign inmates at high risk of sexual victimization to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged?	yes
	Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days?	yes
115.43 (d)	Protective Custody	
	If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety?	yes
	If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged?	yes
115.43 (e)	Protective Custody	
	In the case of each inmate who is placed in involuntary segregation because he/she is at high risk of sexual victimization, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS?	yes
115.51 (a)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?	yes
115.51 (b)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency also provide at least one way for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency?	yes
	Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?	yes
	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.)	yes
115.51 (c)	Inmate reporting	
	Does staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?	yes
	Does staff promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.51 (d)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates?	yes
115.52 (a)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because an inmate does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse.	yes
115.52 (b)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency permit inmates to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the agency always refrain from requiring an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.52 (c)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	

	this standard.)	
	Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
L15.52 (d)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by inmates in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	If the agency claims the maximum allowable extension of time to respond of up to 70 days per 115.52(d)(3) when the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision, does the agency notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may an inmate consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.52 (e)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Are third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates? (If a third party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the inmate's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.52 (f)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	

	Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers,	yes
	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?	no
115.53 (a)	Inmate access to outside confidential support service	s
	If the agency disciplines an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.52 (g)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.).	yes
	Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes

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

	abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?	
115.61 (b)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, does staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions?	yes
115.61 (c)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?	yes
115.61 (d)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws?	yes
115.61 (e)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators?	yes
115.62 (a)	Agency protection duties	
	When the agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the inmate?	yes
115.63 (a)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred?	yes
115.63 (b)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?	yes

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

	response to an incident of sexual abuse?	
115.66 (a)	Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact abusers	ct with
	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?	no
115.67 (a)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Has the agency established a policy to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff?	yes
	Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?	yes
115.67 (b)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations?	yes
115.67 (c)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of	yes

	sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation?	
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor any inmate disciplinary reports?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate housing changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate program changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor negative performance reviews of staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor reassignments of staff?	yes
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
115.67 (d)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
115.67 (e)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation?	yes
115.68 (a)	Post-allegation protective custody	
	Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the	yes
	requirements of § 115.43?	
115.71 (a)	requirements of § 115.43?	

	of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly,	
	thoroughly, and objectively? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	
	Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.71 (b)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.34?	yes
115.71 (c)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?	yes
	Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?	yes
	Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator?	yes
115.71 (d)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
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	Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?	yes
115.73 (a)	Reporting to inmates	
	Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated?	yes
115.72 (a)	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigation	ıs
	When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.71 (I)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
115.71 (j)	Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?	yes
115 71 (:)		
	Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.71(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years?	yes
115.71 (i)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
115.71 (h)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible?	yes
115.71 (g)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings?	yes

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

	abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	
115.73 (e)	Reporting to inmates	
	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
115.76 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?	yes
115.76 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes
115.76 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories?	yes
115.76 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies(unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?	yes
	Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.77 (a)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with inmates?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?	yes

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

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

	sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting,	
	unless the inmate is under the age of 18?	
115.82 (a)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	Do inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?	yes
115.82 (b)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.62?	yes
	Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes
115.82 (c)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	Are inmate victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate?	yes
115.82 (d)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?	yes
115.83 (a)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?	yes
115.83 (b)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to,	yes
	or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody?	

	victims and abusers	
	Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?	yes
115.83 (d)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual al victims and abusers	ouse
	Are inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if "all male" facility. Note: in "all male" facilities there may be inmates who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.)	na
115.83 (e)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual al victims and abusers	buse
	If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.83(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if "all male" facility. Note: in "all male" facilities there may be inmates who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.)	na
115.83 (f)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	Are inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?	yes
115.83 (g)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?	yes
115.83 (h)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	If the facility is a prison, does it attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners? (NA if the facility is a jail.)	yes

115.86 (a)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded?	no
115.86 (b)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	no
115.86 (c)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?	no
115.86 (d)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse?	no
	Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility?	no
	Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse?	no
	Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?	no
	Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?	no
	Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.86(d)(1)-(d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?	no
115.86 (e)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	no

115.87 (a)	Data collection	
	Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions?	yes
115.87 (b)	Data collection	
	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
115.87 (c)	Data collection	
	Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice?	yes
115.87 (d)	Data collection	
	Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews?	yes
115.87 (e)	Data collection	
	Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its inmates.)	yes
115.87 (f)	Data collection	
	Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than	yes
	June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)	
115.88 (a)		
115.88 (a)	June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)	yes
115.88 (a)	June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.) Data review for corrective action 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,	yes

	Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.87 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise?	yes
115.89 (d)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes
115.89 (c)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?	yes
115.89 (b)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?	yes
115.89 (a)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility?	yes
115.88 (d)	Data review for corrective action	
-	Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?	yes
115.88 (c)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse?	yes
115.88 (b)	Data review for corrective action	
	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?	ž.

115.403	Audit contents and findings		
	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	
115.401 (n)	Frequency and scope of audits		
	Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?	yes	
115.401 (m)	Frequency and scope of audits		
	Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?	yes	
115.401 (i)	Frequency and scope of audits		
	Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?	yes	
115.401 (h)	Frequency and scope of audits		
	If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the third year of the current audit cycle.)	na	
	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	
	Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	yes	
115.401 (b)	Frequency and scope of audits		
	During the prior three-year audit period, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (Note: The response here is purely informational. A "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	yes	

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	The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AUDIT. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or, in the case of single facility agencies, there has never been a Final Audit Report	yes	150
	issued.)		8