

## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report Adult Prisons & Jails

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### Agency Information

Name of Agency:		Governing Authority or Parent Agency (If Applicable):	
Texas Department of Criminal Justice		State of Texas	
Physical Address: 861-B I-45 North		City, State, Zip: Huntsville, Texas 77320	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 99		City, State, Zip: Huntsville, Texas 77342	
The Agency Is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal

**Agency Website with PREA Information:** The mission of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is to provide public safety, promote positive change in inmate behavior, reintegrate inmates into society and assist victims of crime.

### Agency Chief Executive Officer

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## Facility Information

**Name of Facility:** Price Daniel Unit

**Physical Address:** 938 S. FM 1673

**City, State, Zip:** Snyder, Texas 79549

**Mailing Address (if different from above):**

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**City, State, Zip:** -

**The Facility Is:**

Military

Private for Profit

Private not for Profit

Municipal

County

State

Federal

**Facility Type:**

Prison

Jail

**Facility Website with PREA Information:** <https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/tbcj/prea.html>

**Has the facility been accredited within the past 3 years?**  Yes  No

**If the facility has been accredited within the past 3 years, select the accrediting organization(s) – select all that apply (N/A if the facility has not been accredited within the past 3 years):**

ACA

NCCHC

CALEA

Other (please name or describe: .

N/A

**If the facility has completed any internal or external audits other than those that resulted in accreditation, please describe:**  
 Division Level Operational Review was conducted at the Daniel unit in September 2017. These reviews are conducted by each functional area proponent at least every three years. A Security Review was conducted at the Daniel unit in June 2018. Security Reviews are conducted at least every two years.

### Warden/Jail Administrator/Sheriff/Director

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## Facility Characteristics

Designated Facility Capacity:	1384	
Current Population of Facility:	963	
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	1318	
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Which population(s) does the facility hold?	<input type="checkbox"/> Females <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Males <input type="checkbox"/> Both Females and Males	
Age range of population:	18-76	
Average length of stay or time under supervision:	2 years, 1 months	
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels:	P2; G1, G2, G4	
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months:	1053	
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for <i>72 hours or more</i> :	1046	
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for <i>30 days or more</i> :	903	
Does the facility hold youthful inmates?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Number of youthful inmates held in the facility during the past 12 months: (N/A if the facility never holds youthful inmates)	Click or tap here to enter text. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Does the audited facility hold inmates for one or more other agencies (e.g. a State correctional agency, U.S. Marshals Service, Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>Select all other agencies for which the audited facility holds inmates: Select all that apply (N/A if the audited facility does not hold inmates for any other agency or agencies):</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Bureau of Prisons <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marshals Service <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Indian Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Military branch <input type="checkbox"/> State or Territorial correctional agency <input type="checkbox"/> County correctional or detention agency <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial district correctional or detention facility <input type="checkbox"/> City or municipal correctional or detention facility (e.g. police lockup or city jail) <input type="checkbox"/> Private corrections or detention provider <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please name or describe: Click or tap here to enter text. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with inmates:	187	

Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with inmates:	40
Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with inmates:	3
Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	Texas Tech – 17 Windham – 10 College - 6
Number of volunteers who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	151
<b>Physical Plant</b>	
<p>Number of buildings:</p> <p>Auditors should count all buildings that are part of the facility, whether inmates are formally allowed to enter them or not. In situations where temporary structures have been erected (e.g., tents) the auditor should use their discretion to determine whether to include the structure in the overall count of buildings. As a general rule, if a temporary structure is regularly or routinely used to hold or house inmates, or if the temporary structure is used to house or support operational functions for more than a short period of time (e.g., an emergency situation), it should be included in the overall count of buildings.</p>	18
<p>Number of inmate housing units:</p> <p>Enter 0 if the facility does not have discrete housing units. DOJ PREA Working Group FAQ on the definition of a housing unit: How is a "housing unit" defined for the purposes of the PREA Standards? The question has been raised in particular as it relates to facilities that have adjacent or interconnected units. The most common concept of a housing unit is architectural. The generally agreed-upon definition is a space that is enclosed by physical barriers accessed through one or more doors of various types, including commercial-grade swing doors, steel sliding doors, interlocking sally port doors, etc. In addition to the primary entrance and exit, additional doors are often included to meet life safety codes. The unit contains sleeping space, sanitary facilities (including toilets, lavatories, and showers), and a dayroom or leisure space in differing configurations. Many facilities are designed with modules or pods clustered around a control room. This multiple-pod design provides the facility with certain staff efficiencies and economies of scale. At the same time, the design affords the flexibility to separately house inmates of differing security levels, or who are grouped by some other operational or service scheme. Generally, the control room is enclosed by security glass, and in some cases, this allows inmates to see into neighboring pods. However, observation from one unit to another is usually limited by angled site lines. In some cases, the facility has prevented this entirely by installing one-way glass. Both the architectural design and functional use of these multiple pods indicate that they are managed as distinct housing units.</p>	17
Number of single cell housing units:	1
Number of multiple occupancy cell housing units:	12
Number of open bay/dorm housing units:	4
Number of segregation cells (for example, administrative, disciplinary, protective custody, etc.):	7
In housing units, does the facility maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if the facility never holds youthful inmates)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Does the facility have a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology (e.g. cameras, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Has the facility installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology in the past 12 months?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Medical and Mental Health Services and Forensic Medical Exams</b>		
Are medical services provided on-site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are mental health services provided on-site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Where are sexual assault forensic medical exams provided? Select all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> On-site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local hospital/clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Rape Crisis Center <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe:	
<b>Investigations</b>		
<b>Criminal Investigations</b>		
Number of investigators employed by the agency and/or facility who are responsible for conducting CRIMINAL investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment:	Office of Inspector General (OIG) - 135	
When the facility received allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (whether staff-on-inmate or inmate-on-inmate), CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS are conducted by: Select all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Facility investigators <input type="checkbox"/> Agency investigators <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An external investigative entity	
Select all external entities responsible for CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS: Select all that apply (N/A if no external entities are responsible for criminal investigations)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local police department <input type="checkbox"/> Local sheriff's department <input type="checkbox"/> State police <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Department of Justice component <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe: Office of Inspector General <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
<b>Administrative Investigations</b>		
Number of investigators employed by the agency and/or facility who are responsible for conducting ADMINISTRATIVE investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	20	
When the facility receives allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (whether staff-on-inmate or inmate-on-inmate), ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS are conducted by: Select all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility investigators <input type="checkbox"/> Agency investigators <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An external investigative entity	
Select all external entities responsible for ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS: Select all that apply (N/A if no external entities are responsible for administrative investigations)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local police department <input type="checkbox"/> Local sheriff's department <input type="checkbox"/> State police <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Department of Justice component <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe: (OIG) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

# Audit Findings

## Audit Narrative

*The auditor's description of the audit methodology should include a detailed description of the following processes during the pre-onsite audit, onsite audit, and post-audit phases: documents and files reviewed, discussions and types of interviews conducted, number of days spent on-site, observations made during the site-review, and a detailed description of any follow-up work conducted during the post-audit phase. The narrative should describe the techniques the auditor used to sample documentation and select interviewees, and the auditor's process for the site review.*

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) re-certification audit for the Price Daniel Unit, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) in Snyder, Texas was conducted on December 4-6, 2019, to determine the continued compliance of the Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards. The audit was conducted by Noelda Martinez, United States Department of Justice Prison Rape Elimination Act Certified Auditor. The auditor conducted the audit through a third-party entity as a contractor and is personally accountable for complying with the DOJ certification requirements and audit findings.

The previous PREA Audit was conducted by Maggie Capel on December 14-16, 2016. The previous auditor conducted the audit with no exceed standards, 41 met standards and 2 not applicable. The agency contract was secured through a third-party entity, PREA Auditors of America and not directly by the auditor herself. The contract described the specific work required according to the DOJ standards and PREA audit handbook to include the pre-audit, onsite audit and post-audit. The third-party contract was signed by the auditor in 2019. The third-party entity assigns the auditors after the contract was executed and clearly identifies the lead auditors' responsibilities.

The facility was provided with the pre-audit questionnaire and process map six to eight weeks prior. The agency was prepared prior to receiving the audit information by mailing the USB-drive by FedEx to the auditor on 10/21/19. The agency included an email with a tracking number and instructions on retrieving the confidential information and return of the USB-drive after the 15-month retention period. The auditor received the USB-drive within 2-3 days which included the pre-audit questionnaire, supporting documentation and master folder. The PAQ and additional audit information was expedited in a timely manner allowing follow-up questions & additional documentation as needed.

### Notice of Audit

The facility posted the notice of audit with the auditor information six to eight weeks prior to the audit in both English and Spanish for offenders to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor. Inmates were provided with the opportunity to write the auditor in a confidential manner. The notices were posted throughout the facility to include visitation, housing units, inmate work areas, offices and restrictive housing. The auditor observed the notice of audit dated 10/23/19 during the site review and verified the posting through random offender interviews identifying the notice in both English and Spanish. The audit notice was observed by the auditor in the front lobby, visitation, central entrance, education, food service, laundry, and housing units including the maintenance area, and back gate.

### Correspondence

The inmates at the facility were given the opportunity to write the auditor in a confidential manner marked as legal mail if needed. The auditor did not receive inmate correspondence from the facility. During the random inmate interviews, the auditor asked the inmates if they were aware of the Audit Notice with the auditor's information, and the random responses were "yes". During the site review, the auditor randomly asked inmates if they could point out the auditors posted information to ensure it was made available. The information was posted for the inmate population in the housing units. The auditor did not encounter any difficulties while completing any portion of the audit. The facility provided the auditor with unfettered access to areas requested by the auditor to include chemical, electrical and janitor closets.

There was no pressure during the audit or prohibited access by the facility administration during the site review, the facility administration was transparent with policies, procedures, offender and staff interviews. Good communication was maintained throughout the duration of the audit with the Warden, Regional PREA Manager, and USPPM to include additional staff.

**Audit Methodology (Pre-Onsite Audit Phase):**

The auditor utilized the paper audit instruments which included the pre-audit questionnaire, auditor compliance tool, instructions for PREA site review, interview protocols: agency head or designee, warden or designee, PREA compliance manager/contractor, specialized staff, random staff and offenders. The auditor also used the PREA auditor handbook for continued guidance, audit report template, process map and checklist of documents. The warden contacted the auditor prior to the audit to offer any assistance needed by the facility. The auditor established a positive working relationship with the Warden and key facility staff engaging in a productive working atmosphere. The Warden was receptive and eager to engage in dialogue and discussions regarding the standards. It was explained to the Warden and his staff about the importance to have unfettered access to all areas of the facility, file review of personnel contractors, volunteers, and offenders to include a variety of sensitive and confidential documentation and information referencing standard 115.401 (PREA Auditor Handbook pg. 32 & 37). The auditor explained the 30-day interim report if corrective action was required and the 180-day corrective action timeframe, if needed. The auditor explained to the warden the 45-day time frame for the submission of the final PREA report. The auditor also notified the Warden and staff of his responsibilities and expectations as an auditor and the agencies right to report any violation of the auditor's code of conduct to the PREA Resource Center. The warden and auditor discussed information regarding the 90-day appeal process.

**Litigation/Internet Search:**

The Warden was interviewed and stated that the facility was not under any litigation, DOJ involvement, and or federal consent decree. The auditor conducted an internet search regarding the Daniel Unit with the following website links and information.

[https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/unit\\_directory/dl.html](https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/unit_directory/dl.html)

**Point of Contact:**

A point of contact (POC) was established with the facility prior to the audit and constant communication was maintained. Staff and inmate interviews were conducted in an office with plenty of room and privacy for one on one interviews. During the audit planning and logistics phase, the auditor remained engaged with the warden, unit PREA manager, and regional PREA manager regarding the audit process, expectations, and coordinated the logistics of the onsite portion of the audit. The auditor focused on multiple sources of information during the audit process applying audit planning & logistics, posting notice of the audit, reviewing facility policies, procedures, and supporting documentation.

**Community Based Victim Services:**

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Safe Prisons/PREA Management office has attempted to partner with an outside victim support services and currently does not have a Memorandum of Understanding. The agency has made numerous attempts to local rape crisis centers to obtain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The agency mailed out over sixty letters to local rape crisis centers in attempts to secure an MOU to no avail. The rape crisis center information is displayed and made available to the inmate population as required. During the site review, the auditor observed a directory with rape crisis center contact information displaying addresses and phone numbers in the offender housing units. The auditor observed the rape crisis center information in the following locations: the front lobby, visitation, central entrance, food service, laundry, education, housing units, work areas, maintenance, and back gate. Random inmate interviews conducted by the auditor determined that inmates were aware of the information displayed throughout the facility in both English and Spanish.

Random inmate interviews determined their knowledge of how to obtain and contact the individual rape crisis center information if needed. The inmates explained that the rape crisis information was posted in the inmate housing dayroom by the phones for easy access and the directory pamphlet was in the law library for inmate use, as needed.

The pre-on-site audit preparation included a review of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice policies, procedures, training curriculums, pre-audit questionnaire and supporting PREA-related documentation provided by the agency to demonstrate compliance of the PREA Standards and re-certification process. The auditor received an extensive amount of primary and secondary documentation on a USB-thumb drive for review prior to the on-site phase of the audit process from the Administrative Review & Risk Management Office.

#### **Video Surveillance/Security Mirrors:**

The Daniel Unit had a total of 50 surveillance cameras positioned throughout the facility. The comprehensive surveillance system has a recording retention of twenty-one to thirty days and the older cameras have a recording retention of fifteen days. The surveillance cameras are serviced by the unit maintenance and the Regional IT department.

The facility has a total of 55 security mirrors positioned throughout the facility for the prevention of blind spots and overall safety of the staff and inmate population. The security mirrors are positioned in the following locations: Line Control (3), Food service (3), Education (2), Library (4), Front Gate (1), Central Control (3), Sally Port (Central Control) (1), Warden's Office (1), Commissary (4), Medical (4), Maintenance (4), Computer Recovery (2), Back Gate (1), Supply (3), Chapel (3), Laundry (7), J-5 Building (5), J-4 Building (1), J-3 Building (1), J-2 Building (1), and J-1 Building (1).

#### **On-Site Audit Phase:**

On the first day of the audit 12/4/19 an introductory meeting was held with the following staff in attendance: Warden, Assistant Warden, Regional PREA Manager, Unit Safe Prisons PREA Manager and additional staff. The auditor and warden discussed a workspace to conduct staff and inmate file reviews. The requested files for staff and inmates were made available to the auditor upon request with no hesitation or delay. Following the introductory meeting, the auditor was escorted by the Warden and key staff for the site review. The auditor observed the operations at the facility and was given unimpeded access to areas requested by the auditor. The auditor spent three days on the unit to observe and assess the day-to-day practice of the staff's interaction and promotion of the overall sexual safety.

During the site review, the auditor conducted informal interviews in the following departments: food service, maintenance, education, law library, and random correctional officers regarding the reporting and notification process for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Staff interviewed during the site review were able to describe the process in a consistent manner and carried a PREA pocket trifold (first responders) as part of their uniform. The auditor reviewed the following functions to include cross-gender announcements in housing units, cross-gender viewing in housing areas, grievance boxes, offender dining area, zero-tolerance posters/third party reporting, auditor notice of onsite visit, access to reporting entities, housing activity, inmate activity, search areas, restroom and shower procedures, privacy screens, staffing ratios, security mirrors, surveillance cameras, working telephones, and supervision practices.

#### **Site Review/Locations:**

The following information describes the areas observed by the auditor during the site review which included: Front gate, Administration, Visitation, Chapel, Education, Law Library, Library, Vocation, Laundry, Commissary, Food Service, Medical, Maintenance/Boiler room, Computer Recovery, Back gate, Supply, Restrictive Housing, Line Control, J1 (A,B,C), J2 (D,E,F), Gym, J3 (G,H,I), J5 (M,N,O,P) Vacant as of 8/2019, and J4 (J,K,L). The auditor observed the PREA signs in both English and Spanish displayed on large frames neatly organized. The Safe Prisons Coordinator's name was painted in red for the easy visibility for the inmate population.

The facility had 50 surveillance cameras and has 55 security mirrors positioned throughout the facility for the prevention of blind spots and overall safety of the staff and inmate population. The security mirrors are positioned in the following locations: Line Control (3), Food service (3), Education (2), Library (4), Front Gate (1), Central Control (3), Sally Port (Central Control) (1), Warden's Office (1), Commissary (4), Medical (4), Maintenance (4), Computer Recovery (2), Back Gate (1), Supply (3), Chapel (3), Laundry (7), J-5 Building (5), J-4 Building (1), J-3 Building (1), J-2 Building (1), and J-1 Building (1). The auditor tested the phone lines in the housing areas which were in working condition. The auditor observed grievance boxes, mailboxes, and legal drop boxes for the inmate population. The grievances are available to the inmate population upon request, inmates can also request it from the Grievance department if needed or any other staff member. The auditor observed the notice of audit in both English and Spanish dated 10/23/19 at the entrance of the facility in the front administration area. The Daniel Unit administration building had PREA signs displayed in both English and Spanish throughout the area with security mirrors positioned in areas identified as potential blind spots for clear visibility and view. The auditor requested staff to open a janitor closet for good lighting and limited access. Central control was observed to have surveillance cameras with no view from the staff walking past the entrance for cross-gender viewing and all staff entering and exiting were required to present identification.

The auditor observed the administration building with the notice of audit dated 10/23/19 with the PREA signs displayed in both English and Spanish. The inmate barber room also had the notice of audit dated 10/23/19 with the PREA signs displayed in both English and Spanish. The sign provided the following information: report sexual abuse to the Unit Major, Office of Inspector General or PREA Ombudsman P.O. Box 99, in Huntsville, TX 77342. The Safe Prisons Coordinators photo was displayed for the inmate population which allows the inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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.

The visitation area was observed to have the PREA signs of zero-tolerance posted in English and Spanish, third-party notice, victim support services and for the inmate population. The sign provided the following information: report sexual abuse to the Unit Major, Office of Inspector General or PREA Ombudsman P.O. Box 99, in Huntsville, TX 77342. The Safe Prisons Coordinators photo was displayed for the inmate population which allows the inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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. The inmate restrooms are located in the back of visitation with privacy from cross-gender viewing. The strip search area was in the back of visitation with privacy from cross-gender viewing and conducted by same gender staff in a professional manner. The visitation area had contact and non-contact for family visits. The electrical closet B-133 with restricted access and good lighting. The visitation area had a capacity of 115.

The chapel was observed to have three security mirrors and no surveillance cameras in the area. The PREA signs were displayed in both English and Spanish. The sign provided the following information: report sexual abuse to the Unit Major, Office of Inspector General or PREA Ombudsman P.O. Box 99, in Huntsville, TX 77342. The Safe Prisons Coordinators name was painted in orange for the inmate population which allows the inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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.

The Education building was observed to have a total of five teachers and one correctional officer. The PREA information was displayed on a large bulletin board including: zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), and Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population.

This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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. The inmate restroom was facilitated with a full door for privacy and no visibility for cross-gender viewing. The law library was observed to have the PREA signs in both English and Spanish to include the TAASA service directory for the inmate population. There were no surveillance cameras in the education building. The janitor closet was observed and had limited access and good lighting. The inmate restroom area had a door and half privacy walls for the inmate population. The law library had the PREA signs displayed in both English and Spanish and the sign provided the following information: report sexual abuse to the Unit Major, Office of Inspector General or PREA Ombudsman P.O. Box 99, in Huntsville, TX 77342. The notice of audit was displayed and dated 10/23/19. The vocation department had active computer classes. The PREA information was displayed on a large bulletin board including: zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), and Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population. The inmate restroom had a half wall for privacy and prevention of cross-gender viewing.

The laundry department was observed and had good lighting with seven security mirrors. There were no surveillance cameras in the area. The laundry department had two large privacy screens for the strip search process of inmates. The auditor observed five large dryers and a security mirror behind the dryers to prevent any blind spots. The security mirrors were strategically positioned to provide excellent coverage of all areas that were a potential blind spot. The inmate restroom area was observed for privacy and cross-gender viewing. The PREA signs were displayed in both English and Spanish and the sign provided the following information: report sexual abuse to the Unit Major, Office of Inspector General or PREA Ombudsman P.O. Box 99, in Huntsville, TX 77342. The notice of audit was displayed and dated 10/23/19.

The Commissary department was observed to have the PREA zero tolerance signs posted in both English and Spanish. The signs provided the following information: report sexual abuse to the Unit Major, Office of Inspector General or PREA Ombudsman P.O. Box 99, in Huntsville, TX 77342. The notice of audit was displayed and dated 10/23/19. There were no surveillance cameras in the area. The commissary area has 3:1 inmate to employee ratio in the department. The inmate strip searches are conducted in the back area for privacy and conducted by same gender staff in a professional manner. The inmate restroom had a full door for privacy and prevention of cross-gender viewing. The restroom area has a full door for privacy.

The Food Service department had two security mirrors positioned throughout the kitchen for the prevention and elimination of potential blind spots. The PREA information was displayed on a large bulletin board including: zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19), for the inmate population. This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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. The inmate restrooms had a full door for privacy and was labeled inmate restrooms. The food service department had an inmate dining area, a serving line, a scullery, correctional officers, two Sergeants and a Captain. The food service department has three shifts and 20 to 40 inmates assigned. The auditor observed the inmate dining areas, serving line, production, dishwashing area, coolers, freezers, commissary storage, lighting, electrical and other closets, back dock, offices, staff restrooms, and the open layout in the kitchen for clear visibility. The dry storage area was observed with two security mirrors in the area. The strip searches are conducted by same gender staff in a designated area. The inmate searches are conducted one at a time. The food service capacity was 168 inmates.

The medical department had a holding area with a capacity of 15 inmates and the PREA information was displayed on a large bulletin board including: zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), and Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population. There was one security mirror and a half door for privacy in the inmate restroom. Inmates requiring a SANE exam are transported offsite to the Abilene Regional Hospital or Hendricks Hospital. The department had 19 medical staff and a Psychologist with a Master Level MHP four days a week.

There are no surveillance cameras in the medical department. The mechanical room was observed with limited access and good lighting. The auditor observed security mirrors positioned throughout the area to prevent and eliminate potential blind spots and for the protection of staff and inmates. The inmate restroom was facilitated with a full door for privacy and prevention of cross-gender viewing.

The maintenance department had four security mirrors and no surveillance cameras throughout the area. The PREA information was displayed on a large bulletin board including: zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), & Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population. This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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. The auditor observed the maintenance supervisor, 20-25 inmates and seven maintenance employees. The strip searches are conducted one at a time in a designated area by same gender staff. The inmate restroom had half a door for privacy and prevention of cross-gender viewing. The paint room was observed with limited access and good lighting. Boiler room: The PREA zero-tolerance signs were displayed in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), and Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population.

The computer recovery was observed with the PREA information was displayed on a large bulletin board including: zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), & Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population. This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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. There were no inmates assigned to the area and only employees are assigned to work there as of July 2019. The inmate restroom had a large metal privacy wall with individual dividers providing privacy for the inmates.

Back gate: A male correctional officer was assigned to the back-gate area and auditor observed four surveillance cameras in the back gate. The PREA information was displayed on a large bulletin board including: zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), and Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population. This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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. There was a half wall for the inmate restroom with privacy in the back gate. The inmate strip searches are conducted by the same gender staff behind a privacy screen.

The supply area had three security mirrors and no surveillance cameras. The auditor observed two inmates assigned to the area and one inmate restroom with privacy from cross-gender viewing. The PREA zero tolerance signs were displayed in both English and Spanish. The mechanical room was observed with limited access and good lighting.

The restrictive housing area was observed to have the PREA information was displayed on a large bulletin board including: zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), and Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population. This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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. There were no inmates assigned to restrictive housing during the site review. There were seven cells with individual restrooms, a recreation area and a shower area with privacy.

The recreation yard was observed to have a large privacy metal wall for the inmate urinals and a large metal privacy wall for the strip search area with no cross-gender viewing.

J1 building was observed to have the PREA signs displayed in both English and Spanish painted in orange with the Safe Prisons Coordinators name painted in large print at the front entrance of the building for the inmate population clearly visible from a far distance and for inmates with vision impairment, or hard of hearing. This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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. The PREA zero tolerance signs are displayed in both English and Spanish with the following information: report sexual abuse to the Unit Major, Office of Inspector General or PREA Ombudsman P.O. Box 99, in Huntsville, TX 77342. B wing had the knock and announce painted on the door with a capacity of 84 inmates. The auditor observed female staff announcement, "female in the dorm" prior to entering the inmate housing unit. The showers were observed to have half doors for privacy and privacy barriers in the urinals. A dorm had a half wall for privacy in dayroom urinal. The strip searches are conducted in the cell by same gender staff.

J2 building (D,E,F) had the PREA signs displayed in both English and Spanish painted in orange with the Safe Prisons Coordinators name painted in large print at the front entrance of the building for the inmate population clearly visible from a far distance and for inmates with vision impairment, or hard of hearing. This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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. The PREA zero tolerance signs are displayed in both English and Spanish with the following information: report sexual abuse to the Unit Major, Office of Inspector General or PREA Ombudsman P.O. Box 99, in Huntsville, TX 77342. The PREA signs were displayed in the housing areas in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), and Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population. F wing had the knock and announce painted on the door with a capacity of 84 inmates. The auditor observed female staff announcement, "female in the dorm" prior to entering the inmate housing unit. The showers were observed to have half doors for privacy and privacy barriers in the urinals. A dorm had a half wall for privacy in dayroom urinal. The strip searches are conducted in the cell by same gender staff. There were no cameras in the housing areas.

The auditor entered the officer control and required to present her identification card prior to entering the officer picket. The auditor observed the D, E, and F wing with no visibility into the shower area or cross-gender viewing. The Gym area had the PREA zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish to include the notice of audit dated 10/23/19. The inmate restrooms had the half wall in the toilet area and the strip searches are conducted behind the privacy screens.

J3 building (G,H,I) had the PREA signs displayed in both English and Spanish painted in orange with the Safe Prisons Coordinators name painted in large print at the front entrance of the building for the inmate population clearly visible from a far distance and for inmates with vision impairment, or hard of hearing. This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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.

The PREA zero tolerance signs are displayed in both English and Spanish with the following information: report sexual abuse to the Unit Major, Office of Inspector General or PREA Ombudsman P.O. Box 99, in Huntsville, TX 77342. The PREA signs were displayed in the housing areas in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), and Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population. G wing had the knock and announce painted on the door with a capacity of 84 inmates. The auditor observed female staff announcement, "female in the dorm" prior to entering the inmate housing unit. The showers were observed to have half doors for privacy and privacy barriers in the urinals. I wing had a half wall for privacy in dayroom urinal. The strip searches are conducted in the cell by same gender staff. There were no cameras in the housing areas and the auditor observed working phones.

J4 building (J,K,L) had the PREA signs displayed in both English and Spanish painted in orange with the Safe Prisons Coordinators name painted in large print at the front entrance of the building for the inmate population clearly visible from a far distance and for inmates with vision impairment, or hard of hearing. This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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. The PREA zero tolerance signs are displayed in both English and Spanish with the following information: report sexual abuse to the Unit Major, Office of Inspector General or PREA Ombudsman P.O. Box 99, in Huntsville, TX 77342. The PREA signs were displayed in the housing areas in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), and Notice of PREA audit (10/23/19) for the inmate population. K wing had the knock and announce painted on the door with a capacity of 84 inmates. The auditor observed female staff announcement, "female in the dorm" prior to entering the inmate housing unit. The showers were observed to have half doors for privacy and privacy barriers in the urinals. I wing had a half wall for privacy in dayroom urinal. The strip searches are conducted in the cell by same gender staff. There were no cameras in the housing areas and the auditor observed working phones and televisions.

The inmate population was 963 on the first day (12/4/19) of the audit. The auditor walked through the main central control where all staff were required to present identification prior to entering the compound. Random staff interviewed during the site review were able to articulate the reporting process for a sexual abuse allegation in a consistent manner. A workspace was provided for the auditor to review inmate files. The requested files for staff and inmates were made available to the auditor upon request with no hesitation or delay.

Name of Record	Number Reviewed
Backgrounds/files/training	20
Volunteer Files	5
Inmate Files	25
Investigation Files	23
Contract Files	17 Medical 14 Windham
Training Records/Supervisors	20

**Employee Files:** The auditor reviewed a total of 20 employee files with training records and background checks that corresponded with employees interviewed during the onsite phase of the audit.

**Inmate Files:** The auditor reviewed a total of 25 files which corresponded with the inmate interviews during the onsite phase of audit meeting all required categories.

**Investigation Files:** The facility had a total of twenty-three sexual abuse/sexual harassment allegations in the past twelve months. The USPPM provided the investigations to the auditor on the first day of the audit for review. The auditor reviewed ten of twenty-three investigations listed in the chart below.

Description	Status	OIG Referral	Criminal Case/Disposition
1. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
2. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
3. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
4. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
5. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
6. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
7. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
8. Allegations against Staff	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
9. Allegations against Staff	Unfounded	Referred to OIG	No case opened
10. Allegations against Staff	Active	Referred to OIG	No case opened

The documentation provided to the auditor included TDCJ forms utilized by the agency, education materials, training curriculums, organizational charts, posters, brochures, reports, offender population reports, memorandums of agreement & or attempted MOU's, signed training rosters, community-based contact information, facility layout, and other PREA related materials that were provided to demonstrate compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act standards.

On 12/4/19, the Daniel Unit inmate population was 963 on the first day of the audit. The designed facility capacity is 1384. The auditor contact information was posted throughout the unit dated 10/23/19. A unit layout of the facility was provided to the auditor reflecting all areas of the facility. The physical plant had 18 buildings, 1 single cell housing units, 12 multiple occupancy cell housing units, 4 open bay/dorm housing units and 7 segregation cells. The average length of stay or time under supervision: 2 years and 1 months. Facility security level/inmate custody levels: P2; G1, G2, G4. The number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with inmates: 187. The number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who have contact with inmates: 40. The number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who might have contact with inmates: 3. Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility: Medical 17, Staff that contract with Windham 10, College 6 and 151 volunteers.

### Staff Interviews

The auditor conducted inmate and staff interviews on December 4-6, 2019, as part of standard 115.401 (k)(m) with privacy in an office setting. A list of inmates, staff, volunteers, and contractors to include their shift and job assignments was provided to the auditor for selection & review of interviews and documentation review.

The auditor conducted the staff interviews on December 4-6, 2019. Staff interviews were conducted in a private setting in a separate office on an individual basis with no distractions or delays. Previous Interviews conducted: one agency head or designee and one agency PREA coordinator.

The auditor conducted the following interviews with facility staff during the onsite phase of the audit:

Category of Staff	Interviews Conducted
<b>Specialized Staff (Total)</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Random Staff (Total)</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Staff Interviewed</b>	<b>40</b>
Breakdown of Specialized Staff Interviews:	22
Warden PCM	2
Intermediate or higher-level facility staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major</li> <li>• Captain</li> <li>• Lieutenant</li> <li>• Sergeant</li> <li>• Food Service</li> <li>• Maintenance</li> </ul>	5
Medical and mental health staff	2
Non-medical staff involved in cross-gender strip searches	0
Human resource staff	1
Volunteers and Contractors who have contact with inmates	2
Investigative staff	2
Staff who perform screening for risk of victimization	1
Staff who supervise inmates in segregation housing	1
Incident review team	1
Designated staff member charged with monitoring retaliation	1

First responder, security staff	1
First responder, non-security staff	1
Intake staff	0
<b>RANDOM STAFF INTERVIEWS</b>	<b>18</b>
Chief of Classification	1
Grievance	1
Laundry Manager	1
Education Staff	1
Unit Commissary	1
Inmate records	1
Field Officer	1
Offender Property Officer	1
Correctional officers	9

### Inmate Interviews:

The auditor conducted offender interviews on December 4-6, 2019 with no offender refusals. The auditor selected a geographically diverse sample of random male offenders for the audit process to include housing units by a selecting the first and tenth of every housing unit. The facility population was 963 on the first day of the audit.

Category of Inmates	Interviews Conducted
<b>Random Inmates (Total)</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Targeted Inmates (Total)</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total Inmates Interviewed</b>	<b>48</b>
Breakdown of Targeted Inmate Interviews:	
• Youthful inmates	0 (no youthful inmates)
• Inmates with physical disability	1
• Inmates who are blind	0
• deaf	0
• hard hearing	1
• Inmate who are LEP	5
• Inmates with a cognitive disability	0
• Inmates who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual	0/4/1
• Inmates who identify as transgender or intersex	5 Transgender 0 intersex
• Inmates in segregated housing for high risk of sexual victimization/suffered prior abuse	0
• Inmates who reported sexual abuse	5
• Inmates who reported sexual victimization during risk screening	6

Inmates were interviewed in an office setting on an individual basis with privacy and enough time. The offenders were interviewed using the Department of Justice protocol interview questions generally and specifically targeting their knowledge of reporting mechanisms available for offenders to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The offenders interviewed were well informed about the PREA reporting process, their rights to be free from sexual abuse, and how to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment. No offenders refused during the offender interview process.

An exit meeting was held on 12/6/19 to discuss the overall audit process with the Warden, Assistant Warden, Regional PREA manager and USPPC staff.

The auditor discussed the review of the pre-audit process to include the post notice of upcoming audit, communication with the community-based victim advocates, and auditor review of submitted agency facility questionnaire, policies and procedures. The facility was prepared with primary and secondary documentation with resources supporting each PREA standard. The on-site audit consisted of the site review, additional document review, to include staff and offender interviews. The post audit included the auditor compliance tool, review of policies/procedures, review of documentation and data. The auditor noted that this audit was the recertification for the facility, staff, and offenders.

The previous PREA Audit was conducted by Maggie Capel on December 14-16, 2016. The previous auditor conducted the audit with no exceed standards, 41 met standards and 2 not applicable. During the re-certification audit on December 4-6, 2019 by Noelda Martinez, the auditor determined that the facility is 100% compliant with the Prison Rape Elimination Act standards for this relevant review period. The facility required corrective action for the following standards 115.41 & 115.67. The auditor noted an observation for standard 115.42 in which the facility had previously taken a proactive approach by conducting training prior to the audit. In addition, the auditor determined the facility had five exceed standards which included 115.11, 115.31, 115.51, 115.54 and 115.64, due to the exceptional documentation provided & reviewed including primary and secondary and the awareness/practice made throughout the facility of the zero-tolerance of sexual abuse & sexual harassment.

115.405 Audit appeals. (a) An agency may lodge an appeal with the Department of Justice regarding any specific audit finding that it believes to be incorrect. Such appeal must be lodged within 90 days of the auditor's final determination. The Agency's Right to Appeal Standard 115.405 provides agencies with the option to appeal any findings of an audit that they believe are incorrect. The auditor who issued the findings under appeal has no role in the appeal process other than to provide documentation of his or her work or answer questions upon request by DOJ.

## Facility Characteristics

*The auditor's description of the audited facility should include details about the facility type, demographics and size of the inmate, resident or detainee population, numbers and type of staff positions, configuration and layout of the facility, numbers of housing units, description of housing units including any special housing units, a description of programs and services, including food service and recreation. The auditor should describe how these details are relevant to PREA implementation and compliance.*

The Price Daniel Unit address is 938 S. FM 1673 in Snyder, Texas 79549. The facility is located four miles east of Snyder on Highway 180 and one mile north of CR 1673 in Scurry County. The facility was established in August of 1989. The designated capacity is 1,384 with a unit capacity of 963 and houses male inmates. The approximate acreage is 579.

The Windham School District (WSD) out of Huntsville, Texas provides educational services to TDCJ facilities and is present at the Daniel Unit. Medical services at the Daniel Unit are contracted through the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (Texas Tech).

The Mission of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) is to "provide public safety, promote positive change in offender behavior, reintegrate offenders into society, and assist victims of crime."

- Agricultural Operations:** Edible and Field Crops, Security Horses, Security Pack Canines
- Manufacturing and Logistics Op.:** Computer Recovery Facility; Freight Terminal; Snyder Distribution Center
- Facility Operations:** Unit Maintenance
- Additional Operations:** Windham Region V Administrative Office
- Medical Capabilities:** Ambulatory medical, dental, and mental health services. Telemedicine Services and CPAP accommodating housing available. All services on a single level. Managed by Texas Tech.
- Educational Programs:** Literacy (Adult Basic Education/GED), Special Education, CHANGES/Pre-Release, Cognitive Intervention, Career and Technology Programs: Bricklaying / Stone Masonry; Construction Carpentry, Western Texas College Vocational: Computer Repair.
- Additional Programs/Services:** Adult Education Program (upon availability), Peer Education, Reentry Planning, Chaplaincy Services, GO KIDS Initiative
- Community Work Projects:** Services provided to city agencies, the local school district, local organizations, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.
- Volunteer Initiatives:** Substance Abuse Education, Life Skills, Support Groups, Religious/Faith Based Studies and Activities

## Summary of Audit Findings

*The summary should include the number and list of standards exceeded, number of standards met, and number and list of standards not met.*

**Auditor Note:** *No standard should be found to be “Not Applicable” or “NA”. A compliance determination must be made for each standard.*

### Standards Exceeded

**Number of Standards Exceeded:** 5

**List of Standards Exceeded:** 115.11, 115.31, 115.51, 115.54, 115.64

### Standards Met

**Number of Standards Met:** 40

### Standards Not Met

**Number of Standards Not Met:** N/A

**List of Standards Not Met:**

## PREVENTION PLANNING

### Standard 115.11: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by The Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.11 (a)

- Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No

#### 115.11 (b)

- Has the agency employed or designated an agency wide PREA Coordinator?  Yes  No
- Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper level of the agency hierarchy?  Yes  No
- 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  No

#### 115.11 (c)

- If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)  Yes  No  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.)  
 Yes  No  NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

*The narrative below must include a comprehensive discussion of all 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 the standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.*

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed:** (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (February 2019)-PREA Table of Contents
- Designated agency PREA head from the Executive Director
- Agency organizational chart
- Post Order-07.150 Unit Safe Prisons/PREA Manager
- Unit organizational Chart
- Executive Directive 03.03 Safe Prisons/PREA program

**Interviews:**

- PREA Coordinator
- PREA Compliance Manager

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has assigned the CID Director as the Agency-Wide PREA Coordinator, PREA Ombudsman Office has a Certified PREA Auditor, Administrative Review & Risk Management Office has a Certified PREA Auditor, a Safe Prisons/PREA Management Office, a Regional PREA Manager and a designated Unit Safe Prisons PREA Manager. The facility was equipped with the staff required, resources, & support staff. The interviews conducted during the audit determined the assigned Unit Safe Prisons PREA Manager stated that he had enough time to complete his duties and responsibilities. The facility has designated a Sergeant as the PREA Manager oversees the Safe Prisons Office for the facility and a Safe Prisons Officer.

**Site Review Observations:**

- a. PREA signage displayed throughout the facility in all areas
- b. Cross-gender announcements/no cross-gender viewing (showers/toilet areas in housing units, gyms, recreation yard)
- c. PREA signs painted in orange at the front entrance of every building

**Findings:**

**115.11 (a)** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice Mission Statement is as follows: The mission of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is to provide public safety, promote positive change in inmate behavior, reintegrate inmates into society and assist victims of crime. Safe Prisons/PREA Program Executive Directive 03.03; Authority: Tex. Gov't Code 493.001, 493.006(b), 494.001,501.002, 501.011; General Appropriations Act, 83rd Leg. R.S., Art. V, Rider 38;42 U.S.C. 1983, 15601-15609; Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standard 115.11. The TDCJ has a zero-tolerance policy toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Violators shall be subject to criminal charges and civil liability in state or federal court, as well as TDCJ disciplinary action.

The Daniel Unit displayed all forms of zero-tolerance posters, signs, and notices, meeting the standard for the recertification period. The facility had designated strip search areas and searches are conducted by same gender staff in a professional manner. The auditor observed a large display of PREA zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish to include the victims' rights contact information with addresses and phone numbers for the inmate population. The auditor observed bulletin boards, posters, handouts and materials, review of offender and staff handbooks, and interviews with staff and offenders. Staff are required to carry a PREA informational card that outlines the first responder duties and definitions regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The PREA zero tolerance signs were painted in orange at the front entrance of every building for the inmate population which allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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.

**115.11 (b)** The Director of the Correctional Institutions Division is appointed as the PREA coordinator and through interviews determined they have a TDCJ Safe Prisons/PREA Plan to ensure every effort is made to maintain a safe and secure environment for staff and inmates, as well as oversee TDCJ endeavors to comply with PREA standards. The PREA coordinator interview determined that there was enough time to fulfill all the duties and responsibilities required. The following information describes the areas observed by the auditor during the site review which included: Front gate, Administration, Visitation, Chapel, Education, Law Library, Library, Vocation, Laundry, Commissary, Food Service, Medical, Maintenance/Boiler room, Computer Recovery, Back gate, Supply, Restrictive Housing, Line Control, J1 (A,B,C), J2 (D,E,F), Gym, J3 (G,H,I), J5 (M,N,O,P) Vacant as of 8/2019, and J4 (J,K,L). The auditor observed the PREA signs in both English and Spanish displayed on large frames neatly organized. The Safe Prisons Coordinator's name was painted in red for the easy visibility for the inmate population.

The facility had 50 surveillance cameras and has 55 security mirrors positioned throughout the facility for the prevention of blind spots and overall safety of the staff and inmate population. The security mirrors are positioned in the following locations: Line Control (3), Food service (3), Education (2), Library (4), Front Gate (1), Central Control (3), Sally Port (Central Control) (1), Warden's Office (1), Commissary (4), Medical (4), Maintenance (4), Computer Recovery (2), Back Gate (1), Supply (3), Chapel (3), Laundry (7), J-5 Building (5), J-4 Building (1), J-3 Building (1), J-2 Building (1), and J-1 Building (1).

**115.11 (c)** The policy and procedures establish the responsibilities to implement a zero-tolerance policy for prohibiting, preventing, detecting, responding to and investigating the sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates. The facility has a detailed policy and organizational chart the auditor was provided during the pre-audit phase of the audit. The facility staff interviewed acknowledged and understood the zero-tolerance policy along with the specific Prison Rape Elimination Act policy. Random staff presented their PREA cards as part of their uniform to the auditor during the site review. This determination is based in part on the agency level staff completing the Prison Rape Elimination Act auditor training. The auditor also commended the facility for implementing what is considered good practices in corrections and in accordance with the intent of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. The Daniel Unit displayed all forms of zero-tolerance posters, signs, photos of PREA management staff and notices meeting the standard for the recertification period. The facility had PREA information in both English and Spanish in every housing unit, work area and closets observed by the auditor.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## **Standard 115.12: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### **115.12 (a)**

- 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  No  NA

### 115.12 (b)

- Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates.)  Yes  No  NA

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed:** (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- AD-02.46 (rev. 4) The TDCJ requires employees of entities contracting with the TDCJ to comply with applicable TDCJ policies, procedures, regulations, and posted rules.

### Findings:

**115.12** The unit is a State of Texas managed facility and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice does not contract with other entities for the confinement of inmates at the Daniel Unit.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

### Standard 115.13: Supervision and monitoring

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### 115.13 (a)

- 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  No

- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No  NA
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any other relevant factors?  Yes  No

#### 115.13 (b)

- In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document and justify all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.13 (c)

- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No

### 115.13 (d)

- 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  No
- Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts?  Yes  No
- 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  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### **Documentation Reviewed:** (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- Security Operations Procedures Manual 07.02 Deletion
- New Installation or relocation of video surveillance equipment
- Security Operations Procedures Manual Turnout Roster Management 08.0
- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan 2/19
- Security Operations Procedure Manual 08.06 Annual Review Turnout Rosters
- Administrative Directive 11.52 Security Staffing
- PD-22 General Rules of Conduct & Disciplinary Action Guidelines for Employees

- Post Order 07.005 Sergeant of Correctional Officers
- Post Order 07.004 Lieutenant of Correctional Officers
- Post Order 07.003 Captain of Correctional Officers
- Post Order 07.002 Major of Correctional Officers
- Staffing Plan Review 2016, 2017, 2018
- Staffing Roster

### Interviews:

Intermediate or Higher-Level Staff

- Major of Correctional Officers
- Captain of Correctional Officers
- Lieutenant of Correctional Officers
- Sergeant of Correctional Officers
- Maintenance Supervisor
- Food Service Supervisor
- Staff interviews (supervisor visibility)
- Inmate interviews (supervisor availability)

### Site Review Observations:

1. Shift Turnout rosters (signature/location of unannounced rounds)
2. Logbooks (unannounced round signatures)

### Findings:

**115.13 (a)** The TDCJ Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (dated 2/19) addresses the standard: Supervision and Monitoring (§115.13) The supervision of inmate will be conducted by supervisors at each unit shall conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Security staffing: each unit is required to develop, document, and comply with a staffing plan that provides adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse and take into consideration all relevant factors.

**115.13 (b)** The staffing plans were reviewed to include the staffing plan review minutes by the auditor. The Daniel Unit staffing plan was reviewed prior to the onsite audit. The staffing plan provides adequate staffing levels, video monitoring to protect inmates against sexual abuse. Intermediate and Upper-level Supervisors are conducting unannounced rounds on all shifts daily to include night shift with no patterns identified.

The following information describes the areas observed by the auditor during the site review which included: Front gate, Administration, Visitation, Chapel, Education, Law Library, Library, Vocation, Laundry, Commissary, Food Service, Medical, Maintenance/Boiler room, Computer Recovery, Back gate, Supply, Restrictive Housing, Line Control, J1 (A,B,C), J2 (D,E,F), Gym, J3 (G,H,I), J5 (M,N,O,P) Vacant as of 8/2019, and J4 (J,K,L). The auditor observed the PREA signs in both English and Spanish displayed on large frames neatly organized. The Safe Prisons Coordinator's name was painted in red for the easy visibility for the inmate population.

The facility had 50 surveillance cameras and has 55 security mirrors positioned throughout the facility for the prevention of blind spots and overall safety of the staff and inmate population. The security mirrors are positioned in the following locations: Line Control (3), Food service (3), Education (2), Library (4), Front Gate (1), Central Control (3), Sally Port (Central Control) (1), Warden's Office (1), Commissary (4), Medical (4), Maintenance (4), Computer Recovery (2), Back Gate (1), Supply (3), Chapel (3), Laundry (7), J-5 Building (5), J-4 Building (1), J-3 Building (1), J-2 Building (1), and J-1 Building (1). The auditor tested the phone lines in the housing areas which were in working condition. The auditor observed grievance boxes, mailboxes, and legal drop boxes for the inmate population. The grievances are available to the inmate population upon request, inmates can also request it from the Grievance department if needed or any other staff member. The auditor observed the notice of audit in both English and Spanish dated 10/23/19 at the entrance of the facility in the front administration area.

The Daniel Unit administration building had PREA signs displayed in both English and Spanish throughout the area with security mirrors positioned in areas identified as potential blind spots for clear visibility and view. The auditor requested staff to open a janitor closet for good lighting and limited access. Central control was observed to have surveillance cameras with no view from the staff walking past the entrance for cross-gender viewing and all staff entering and exiting were required to present identification.

**115.13 (c)** This determination is based on the staffing plan reviews, staffing rosters, interviews conducted with facility intermediate staff or higher-level staff who conduct unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The auditor reviewed the documentation of unannounced rounds covering day and night shifts at different times.

**115.13 (d)** The supervisors interviewed during the audit articulated the process proceeding the responsibility of addressing issues on alerting staff regarding unannounced rounds. The auditor observed the documented unannounced rounds during the site review covering different shifts. The agency policy prohibits staff from alerting other staff of the conduct of such rounds. The staffing plan reviewed was comprehensive of the number and placement of staff and amount of video technology (where applicable) that is necessary to ensure the sexual safety of the inmate population to include the facility layout and characteristics, classifications of inmates, and unique security needs and programming.

The staffing plan was reviewed for the normal and expected operational conditions that can affect staffing shortages include:

- Medical Transport
- Constant Direct Observation
- Unit to Unit Transfer
- Hospital Security

The facility is making their “best efforts to comply on a regular basis” with the staffing plan. The auditor concluded that the facility complies with the standard for the relevant recertification period.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.14: Youthful inmates

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.14 (a)

- 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].)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.14 (b)

- In areas outside of housing units does the agency maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].)  Yes  No  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].)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.14 (c)

- 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].)  
 Yes    No    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].)    Yes    No    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].)  
 Yes    No    NA

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
  
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
  
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)**

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19

**Findings:** The Daniel Unit does not house youthful inmates.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

**Standard 115.15: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.15 (a)**

- 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    No

**115.15 (b)**

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)  
 Yes  No  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 facility does not have female inmates.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.15 (c)

- Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?  Yes  No
- Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.15 (d)

- 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  No
- 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  No
- Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit?  Yes  No

#### 115.15 (e)

- 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  No
- 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  No

#### 115.15 (f)

- 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  No

- 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  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- On the Job Training (OJT) Procedures Manual
- AD-03.22 Inmate Searches
- Safe Prisons-PREA Plan 2/19
- Security Manual Table of Contents
- ED-01.21 Policies and Procedures System
- PO -07-015 Shower Room Officer
- SM-01.01 Correctional Institutions Division (CID) Security Policies and Procedures System
- Correctional Training and Staff Development FY 2019 PREA Program (pre-service) (non-supervisor) 9. "Cross-Gender Viewing & Searches/LGBTI Inmates In-service & Pre-Service Training
- Safe Prisons/PREA Operational Manual 02.05 Cross-Gender Searches and Log

#### Interviews:

- Random Staff
- Random Inmates

#### Site Review Observations:

The Daniel Unit had a total of 50 surveillance cameras positioned throughout the facility. The comprehensive surveillance system has a recording retention of twenty-one to thirty days and the older cameras have a recording retention of fifteen days. The surveillance cameras are serviced by the unit maintenance and the Regional IT department. The facility has a total of 55 security mirrors positioned throughout the facility for the prevention of blind spots and overall safety of the staff and inmate population. The security mirrors are positioned in the following locations: Line Control (3), Food service (3), Education (2), Library (4), Front Gate (1), Central Control (3), Sally Port (Central Control) (1), Warden's Office (1), Commissary (4), Medical (4), Maintenance (4), Computer Recovery (2), Back Gate (1), Supply (3), Chapel (3), Laundry (7), J-5 Building (5), J-4 Building (1), J-3 Building (1), J-2 Building (1), and J-1 Building (1).

**Privacy Screen observations:**

The auditor observed large metal privacy screens in the education restrooms for the inmate population. The vocation restroom C-112 had doors for privacy and good coverage. The auditor observed the PREA signs in both English and Spanish and the victim's rights displayed in the vocation area. The laundry department had large rolling privacy barriers utilized for the strip searches in the area. The laundry inmate restroom had a half wall and individual metal dividers between the urinals for privacy. The food service department inmate restroom had a full door and individuals' dividers for privacy. There was a designated strip search area with full privacy barriers made out of metal in front of the inmate dining area. The medical holding inmate restroom area had a full door for inmate privacy. The computer recovery area is currently not in use for the inmate population. The auditor observed the inmate restrooms with a large privacy metal half wall with individual privacy dividers. The back gate holding area had a large privacy shield all the way around the fence to provide privacy from all areas for the prevention of cross-gender viewing. The restrictive housing area had the knock and announce painted in red on the door for all staff. The restrictive housing dayroom area had a large metal privacy barrier for inmate privacy. The recreation area had a large metal privacy barrier with full coverage for the use of the urinals. The recreation yard had a designated strip search area with large metal privacy barriers providing good coverage and prevention of cross-gender viewing. The J1 building had the PREA signs displayed in both English and Spanish painted in orange with the Safe Prisons Coordinators name painted in large print at the entrance for clear visibility for the inmate population. B wing dayroom restrooms and shower area were observed by the auditor. The showers had half doors and the toilet had a half metal barrier for privacy. There was an additional half wall with an extended partition for coverage and prevention of cross-gender viewing. The auditor observed the officer control station for cross-gender viewing; the windows were painted half-way at the bottom for inmate privacy. The F-wing restroom dayroom urinal had a large metal privacy wall for the inmate use and privacy. The officer dining room lights were replaced during the site review. The chapel inmate restroom had a full door for privacy and was labeled offender restroom. The chapel staff restroom was labeled for easy identification. The offender dining hall had the Zero Tolerance signs in both English and Spanish painted in large orange print with the Safe Prisons Coordinators name painted for the inmate population. The food service coolers were well lighted and clean. The food service commissary area had good lighting and mirrors positioned to cover the blind spots.

The facility had PREA paintings displayed in all housing areas of the facility to include information visible from a distance to make inmates and staff aware of all PREA laws. The amount of information provided to the inmate population that was displayed throughout the facility allows inmates easy access to the reporting process and sets the tone for Zero-Tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

**Findings:**

**115.15 (a)** Safe Prisons-PREA Plan 2/19; Safe Prisons/PREA Operational Manual 02.05 Cross-Gender Searches and Log: The number of cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of inmates: 0. The number of cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of inmates that did not involve exigent circumstances or were performed by non-medical staff: 0. The auditor did not observe any cross-gender strip searches or visual body cavity searches on inmates during the site review. The auditor did not interview nonmedical staff involved in cross-gender strip or visual searches.

**115.15 (b)** The facility does not house female inmates.

**115.15 (c)** The facility does not house female inmates.

**115.15 (d)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (dated 2/19) addresses the cross-gender viewing and searches.

Correctional officers shall make the best efforts to allow inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine checks. Staff of the opposite gender shall announce their presence when entering an inmate housing area in accordance with applicable post orders. Under no circumstances shall an inmate search be conducted solely for the purpose of determining an inmate's genital status.

During the site review the auditor observed staff of the opposite gender conduct the "knock and announce," by saying "female on the floor" when entering the inmate housing areas. The Regional PREA Managers provide training for each facility and the USPPM are required to disseminate the training on the facility. The shift supervisors conduct training on PREA related standards to include cross-gender Searches and viewing during shift briefing. The auditor reviewed LGBTI/PREA training for 2018 & 2019. The auditor interviewed 18 random staff who received the training for cross-gender searches and viewing. The auditor interviewed 20 random inmates and stated that they were able to shower, change and use the restroom with privacy from the opposite gender. The auditor observed staff make the verbal announcement of female in dorm/pod during the site review from both male and female staff prior to a female staff entering the inmate housing unit. The inmate interviews indicated staff of the opposite gender staff made the announcements prior to entering the housing unit for privacy reasons.

**115.15 (e)** There auditor interviewed inmates who identified as transgenders inmate during the onsite audit. Policy and procedures determined that transgender and intersex inmates would be given the opportunity to shower, change and use the toilet with privacy. The inmates stated that they were assessed every six months or as needed by a UCC committee. The transgender/intersex inmates stated that they had the opportunity to shower separately if desired. The transgender/intersex inmates also stated that aside from their twice a year review from UCC.

**115.15 (f)** The CTSD training curriculum addresses the cross-gender viewing & searches. The auditor reviewed the documentation of exigent circumstances with none conducted for the audit cycle. All inmates interviewed clearly described their ability to shower, change clothes, and use the toilet without the opposite-gender staff viewing them.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

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

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### **115.16 (a)**

- 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  No
- 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  No

- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- 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 intellectual disabilities?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- 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  No

#### 115.16 (b)

- Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient?  Yes  No
- Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?  Yes  No

#### 115.16 (c)

- Does the agency always refrain from relying on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistance except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19)
- Intake Procedures 1.10
- AD-06.25 Qualified Interpreter Services-American Sign Language
- Correctional Managed Health Care Policy Manual G.51.1 Inmates with Special Needs
- Safe Prisons/PREA Program Postings and Brochures 02.03
- Qualified Spanish Interpreter Guidelines SM-05.50
- Certified American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter Services G-51.5
- AD 04.25 provides language assistance services to inmates identified as monolingual Spanish speaking
- Intake Processing of Inmates in need of an Interpreter 6.05
- Interpreter Services E-37.5
- SPPOM Inmate Assessment Screening 03.01
- Psychiatric and Developmental Disabilities PO-07105
- List of Spanish Interpreters
- TDCJ Health Services Liaison Facility Types List Definitions
- A list of Staff who speak a language other than English or Spanish

#### Interviews:

- Warden
- PREA Manager
- Random Staff
- Intake Staff
- Medical staff

**Site Review Observations:**

The Daniel Unit takes 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. The agency takes 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. The PREA information was displayed on a large bulletin board including: zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish, PREA ombudsman/third-party reporting (English/Spanish), Notice of PREA audit, and victim support services for the inmate population. This allows inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who 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.

**Findings:**

**115.16 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses inmates with disabilities shall have access to education in formats accessible to all inmates, including those who are limited English proficient, deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as inmate who have limited reading skills. The agency shall provide qualified interpreters in informal governmental proceedings for inmates who use American Sign Language (ASL) as their primary means of communicating. Assistive Disability Services (ADS), describes UTMB program that is designed to coordinate and/or provide care for inmates with mobility, vision, hearing or speech impairments. Interpreter Services G-51.5; the ADS must be notified and will provide an Advanced, Master, or equivalent ASL interpreter for inmates with a significant hearing loss necessitating written communication and/or the use of sign language as described in the policy. AD 04.25 provides language assistance services to inmates identified as monolingual Spanish speaking. The interviews with the agency head and inmates with disabilities or who are limited English proficient determined that inmates have adequate care needed for 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.

**115.16 (b)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses inmates with disabilities shall have access to education in formats accessible to all inmates, including those who are limited English proficient, deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as inmate who have limited reading skills. Inmates with disabilities or who are limited English proficient have equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

**115.16 (c)** The agency has a policy which prohibits use of inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations. The facility documents the limited circumstances in individual cases where inmate interpreters, readers, or other types of inmate assistants are used. In the past 12 months, the 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: 0.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

**Standard 115.17: Hiring and promotion decisions**

## All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.17 (a)

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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 question immediately above?  Yes  No

### 115.17 (b)

- Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates?  Yes  No
- 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  No

### 115.17 (c)

- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with inmates, does the agency perform a criminal background records check?  Yes  No
- 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  No

### 115.17 (d)

- Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates?  Yes  No

#### 115.17 (e)

- 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  No

#### 115.17 (f)

- 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  No
- 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  No
- Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?  Yes  No

#### 115.17 (g)

- Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?  Yes  No

#### 115.17 (h)

- 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  No  NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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*not meet the standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.*

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)**

- Standard of Supplemental Safe Prisons/PREA Training/Employee Acknowledgement Form
- Employment Application Supplement for Agency Applicants
- Applicants with pending criminal charges or prior criminal convictions PD-75
- Selection Criteria for Correctional Officer Applicants PD-73
- Employment Application Supplement PERS 282
- TDCJ Application Clearance; & Selection System Procedures PD-71

**Interviews:**

- Human Resource Manager

**Site Review Observation:**

The auditor reviewed a total of 20 employee files with training records and background checks that corresponded with employees interviewed during the onsite phase of the audit.

**Findings:**

**115.17 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (dated 2/19) addresses Employee hiring; TDCJ shall not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates, and shall not enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates, who previously has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution, as defined in 42 USC 1997; has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community that was facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, coercion, or if the victim did not consent, refused, or was unable to consent or refuse; or has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in Section VIII. A.I.b.

**115.17 (b)** The facility provided the auditor employee questionnaire and staff backgrounds confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

**115.17 (c)** The agency utilizes a live system with the DPS record access system which utilizes NCIC, TCIC, & NLET; Selection System Procedures PD-71. The auditor reviewed employee and contractor background checks for compliance. The number of persons hired who may have contact with inmates who have had criminal background record checks: 40. The Administrative Human Resource staff was interviewed and described the hiring process for all employees regarding the PREA laws and regulations.

**115.17 (d)** The agency policy requires that a criminal background record check be completed before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates. Yes. In the past 12 months: 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: 3. The Administrative Human Resource staff was interviewed and described the hiring process for all employees regarding the PREA laws and regulations.

**115.17 (e)** The agency utilizes a live system with the DPS record access system which utilizes NCIC, TCIC, & NLET; Selection System Procedures PD-71. The Administrative Human Resource staff was interviewed and described the hiring process for all employees regarding the PREA laws and regulations. The HR stated that the backgrounds are conducted in the HR headquarters prior to staff being hired. Once clearance is received the information is forwarded to the facility HR.

**115.17 (f)** The facility provided the auditor employee questionnaire and staff backgrounds confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

The Administrative Human Resource staff was interviewed and described the hiring process for all employees regarding the PREA laws and regulations.

**115.17 (g)** The facility policy states that material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination.

**115.17 (i)** The Human Resources staff was interviewed and stated that 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.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.18: Upgrades to facilities and technologies

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.18 (a)

- If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)  
 Yes  No  NA

#### 115.18 (b)

- If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse?  
(N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)  Yes  No  NA

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)**

- SOPM 07.02 Deletion,
- New Installation or Relocation of Video Surveillance Equipment
- Operating and Monitoring Video Surveillance Systems SM 01.14.

**Interviews:**

- Warden

**Site Review Observations:**

The Daniel Unit had a total of 50 surveillance cameras positioned throughout the facility. The comprehensive surveillance system has a recording retention of twenty-one to thirty days and the older cameras have a recording retention of fifteen days. The surveillance cameras are serviced by the unit maintenance and the Regional IT department.

The facility has a total of 55 security mirrors positioned throughout the facility for the prevention of blind spots and overall safety of the staff and inmate population. The security mirrors are positioned in the following locations: Line Control (3), Food service (3), Education (2), Library (4), Front Gate (1), Central Control (3), Sally Port (Central Control) (1), Warden's Office (1), Commissary (4), Medical (4), Maintenance (4), Computer Recovery (2), Back Gate (1), Supply (3), Chapel (3), Laundry (7), J-5 Building (5), J-4 Building (1), J-3 Building (1), J-2 Building (1), and J-1 Building (1).

**Findings:**

**115.18 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (dated 2/19) addresses the development, documentation, and complies with a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse. The site review and warden's interview determined that the facility did not have any renovations, modifications, or expansions to the facility.

**115.18 (b)** The Daniel Unit had a total of 50 surveillance cameras positioned throughout the facility. The comprehensive surveillance system has a recording retention of twenty-one to thirty days and the older cameras have a recording retention of fifteen days. The surveillance cameras are serviced by the unit maintenance and the Regional IT department.

The facility has a total of 55 security mirrors positioned throughout the facility for the prevention of blind spots and overall safety of the staff and inmate population. The security mirrors are positioned in the following locations: Line Control (3), Food service (3), Education (2), Library (4), Front Gate (1), Central Control (3), Sally Port (Central Control) (1), Warden's Office (1), Commissary (4), Medical (4), Maintenance (4), Computer Recovery (2), Back Gate (1), Supply (3), Chapel (3), Laundry (7), J-5 Building (5), J-4 Building (1), J-3 Building (1), J-2 Building (1), and J-1 Building (1).

The surveillance System Coordinator in conjunction with the Unit Warden and the Warden of Security Operations will deploy the surveillance equipment to enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. The Security Operations "Equipment Status Report" records the approved quantity of cameras allocated to each unit. The "Surveillance Operations "Equipment Status Report" is maintained by Security Operations in coordination with the unit. Security Operations is responsible for updating and maintaining the "Equipment Status Report". The quantity of cameras allocated may be increased or decreased as required by unit mission changes, staffing changes, inmate security designation, or to protect inmates against sexual abuse. Requests to change the unit's camera allocation will be made utilizing the following procedures. Whenever necessary, but no less frequently than once each year the Unit Warden shall review the deployment of video monitoring systems to ensure adequate coverage is provided to protect against sexual abuse. The unit Warden shall collect any relevant information from the agency Safe Prison/PREA Compliance Manager containing the prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse from the previous year.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action

## RESPONSIVE PLANNING

### Standard 115.21: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.21 (a)

- 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  No  NA

#### 115.21 (b)

- Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  Yes  No  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  No  NA

#### 115.21 (c)

- 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  No
- Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?  Yes  No

#### 115.21 (d)

- Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?  Yes  No

- 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.)  Yes  No  NA
- Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?  Yes  No

#### 115.21 (e)

- 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  No
- As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?  Yes  No

#### 115.21 (f)

- If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating agency follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.21 (g)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### 115.21 (h)

- If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (N/A if agency *always* makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.)  Yes  No  NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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*not meet the standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.*

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)**

- SPPOM 02.02 Offender Victim Representative
- Reviewed RCC MOU
- Reviewed letters showing efforts to obtain services for local Rape Crisis Centers
- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan 2/19
- Reviewed list of OVR Representatives
- CTSD Offender Victim Representative (OVR) Training
- Reviewed over sixty attempts to solicit community rape crisis organizations
- TAASA Service Directory; CMHC G-57-01 Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse
- TDCJ Office of Inspector General OIG-04.05 Inmate Sexual Assault Investigations
- Safe Prisons/PREA Operational Manual-Sexual Abuse Response & Investigation 05.01
- Evidence Handling AD-16.03

**Interviews:**

- SANE/SAFE Staff (no SAFE/SANE nurses assigned to the facility/inmates are transported offsite location/hospital)
- Random Staff
- PREA Compliance Manager
- Medical Staff

**Site Review Observations:**

The facility had trained Offender Victims Representatives on the facility and random interviews conducted determined their knowledge, duties and responsibilities for victims of sexual abuse.

**Findings:**

**115.21 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Operational Manual-Offender Victim Representative; Written policy and procedure require the TDCJ to make available to an inmate victim of sexual assault, a victim advocate from a rape crisis center. When an advocate from a rape crisis center is not available to provide emotional support advocacy services following an allegation of sexual assault, the TDCJ shall upon request of the inmate victim, provide an OVR to support the inmate victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews. The facility had trained staff who are assigned as an offender victim representative on the facility. Eighteen random staff interviews were conducted, and they were able to describe the reporting process for a sexual abuse allegation.

**115.21 (b)** The facility did not house any youthful inmates at the facility. The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with primary & secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit of the facility. The facility provided the auditor with Offender Victim Representative (OVR) Training confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

**115.21 (c)** The facility had staffed trained and assigned as Offender Victims Representatives (OVR) on the facility available to the inmate population 24/7. The OVR shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals. OVR's shall be approved by the unit warden to serve in this role and shall receive the necessary training concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues. Each unit warden shall designate at least two OVR's from the following job qualifications Mental Health Practitioner, Sociologist, Chaplain, Social Worker, or Case Manager. The facility transports all sexual assault victims to the local hospital where on-call SANE nurses are available 24/7.

*Victims of sexual assault who require a forensic exam will be taken to the nearest hospital emergency department for completion of the exam. State law (SB-1191) requires that ER staff have specialized training to complete a forensic exam but does not require that be SANE or SAFE training. When possible SANE or SAFE will be utilized.*

The number of forensic medical exams conducted during the past 12 months: 2 (information collected for the PAQ). The number of exams performed by SANES/SAFEs during the past 12 months: 2 (information collected for the PAQ).

**115.21 (d)** The facility had employees trained and assigned as Offender Victims Representatives (OVR) on the facility available to the inmate population 24/7. The OVR shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals. OVR's are approved by the unit warden to serve in this role and shall receive the necessary training concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues. *Victims of sexual assault who require a forensic exam will be taken to the nearest hospital emergency department for completion of the exam. State law (SB-1191) requires that ER staff have specialized training to complete a forensic exam but does not require that be SANE or SAFE training. When possible SANE or SAFE will be utilized.*

**115.21 (f)** The agency is responsible for conducting investigations on the facility.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## **Standard 115.22: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### **115.22 (a)**

- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?  Yes  No

### **115.22 (b)**

- Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior?  Yes  No
- Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?  Yes  No
- Does the agency document all such referrals?  Yes  No

### **115.22 (c)**

- If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does the policy describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.21(a).)  Yes  No  NA

## 115.22 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

## 115.22 (e)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- AD-02.15 Operations of the Emergency Action Center and Reporting Procedures for Serious or Unusual Incidents
- SPPOM 05.05 Completing the Inmate Protection Investigation
- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation
- AD-16.20 Reporting incidents Crimes to the Office of the Inspector General
- OIG-04-05 Inmate Sexual Assault
- BP-01.07 Inspector General Policy Statement
- PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates

#### Interviews:

- Warden

#### Findings:

**115.22 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses this standard in the policy. Allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment shall be referred on the appropriate investigative forms contained within AD-02.15, "Operations of the Emergency Action Center and Reporting Procedures for Serious or Unusual Incidents," for staff-on-inmate allegations and the SPPOM for inmate-on-inmate allegations. All incidents were fully reported and investigated. Two Investigators were interviewed and found to be very knowledgeable concerning the responsibilities under the PREA Standards to include verification of the PREA required training.

During the past 12 months, the number of allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment that were received: 23. During the past 12 months, the number of allegations referred for criminal investigation: 23 (information collected from the PAQ).

**115.22 (b)** The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit of the facility. The auditor reviewed investigator training files for staff who were trained in conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings.

The supervisors received the Specialized Training for Conducting a Thorough Investigation. The auditor reviewed the Office of Inspector General NIC training confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

**115.22 (c)** The Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducts the criminal investigations on the facility. The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and tour of the facility. The auditor reviewed ten investigator training files for staff who were trained in conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings. The auditor reviewed the Office of Inspector General NIC training confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

### Standard 115.31: Employee training

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.31 (a)

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?  Yes  No

- 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  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- 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  No

#### 115.31 (b)

- Is such training tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility?  Yes  No
- 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  No

#### 115.31 (c)

- Have all current employees who may have contact with inmates received such training?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- 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  No

#### 115.31 (d)

- Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?  Yes  No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)**

- Staff Training Acknowledgement forms
- Correctional Training and Staff Development 2019/Safe Prison PREA Program/Supervisor In-Service Training
- Correctional Training and Staff Development 2019 Pre-Service Training
- Safe Prisons Module: Sexual Abuse/Assault
- CTSD Pre-service Training Block 1 Safe Prisons/PREA Plan
- Safe Prisons PREA in Texas-Video Script
- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan; CTSD Non-Supervisor In-Service Training Safe Prisons PREA
- SM-02.02 On-the-Job Training (OJT) Program
- AD 12.20 Implementation & Operation of the TDCJ In-Service Program
- ED-12.10 TDCJ Training Database
- PD-97 Training and Staff Development
- Pre-Service Training Inmate Protection Investigations
- PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates
- SPPOM 06.01 Unit Safe Prisons PREA Program Awareness Training

**Interviews:**

- Random Staff

**Findings:**

**115.31 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses this standard in the policy. All Safe Prisons/PREA Program training and education shall be performed in accordance with the Correctional Training and Staff Development program schedule, the SPPOM, and this plan.

**115.31 (b)** All employees who may have contact with inmates shall receive the following information in accordance with the Safe Prisons/PREA requirements: zero-tolerance policy on sexual abuse and sexual harassment; methods of fulfilling responsibilities, the right of inmates to be free of sexual abuse and harassment; the right of inmates and staff to be free from retaliation for reporting abuse, the characteristics of victims; how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse; how to avoid in appropriate relationships with inmates; how to communicate effectively and professional with LGBTI inmates; how to comply with relevant laws and mandatory reporting; & common characteristics of victim/predators. All training is tailored to the gender of the inmate at the unit of assignment.

**115.31 (c)** The facility provided the auditor with Standard/Supplemental Safe Prisons/PREA Training Employee Acknowledgement forms, Employee Training, curriculums additional forms of 20 training files confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period. A review of the training curriculum, training records and interviews support that staff have been trained regarding the requirements of PREA. The number of staff employed by the facility, who may have contact with inmates, who were trained or retrained on the PREA requirements: 191. All staff are required to carry the PREA card with their first responder duties. All staff have been trained on first responder duties and how to report a sexual abuse allegation.

**115. 31 (d)** The staff interviewed by the auditor were knowledgeable of PREA requirements and expectations as it relates to reporting, investigations, and treatment of inmates reporting PREA related issues.

The staff interviewed by the auditor were experienced and well versed in evidence collection and reporting expectations. The auditor concluded that the facility complies with the standard on their training efforts for the relevant recertification period.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.32: Volunteer and contractor training

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.32 (a)

- 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  No

#### 115.32 (b)

- Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates)?  Yes  No

#### 115.32 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)**

- Administrative Directive-02.46 Employees of Private Business and Governmental Entities Contracting with the TDCJ
- CMHC C-25.1
- CMHC C-19.1
- Administrative Directive 16.03
- UTMB NEO Training and Schedule
- PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates
- Handbook for Volunteers
- Letter of Orientation for Special Volunteers
- PD-97 Training for Staff Development
- Safe Prisons/ PREA Plan 02/19
- Safe Prisons in Texas-Video Script
- Explanation Statement of Fact from TDCJ Volunteer Services
- Volunteer Services-2015
- Volunteer Services Plan
- AD-07.35 Administration of Volunteer Services
- Appendix F Acknowledgement of Volunteer Training Orientation
- Volunteer Training Acknowledgement
- Volunteer Training Schedule

**Interviews:**

- Volunteer(s) and Contractor(s) who have contact with inmates

**Findings:**

**115. 32 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (dated 2/19) addresses the standard in the policy-Contractor and Volunteer Content. All volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates shall be trained regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures in accordance with the TDCJ Volunteer Services Plan, PD-29, "Sexual Misconduct with Inmates," and this plan.

**115. 32 (b)** The level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be specific to the services provided and the level of contact with inmates; however, all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates shall be notified of the TDCJ's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed of the procedures of reporting incidents. All volunteers/contractors who have contact with inmates have been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse/harassment and informed how to report such incidents.

**115.32 (c)** The agency maintains documentation confirming that volunteers/contractors understand the training they have received. The number of volunteers and individual contractors, who have contact with inmates, who have been trained in agency policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse/harassment prevention, detection, and response: Unit Volunteers-151; Medical – 17; College-6, Staff contracting with Windham -10. Each volunteer signs the Acknowledgement of Training (AOT) Form after each training session. The AOT Form is filed in the volunteers' central file maintained at TDCJ Volunteer Services in Huntsville, Texas. The volunteer's electronic file is the source to which the facility identifies the approval status of a volunteer. The electronic file is updated by TDCJ Volunteer services staff. The facility provided the auditor with Acknowledgment of Volunteer Training Orientation confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.33: Inmate education

## All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.33 (a)

- During intake, do inmates receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- During intake, do inmates receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?  Yes  No

### 115.33 (b)

- Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- 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  No

### 115.33 (c)

- Have all inmates received the comprehensive education referenced in 115.33(b)?  Yes  No
- 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  No

### 115.33 (d)

- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills?  Yes  No

### 115.33 (e)

- Does the agency maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions?  
 Yes  No

### 115.33 (f)

- In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- UCPM-05.00 Unit Orientation Procedures with Attachments
- SPPOM 06.02 with Attachment Q
- Inmate Orientation Handbook
- Inmate Video Instruction Letter
- IPM 01.10 Initial Orientation
- AD-04.25 Language Assistance Services to Inmates Identified as Monolingual Spanish Speaking
- AD-06.25 Qualified Interpreter Services-America Sign Language
- CMHC Policy E-37.5 Interpreter Services
- CMHC Policy G-51.01 Inmates with Special Needs
- CMHC Policy G-51.5 Certified ASL Interpreter Services
- SM-05.50 Qualified Spanish Interpreters Guidelines
- Staff who speak Foreign Languages 2016
- Inmate SAA Video Script
- SPPOM 02.03 Postings and Brochure

#### Site Review Observations:

The auditor conducted inmate interviews on December 4-6, 2019 with no inmate refusals. The auditor selected a geographically diverse sample of random male inmates for the audit process to include housing units by selecting the first and tenth of every housing unit.

There was a total of 48 inmates who were interviewed onsite, in a room on an individual basis with privacy. The inmates were interviewed using the Department of Justice protocol interview questions generally and specifically targeting their knowledge of reporting mechanisms available for inmates to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The inmates interviewed were well informed about the PREA reporting process, their rights to be free from sexual abuse, and how to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment. No inmates refused during the inmate interview process.

**Findings:**

**115.33 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. During the intake process, inmates shall be provided with educational information explaining the TDCJ's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in accordance with the TDCJ Classification Plan and TDCJ Unit Classification Procedures Manual.

**115.33 (b)** Within 30 days of intake, the USPPM shall ensure inmates are provided with comprehensive education either in person or through video regarding their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and any retaliation for reporting these incidents; and regarding TDCJ policies and procedures from responding to these incidents within 30 days of intake: 1014 (information collected from the PAQ).

**115.33 (c)** The number of inmates admitted during the past 12 months who were given this information at intake: 1053 (information collected from the PAQ).

**115.33 (d)** Inmate PREA education is available in accessible formats for all inmates including those who are LEP or disabled. The PREA video is played in the dayroom television requiring all inmates to view the PREA informational video monthly. The facility continues to provide inmates PREA information through Wall Talk classes held by trained Peer Educators providing this information to the inmate population weekly or twice a month. The facility has maintained these classes consistently providing additional information for the inmate population.

**115.33 (e)** The facility provided the auditor with inmate training confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## **Standard 115.34: Specialized training: Investigations**

### **All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.34 (a)**

- In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.31, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators receive training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)  Yes  No  NA

#### **115.34 (b)**

- Does this specialized training include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)  Yes  No  NA

- Does this specialized training include proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)  Yes  No  NA
  
- 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  No  NA
  
- Does this specialized training include the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.34 (c)

- 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  No  NA

### 115.34 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- BP-01.07 Inspector General Policy Statement
- CTSD Safe Prisons PREA Investigation Training
- OIG OPM 02.15 Training Procedures
- OIG LP3201 Sexual Assault Investigative Topics
- PD-97 Training and Staff Development

- AD-16.03 Evidence Handling
- CMHC C-25.1 Orientation Training for Health Services Staff
- OIG OPM 04.05 Inmate Sexual Assault Investigation
- OIG LP-2029 Interviewing and Interrogation Lesson Plan
- ED-12.10 Training Records and Database
- OIG Roster for NIC PREA Training

**Interviews:**

- Investigative Staff

**Investigation Files:** The facility had a total of twenty-three sexual abuse/sexual harassment allegations in the past twelve months. The USPPM provided the investigations to the auditor on the first day of the audit for review. The auditor reviewed ten of twenty-three investigations listed in the chart below.

Description	Status	OIG Referral	Criminal Case/Disposition
1. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
2. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
3. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
4. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
5. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
6. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
7. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
8. Allegations against Staff	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
9. Allegations against Staff	Unfounded	Referred to OIG	No case opened
10. Allegations against Staff	Active	Referred to OIG	No case opened

**Findings:**

**115.34 (a)** The Safe Prison/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. All allegations of sexual abuse shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions. 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. Department of Justice 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.

**115.34 (b)** The Investigations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment shall be conducted promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports. Investigations involving allegations of sexual abuse shall be conducted by investigators who have received special training in sexual abuse investigations pursuant to this plan.

**115.34 (c)** The auditor reviewed investigator files who were trained in conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings. The auditor interviewed two investigators with knowledge and experience regarding the sexual abuse investigation process.

**115.34 (d)** The auditor reviewed the Office of Inspector General NIC training confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period. The number of investigators currently employed who have completed the required training: OIG-134 & Unit-18.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

**Standard 115.35: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### 115.35 (a)

- 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  No  NA
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.35 (b)

- If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams or the agency does not employ medical staff.)  
 Yes  No  NA

### 115.35 (c)

- 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  No  NA

### 115.35 (d)

- 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  No  NA
- 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  No  NA

## Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- Letter of Orientation TDCJ Health Services Division Trainees
- AD-16.03 Evidence Handling
- CMHC C-19.1 Continuing Education & Staff Development
- CMHC C-25.1 Orientation Training for Health Service Staff
- PD-97 Training and Staff Development and Statement of Fact for Forensic Exams

### Interviews:

- Medical and Mental Health

### Site Review Observations:

The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and tour of the facility. The facility provided the auditor with medical/mental health training confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

### Findings:

**115.35 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Ongoing Medical and Mental Health: All inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile unit shall be offered medical and mental health evaluation and treatment, as appropriate.

**115.35 (b)** The evaluation and treatment of such inmate victims shall include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in other units in accordance with CMHC policies or their release from custody. Inmate victims shall be provided medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care. Inmates who have the capacity to become pregnant as a result of sexually abusive penile-vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered pregnancy tests. The facility does not house female inmates. Policy states, if pregnancy results from the conduct described in this section, the victim shall receive timely and comprehensive information about and access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services in accordance with CMHC policies.

Inmates who become victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate and in accordance with CMHC policies. CMHC C-25.1, CMHC C-19.1, AD-16.03, PD-97, UTMB NEO Training and Schedule, Texas Tech Training (1-4 Quarter). Agency medical staff does not conduct forensic medical exams but are trained on their responsibility per 115.32. A mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers shall be attempted within 60 days of learning of the abuse and treatment shall be offered when deemed appropriate in accordance with CMHC policies.

**115.35 (c)** The auditor reviewed medical and mental health training verifying compliance with the standard. The auditor interviewed medical and mental health staff verifying that they had received PREA training and understood the reporting process required by the standards.

**115.35 (d)** The auditor reviewed training logs of medical and mental health staff to include fifteen contractors.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

### Standard 115.41: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.41 (a)

- Are all inmates assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?  Yes  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?  Yes  No

#### 115.41 (b)

- Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.41 (c)

- Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.41 (d)

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability?  Yes  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?  Yes  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?  Yes  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?  Yes  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?  Yes  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?  Yes  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 non-conforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)?  Yes  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?  Yes  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?  Yes  No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10) Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes?  Yes  No

#### 115.41 (e)

- In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency, prior acts of sexual abuse?  Yes  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?  Yes  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?  Yes  No

#### 115.41 (f)

- Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening?  Yes  No

#### 115.41 (g)

- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a referral?  Yes  No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a request?  Yes  No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to an incident of sexual abuse?  Yes  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?  Yes  No

#### 115.41 (h)

- Is it the case that inmates are not ever disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8), or (d)(9) of this section?  Yes  No

#### 115.41 (i)

- Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates?  Yes  No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)**

- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- SPPOM-03.01 Inmate Assessment Screening with Attachment E & E1
- CMHC E-35.01 Mental Health Appraisal for Incoming Inmates
- CMHC A-09.01 Privacy of Care
- Disclosed Sexual Victimization
- IPM-CL-69 Psychological Screening Interview
- IPM 5.06 Intake Procedure Security Referrals

**Interviews:**

- Staff responsible for Risk Screening
- Random inmates
- PREA Compliance Manager

**Findings:**

**115.41 (a)** The number of inmates entering the facility within the past 12 months who were screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other inmates within 72 hours of their entry to the facility: 1046. The number of inmates entering the facility within the past 12 months who were reassessed for their risk of sexual victimization or of being sexually abusive within 30 days after their arrival at the facility based upon any additional, relevant information received since intake: 390.

**115.41 (b)** The auditor reviewed 25 inmate files for the following documentation: PREA Intake Screening within 72 hours of admission; Potential Victim or Potential Aggressor; LGBTI; Follow-up meeting with Medical/Mental Health offered; Reassessment within 30-days from arrival to the facility; warranted reassessment (incident, referral, request, new info); & PREA Information/Comprehensive Training. The auditor discovered four inmate files that did not have the inmate risk assessment as required.

**115.41 (c)** SPPOM-03.01 Inmate Assessment Screening with Attachment E & E1.

**115.41 (d)** SPPOM-03.01 Inmate Assessment Screening with Attachment E & E1. The agency does not detain inmates solely for civil immigration purposes.

**115.41 (e)** The interview with the staff responsible for risk screening determined that the initial screening considers 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. The agency does not detain inmates solely for civil immigration purposes.

**115.41 (f)** SPPOM-03.01 Inmate Assessment Screening with Attachment E & E1. The policy requires that the facility reassess each inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days after the inmate's arrival at the facility, based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening. The number of inmates entering the facility (either through intake or transfer) who were reassessed for their risk of sexual victimization or of being sexually abusive within 30 days after their arrival at the facility based upon any additional, relevant information received since intake: 390.

**115.41 (g)** The number of inmates entering the facility (either through intake or transfer) who were reassessed for their risk of sexual victimization or of being sexually abusive within 30 days after their arrival at the facility based upon any additional, relevant information received since intake: 390.

**115.41 (h)** The facility prohibits the use of disciplinary sanctions for inmates refusing to answer or disclose complete questions.

The interview with staff responsible for risk screening stated that inmates would not be disciplined if they refused to answer the questions. Inmate interviews determined that they were not disciplined for failure to answer any of the questions.

**115.41 (i)** The PREA Coordinator, PREA Manager and Staff Responsible for Risk Screening stated during the interview that only authorized staff could view the assessments.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommended corrective action for 115.41 (b). During the review of the inmate files and records for standards 115.33, 115.41 and 115.81; the auditor discovered four inmate files that did not have the inmate risk assessment as required. The standard requires for the intake screening to take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility. The auditor and facility administrator discussed the finding, reviewed the standard, and discussed a plan of action with all parties involved as part of the corrective action plan. The auditor required the facility to immediately initiate the inmate risk assessments onsite and a copy was provided to the auditor. The auditor, PREA manager and facility administrator worked together to accomplish the required actions. The auditor required the facility to follow-up with the completion of the 30-day reassessment for inmates' risk of victimization not to exceed the 30 days. The facility-initiated training for standard 115.41 (b) as part of the corrective action for the individuals directly responsible for conducting the inmate risk assessments within 72 hours upon arrival; records of the training were documented and provided to the auditor. The Major of Corrections was instructed to monitor the inmate risk assessments for a duration of 30-days. The facility completed all requirements within the timeframe set forth by the auditor with no further action required.

## Standard 115.42: Use of screening information

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.42 (a)

- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No

#### 115.42 (b)

- Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate?  Yes  No

#### 115.42 (c)

- 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  No
- 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 present management or security problems?  Yes  No

#### 115.42 (d)

- 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  No

#### 115.42 (e)

- 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  No

#### 115.42 (f)

- Are transgender and intersex inmates given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates?  Yes  No

#### 115.42 (g)

- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)  Yes  No  NA
- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: transgender inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)  Yes  No  NA

- 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 solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)  
 Yes    No    NA

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- SPPOM 03.01 Attachment E
- TDCJ Classification Plan
- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan 2/19
- AD 04.18 Inmate Job Assignments, Job Descriptions
- AD-04.17 Inmate Housing Assignment Criteria and Procedures
- SPPOM 03.01 Inmate Assessment Screening
- SPPOM 03.02 Special Population Review
- CMHC G-51.111 Treatment of Inmates with Intersex Conditions, or Gender Dysphoria, formerly known as Gender Identity Disorder
- UCPM-0400 Inmate Housing Assignments
- PO-07.015 Shower Officer
- SM-01.01 Correctional Institutions Division (CID) Security Policies and Procedures System

#### Interviews:

- PREA Manager
- Staff responsible for Risk Screening
- Transgender/Intersex inmate Interviews

#### Site Review Observations:

The following areas were observed by the auditor for privacy of showers in housing units and privacy for all toilet work areas: food service, education, medical and boiler room, visitation area, maintenance, commissary, educational, inmate housing (dormitory), recreation yard, gymnasium, and laundry.

**Findings:**

**115.42 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Inmates identified as transgender or intersex shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from the inmates in accordance with Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC) policies. LGBTI inmates shall not be placed in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely based on this identification or status, unless the placement is in a dedicated wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement for the purpose of protecting these inmates. Inmates of the LGBTI community were interviewed and stated that they were housed in general population. The auditor reviewed the inmates housing location for verification of housing.

**115.42 (b)** All inmates shall be assessed during intake and if transferred to another unit for permanent assignment, to determine the risk of being sexually abused by or sexually abusive toward other inmates. Intake screening shall take place within 24 hours of arrival at the unit in accordance with the SPPOM. Assignments shall be made through collaborative efforts of intake staff, the USPPM, and medical and mental health services by using objective screening instruments.

**115.42 (c)** The intake screening shall include at a minimum the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: any mental, physical, or developmental disability; the age of the inmate; the physical build of the inmate; previous incarceration; whether the criminal history is exclusively nonviolent; prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child; perception of the inmate as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming; previous sexual victimization; and the inmates own perception of vulnerability. Within a period not to exceed 30-days from the inmate's arrival at an intake facility, the inmate shall be reassessed for risk of victimization or abusiveness following receipt of any additional or relevant information by the TDCJ since the initial intake screening. An inmate's risk level shall be reassessed following a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that may affect the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. The facility has identified those at heightened risk of being sexually victimized and those at heightened risk of being sexually abusive so that it can make housing and programming decisions with the goal being to use this information to prevent sexual abuse. A review of the documentation of reassessment of programming assignments were reviewed.

**115.42 (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. The facility recognized a deficiency prior to the audit and took corrective measures immediately by retraining staff on the requirements of the standard. The auditor reviewed the training and documentation with no further action required. Interviews with the PREA Compliance Manager, Staff Responsible for Risk Screening and Transgender and Intersex Inmates verified compliance with the standard. Transgender/Intersex inmates stated that the PREA manager/staff meet with them once or twice a month to ensure their safety and well-being aside from their 6-month review. The PREA manager/staff are readily available.

**115.42 (e)** There were multiple interviews with transgender and intersex inmates onsite; and the policy determined inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety shall be given serious consideration.

**115.42 (f)** Transgender and intersex inmates are given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates. Interviews with transgender and intersex inmates verified compliance with the standard.

**115.42 (g)** The facility did 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. The PREA Coordinator, PREA Compliance Manager and Transgender/Intersex/Gay/Lesbian inmates interviews verified compliance.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.43: Protective Custody

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.43 (a)

- 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  No
- 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  No

### 115.43 (b)

- Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Programs to the extent possible?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No  NA
- If the facility restricts any 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  No  NA
- If the facility restricts any 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  No  NA

### 115.43 (c)

- 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  No
- Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days?  Yes  No

### 115.43 (d)

- 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  No

- 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  No

### 115.43 (e)

- 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  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
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- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- Protective Safe Keeping Plan with attachments
- I-169 Administrative Segregation Initial Placement & Notification
- O-203 Placement on Restriction Ad-Seg Level Review
- SPPOM 05.05 Offender Protection Investigation
- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan 2/19
- Administrative Segregation Plan
- Guidelines for Administrative Segregation Committee Members
- AD-04.63 Transient Status Inmates

#### Interviews:

- Warden
- Staff who supervise inmates in segregation

#### Findings:

**115.43 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed in protective safekeeping unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made and it is determined there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If the assessment cannot be completed immediately, the unit may hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing while completing the assessment, for no longer than 24 hours.

**115.43 (b)** Number of inmates at risk of sexual victimization who were held in involuntary segregated housing in the past 12 months for one to 24 hours awaiting completion of assessment: 0.

**115.43 (c)** Number of inmates at risk of sexual victimization who were assigned to involuntary segregated housing in the past 12 months for longer than 30 days while awaiting alternative placement: 0.

**115.43 (d)** From a review of case files of inmates at risk of sexual victimization who were held in involuntary segregated housing in the past 12 months, 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: 0.

**115.43 (e)** AD-04.63 Transient Status Offenders I-169 Initial Placement I-203 Placement on Restriction Guidelines for ASC Members Protective Safe Keeping Attachment B.

The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and tour of the facility.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## REPORTING

### Standard 115.51: Inmate reporting

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.51 (a)

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- 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  No

#### 115.51 (b)

- Does the agency also provide at least one way for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency?  Yes  No
- Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?  Yes  No
- Does that private entity or office allow the inmate to remain anonymous upon request?  
 Yes  No

- 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  No  NA

### 115.51 (c)

- Does staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?  Yes  No
- Does staff promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  
 Yes  No

### 115.51 (d)

- Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- BP-03.91 Uniform Inmate Correspondence Rules
- Safe Prisons/ PREA Plan 2/19
- SPPOM 02.03 Attachment A
- SPPOM 02.03 Attachment AS Spanish
- AD-14.09 Postage and Correspondence Supplies
- Civil Immigration
- ED-02.10 PREA Complaints and Inquiries
- PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates
- General Information Guide for families of Inmates
- Inmate Orientation Handbook (English & Spanish)
- TBCJ PREA Brochure

**Interviews:**

- Random sample of staff
- Random sample of inmates

**Site Review Observations:**

Inmates were interviewed in an office setting, in a separate room on an individual basis with privacy and enough time. The inmates were interviewed using the Department of Justice protocol interview questions generally and specifically targeting their knowledge of reporting mechanisms available for inmates to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The inmates interviewed were well informed about the PREA reporting process, their rights to be free from sexual abuse, and how to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment. No inmates refused during the inmate interview process.

**Findings:**

**115.51 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Inmates shall be provided multiple internal methods to privately report sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and other acts of aggression including but not limited to, extortion and violence. The inmate may report allegations verbally or in writing to any staff member pursuant to all standards defined in Section IV of this plan. A random sample of inmates determined that the facility has provided them with multiple ways to report sexual abuse. The inmates stated that the PREA signs were posted everywhere and that the PREA video was shown weekly.

**115.51 (b)** The facility provided the PREA Ombudsman information in both English and Spanish for the inmate population to report a sexual abuse or sexual harassment. A method shall be provided for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates. Staff shall accept reports made verbally; in writing accept reports made verbally; in writing, including by letter, Inmate Request to Official (I-60), sick call form, or a grievance submitted through the grievance process; anonymously; and from third parties. All verbal reports shall be promptly documented. Family members or other individuals may report verbally or in writing to unit administration, the TDCJ Ombudsman Office, OIG, or PREA Ombudsman office any time they have knowledge of or suspect an inmate has been sexually abused, sexually harassed, or requires protection.

**115.51 (c)** The random staff interviewed by the auditor stated that inmates could make the report of a sexual abuse or sexual harassment by reporting it to any staff, OIG, family members, third-party reporting, anonymously, and in writing to the PREA Ombudsman office. The facility has PREA information in all areas of the facility either painted in large print and displayed on the bulletin boards in every office, inmate work area, departments and housing areas.

**115.51 (d)** The random staff interviewed, stated that they can report a PREA violation to the Warden, Office of Inspector General, and PREA Ombudsman. The auditor observed a large bulletin boards displaying the PREA zero-tolerance signs in both English and Spanish to include the rape crisis center contact information with addresses and phone numbers, notice of audit along with lots of other PREA literature for the inmate population. The following information describes the areas observed by the auditor during the site review which included: Front gate, Administration, Visitation, Chapel, Education, Law Library, Library, Vocation, Laundry, Commissary, Food Service, Medical, Maintenance/Boiler room, Computer Recovery, Back gate, Supply, Restrictive Housing, Line Control, J1 (A,B,C), J2 (D,E,F), Gym, J3 (G,H,I), J5 (M,N,O,P) Vacant as of 8/2019, and J4 (J,K,L). The auditor observed the PREA signs in both English and Spanish displayed on large frames neatly organized. The Safe Prisons Coordinator's name was painted in red for the easy visibility for the inmate population.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

**Standard 115.52: Exhaustion of administrative remedies****All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### 115.52 (a)

- 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  No

### 115.52 (b)

- Does the agency permit inmates to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency always refrain from requiring an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.52 (c)

- Does the agency ensure that: An inmate who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.52 (d)

- 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  No  NA
- If the agency claims the maximum allowable extension of time to respond of up to 70 days per 115.52(d)(3) when the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision, does the agency notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may an inmate consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.52 (e)

- 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    No    NA
  
- Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates? (If a third-party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes    No    NA
  
- If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the inmate's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  
 Yes    No    NA

#### 115.52 (f)

- 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    No    NA
  
- After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  
 Yes    No    NA
  
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes    No    NA
  
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  
 Yes    No    NA
  
- Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes    No    NA
  
- Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes    No    NA
  
- Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes    No    NA

#### 115.52 (g)

- 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    No    NA

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- BP-03.77 Inmate Grievances
- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan 2/19
- AD-03.82 Management of Inmate Grievances
- OGOM Appendix B Instructions on How to Write and Submit Grievances
- OGOM Appendix U Third Party Preliminary Investigation Form
- OGOM Section 9 Third Party Grievances
- OGOM Section 4.00 Grievance Timelines
- OGOM 01.04 PREA Allegations
- OGOM 1.01 Step 1 Grievances; and Sexual Abuse Grievances

#### Interviews:

- Inmate who reported sexual abuse
- Grievance Coordinator

#### Findings:

**115.52 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy.

**115.52 (b)** The facility policy allows inmates to submit a grievance regarding sexual abuse at any time with no limitation to reporting. This grievance information is in the inmate handbook in both English and Spanish. Random inmate interviews determined that they were aware of the reporting process without limitations.

**115.52 (c)** In accordance with the TDCJ Inmate Grievance Operations Manual: 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 a grievance of this nature shall not be referred to a staff member who is subject of the complaint.

**115.52 (d)** A final decision shall be made on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievances. An emergency grievance alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse shall be filed and managed in accordance with the TDCJ Inmate Grievance Operations Manual. In the past 12 months, the number of grievances that alleged sexual abuse: 7 (information obtained from the PAQ).

**115.52 (e)** The facility policy and procedure permit third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse and to file such requests on behalf of inmates.

**115.52 (f)** An emergency grievance alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse shall be filed and managed in accordance with the TDCJ Inmate Grievance Operations Manual. The number of emergency grievances alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse that were filed in the past 12 months: 0. The number of grievances alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse filed in the past 12 months that reached final decisions within five days: 0.

**115.52 (g)** In the past 12 months, the number of inmate grievances alleging sexual abuse that resulted in disciplinary action by the agency against the inmate for having filed the grievance in bad faith: 0.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## **Standard 115.53: Inmate access to outside confidential support services**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### **115.53 (a)**

- Does the facility provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?  Yes  No
- Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers, 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.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the facility enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?  Yes  No

### **115.53 (b)**

- Does the facility inform inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws?  Yes  No

### **115.53 (c)**

- 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  No
- Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?  Yes  No

## Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

### Documentation Reviewed: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.)

- Inmate Orientation Handbook (English & Spanish)
- Rape Advocacy Centers; Safe Prisons PREA Plan
- Uniform Inmate Correspondence Rules
- PREA Complaints and Inquiries
- SPPOM 02.03 Attachment C
- RCC MOU Example
- RCC Solicitation Letter
- RCC Solicitation Letters April 2018 Showing Effort

### Interviews:

- Random sample of inmates
- Inmates who reported sexual abuse

### Site Review Observations:

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Safe Prisons/PREA Management office has attempted to partner with an outside victim support services and currently does not have a Memorandum of Understanding. The agency has made numerous attempts to local rape crisis centers to obtain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The agency mailed out over sixty letters to local rape crisis centers in attempts to secure an MOU to no avail. The rape crisis center information is displayed and made available to the inmate population as required. During the site review, the auditor observed a directory with rape crisis center contact information displaying addresses and phone numbers in the offender housing units. The auditor observed the rape crisis center information in the following locations: the front lobby, visitation, central entrance, food service, laundry, education, housing units, work areas, maintenance, and back gate. Random inmate interviews conducted by the auditor determined that inmates were aware of the information displayed throughout the facility in both English and Spanish. The random inmate interviews expressed their knowledge of how to obtain and contact the individual rape crisis center information in the event it was needed. The inmates explained that the rape crisis information was posted in the inmate housing dayroom by the phones for easy access and the directory pamphlet was in the law library for inmate use, as needed.

**Findings:**

**115.53 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Inmate Victims Services (OVS) Attempts shall be made to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to the inmate victim first. Twenty random inmate interviews determined they were aware of how to obtain and contact the rape crisis center information in the event it was needed.

The inmates explained that the rape crisis information was posted in the inmate housing units for easy access and the booklet was in the law library for inmate use as needed with addresses and representatives available. The facility does not house persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes.

**115.53 (b)** The facility informs inmates, prior to giving them access to outside support services, the extent to which such communications will be monitored.

**115.53 (c)** The agency has made numerous attempts with local rape crisis centers to obtain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The agency mailed out over sixty letters to local rape crisis centers in attempts to secure an MOU to no avail. The facility currently does not have an MOU with outside victim advocates however, the outside victim advocate information is displayed and made available to the inmates as required. During the site review, the auditor observed the rape crisis center contact information displaying addresses and phone numbers.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.54: Third-party reporting

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.54 (a)

- Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed:**

- ED 02.03 Ombudsman Program
- ED 02.10 PREA Complaints and Inquiries
- General Information Guide for Families of Inmates
- Inmate Orientation Handbook (English & Handbook)
- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan
- SPPOM 04.02 Receiving Allegations of Sexual Abuse from an Outside Agency

**Site Review Observations:**

During the site review on 12/4/19, the auditor observed the third-party notices publicly displayed throughout the facility to include the administration building, visitation area, staff/medical break areas, and inmate housing units.

**Findings:**

**115.54 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. The TDCJ shall establish guidelines for the management of the Ombudsman Program and procedures for responding to complaints or inquiries regarding the TDCJ, both through the Ombudsman Program and TDCJ staff. This information is available publicly on the internet. Inmates may report allegations directly to the major, the Office of Inspector General (OIG), the PREA Ombudsman Office. Reports to the PREA Ombudsman may be made confidentially and in accordance with ED-02.10, Prison Rape Elimination Act Complaints and Inquiries.

PREA Ombudsman: The TDCJ has a “Zero-Tolerance” for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates. The TDCJ is committed to taking a proactive approach concerning the detection, prevention, response, and punishment of sexual abuse, including consensual sexual contact, and sexual harassment of inmates in the custody of the department.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Ombudsman was established by the 80th Legislature in 2007 (Texas Government Code, Section 501, subchapter F), and is appointed by the Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ). The PREA Ombudsman reports directly to the chairman of the TBCJ and is an office external to the reporting process of TDCJ. The PREA Ombudsman was created to provide inmates, and the public, with an independent office to report sexual assaults. The PREA Ombudsman provides a confidential avenue for inmates to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, as well as investigating and responding to PREA complaints and inquiries received from elected officials, the public, and inmates. The primary responsibilities of the PREA Ombudsman Office are to:

- Monitor TDCJ’s efforts to eliminate the occurrence of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in correctional facilities
- Review the TDCJ’s policies and procedures to ensure they follow federal and state laws and standards; and
- Respond to public inquiries related to allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in TDCJ correctional facilities and ensure impartial resolution.

**HOW TO CONTACT THE PREA OMBUDSMAN** (Please submit inquiries in writing) Anyone knowledgeable of an inmate-on-inmate or staff-on-inmate sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurs within a TDCJ correctional facility is encouraged to immediately report the allegation.

PREA Ombudsman Office  
P.O. Box 99,  
Huntsville, TX 77342-0099

phone: 936-437-5570

fax: 936-437-5555

email: [prea.ombudsman@tdcj.texas.gov](mailto:prea.ombudsman@tdcj.texas.gov)

(This information is publicly displayed and available on the internet)

General Information for Families of Offenders Brochure (available online)

[http://www.tdcj.texas.gov/ks\\_offender.html](http://www.tdcj.texas.gov/ks_offender.html)

<http://www.tdcj.texas.gov/tbcj/prea.html>

The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and tour of the facility.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING AN INMATE REPORT

### Standard 115.61: Staff and agency reporting duties

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.61 (a)

- 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  No
- 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  No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?  Yes  No

#### 115.61 (b)

- Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, does staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions?  Yes  No

#### 115.61 (c)

- 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  No

- 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  No

#### 115.61 (d)

- 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  No

#### 115.61 (e)

- 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  No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- CMHC Policy G-57-01
- COURAGE YOP Operations Manual 02.05 Requirements of Contact DFPS
- AD-16.20 Reporting Incident Crimes to the Office of the Inspector General
- PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates
- SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation

#### Interviews:

1. Random sample of staff
2. Warden
3. PREA Compliance Manager
4. Medical/Mental Health staff

#### Findings:

**115.61 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than designated supervisors or officials,

and only to the extent necessary to make informed treatment, investigate, security, and management decisions. An inmate may report allegations verbally in writing to any staff member pursuant to all standards defined in Section IV of this plan. A total of 18 random staff interviews were conducted and staff is very well trained on how to respond to a sexual abuse victim.

**115.61 (b)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than designated supervisors or officials, and only to the extent necessary to make informed treatment, investigate, security, and management decisions. A total of 18 random staff interviews were conducted and staff is very well trained on how to respond to a sexual abuse victim and the importance of confidentiality.

**115.61 (c)** Medical and Mental Health staff interviews determined that 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.

**115.61 (d)** The facility does not house youthful inmates. Texas has Criminal Laws Prohibiting Sexual Abuse of Individuals in Custody <https://nicic.gov/fifty-state-survey-criminal-laws-prohibiting-sexual-abuse-individuals-custody>

**115.61 (e)** The warden was interviewed and stated that the facility shall report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.62: Agency protection duties

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.62 (a)

- 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  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed:**

- List of Sexual Assault with outcomes
- Investigations Reviewed
- Safe Prisons PREA Plan
- AD-02.15 Operation of the EAC & Reporting Procedures for Serious or Unusual Incidents
- SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation
- SPPOM 05.03 Time Frames Associated with Inmate Protection Investigations.

**Interviews:**

- Warden
- Random sample of staff

**Findings:**

**115.62 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Staff and Third-Party Reporting of Allegations: All staff members shall immediately report, according to TDCJ policy, any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred on a unit, whether or not it is a TDCJ facility; retaliation against inmates or staff who reported an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. In the past 12 months, the number of times the agency or facility determined that an inmate was subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse: 0. If the agency or facility made such determinations in the past 12 months, the average amount of time that passed before taking action: 0. Interviews with the Agency Head, Warden or Designee & Random Sample of Staff validated the immediate response to a sexual abuse allegation.

A method shall be provided for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates. Staff shall accept reports made verbally; in writing, including by letter, Inmate Request to Official (I-60), sick call form, or a grievance submitted through the grievance process; anonymously; and from third parties. All verbal reports shall be promptly documented. Family members or other individuals may report verbally or in writing to unit administration, the TDCJ Ombudsman office, OIG, or PREA ombudsman office any time they have knowledge of or suspect an inmate has been sexually abused, sexually harassed, or requires protection. Unless otherwise precluded by federal, state, or local law, and at the initiation of services, medical and mental health practitioners shall be required to report sexual abuse pursuant to Section IV.B.1 of this plan, and to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, as well as the limitations of confidentiality. Suspected or reported staff-on-inmate sexual abuse, staff neglect, or violation of responsibilities shall be reported in accordance with the guidelines in PD-29, "Sexual Misconduct with Inmates."

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

**Standard 115.63: Reporting to other confinement facilities**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.63 (a)**

- 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  No

### 115.63 (b)

- Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?  Yes  No

### 115.63 (c)

- Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?  Yes  No

### 115.63 (d)

- Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- BP 01.07 Inspector General Policy Statement
- SPPOM 04.01 Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse to Other Confinement Agencies
- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- Agency Demonstration-Reporting to other confinement facilities
- AD 16.20 Reporting incident crimes to the Office of the Inspector General
- SPPOM 04.02 Receiving Allegations of Sexual Abuse from Outside Agency
- SPPOM 05.05 Completing the Inmate Protection Investigation
- SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation; and Notification to other units

#### Interviews:

- Warden

#### Findings:

**115.63 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Reporting to other confinement facilities: After receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, such as a county jail or out of state facility, the individual taking the initial report shall immediately notify the USPPM.

The USPPM shall provide the SPPOM with the details of the alleged incident so the SPPMO may initiate notification to the appropriate office of the outside agency where the alleged abuse occurred. During the past 12 months, the number of allegations the facility received that an inmate was abused while confined at another facility: 0.

**115.63 (b)** The facility policy requires the facility head provides such notification as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation.

**115.63 (c)** The facility documents the 72-hour notifications.

**115.63 (d)** The interview with the Warden determined that allegations received from other facilities/agencies are investigated in accordance with the PREA standards. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations of sexual abuse the facility received from other facilities: 2.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.64: Staff first responder duties

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.64 (a)

- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No

#### 115.64 (b)

- If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

**Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- OIG OPM 04.05 Inmate Sexual Assault Investigation
- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- AD 16.03 Evidence Handling
- SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation

#### Interviews:

- First Responders
- Random sample of staff

#### Findings:

**115.64 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. After learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, the first correctional officers responding to the report shall notify the supervisor, separate the alleged victim and assailant, preserve and protect the crime scene, if applicable, until the appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence, monitor the alleged victim and assailant to ensure physical evidence is not destroyed, including washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations that an inmate was sexually abused: 21.

Of these allegations, the number of times the first security staff member to respond to the report separated the alleged victim and abuser: 18. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations where staff were notified within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence. 14. Of these allegations, the number of times the first security staff member to respond to the report: 1) Preserved and protected any crime scene until appropriate steps could be taken to collect any evidence. 2) 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. 3) Ensured 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: 14 (information collected from PAQ).

**115.64 (b)** Of the allegations that an inmate was sexually abused made in the past 12 months, the number of times a non-security staff member was the first responder: 0.

Of those allegations responded to first by a non-security staff member, number of times that staff member:

(1) Requested that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence. (2) Notified security staff. 0. All staff are trained as first responders and required to carry a PREA First Responder Card as part of their uniform.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.65: Coordinated response

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.65 (a)

- Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- Safe Prisons PREA Plan
- SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation
- Daniel Unit Sexual Abuse Coordinated Response Plan

#### Interviews:

- Warden
- Medical/Mental Health staff
- Investigative staff

#### Findings:

**115.65 (a) The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19)** addresses the standard in the policy. After learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, the first correctional officers responding to the report shall notify the supervisor, separate the alleged victim and assailant, preserve and protect the crime scene, if applicable, until the appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence, monitor the alleged victim and assailant to ensure physical evidence is not destroyed, including washing, brushing

teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence. Refer the alleged victim and known abuser to medical and mental health services for examination and evaluation. If medical and mental health staff are not available at the time the allegation is made, staff first responders shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim and shall notify on-call medical or mental health staff.

The nature and scope of treatment shall be determined by medical and mental health practitioners in accordance with CMHC policies and Section II.G. of this plan. The services of a victim advocate or OVR and additional information regarding coordinated response procedures found in the SPPOM.

The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and tour of the facility.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## **Standard 115.66: Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### **115.66 (a)**

- Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?  Yes  No

### **115.66 (b)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

### **Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### **Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative**

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed:**

- PD-22 General Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Guidelines for Employees
- PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates
- PD-35 Independent Dismissal Mediation and Dispute Resolution.

**Interviews:**

- Agency head

**Findings:**

**115.66 (a)** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice does not collectively bargain nor enter into collective bargaining agreements that limits the agency's ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers (i.e., staff sexual abusers pending the outcome of an investigation or a determination of whether or not and to what extent discipline is warranted).

The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and tour of the facility. The facility does not collectively bargain nor enter into collective bargaining agreements that limits the agency's ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers. The auditor concluded that the facility complies with the standard for the relevant recertification period.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.67: Agency protection against retaliation

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.67 (a)

- 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  No
- Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?  Yes  No

#### 115.67 (b)

- Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services, for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations?  Yes  No

#### 115.67 (c)

- 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  No

- 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  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation?  Yes  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- 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  No
- Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?  Yes  No

#### 115.67 (d)

- In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.67 (e)

- 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  No

#### 115.67 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

**Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- PD-13 Sexual Harassment and Discourteous Conduct of a Sexual Nature
- 90-day monitoring forms
- PD-22 General Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Guidelines for Employees
- PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with inmates
- SPPOM 02.04 Intervention Practices
- SPPOM 05.08 90-day monitoring for retaliation
- SPPOM 05.08 Attachment N.O Inmate 90-day Monitoring Form
- SPPOM 05.08 Attachment N.S. Staff 90-day Monitoring Form
- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan 2/19

#### Interviews:

- Agency head
- Warden
- Designated staff member charged with monitoring retaliation
- Inmates who reported sexual abuse

#### Findings:

**115.67 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Protection from Retaliation: Inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations shall be protected from retaliation by other inmates or staff. The USPPM shall monitor for incidents of retaliation in accordance with the SPPOM. PD-22, PD-29 SPPOM-05.08, 02.04 & Safe Prisons/PREA Plan.

**115.67 (b)** Interviews with the Agency Head, Warden or Designee, Designated Staff Member Charged with Monitoring Retaliation, Inmates in Segregated Housing (for risk of sexual victimization/who allege to have suffered sexual abuse) and Inmates who Reported a Sexual Abuse determined that 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.

**115.67 (c)** The facility monitors the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported sexual abuse and of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are any changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff. The number of times an incident of retaliation occurred in the past 12 months: 0.

**115.67 (d)** The facility monitored inmates for retaliation for a 90-day period to include periodic status checks. The auditor reviewed 10 investigations during the onsite review. One of ten investigations reviewed determined that one 30-day periodic check had not been initiated.

**115.67 (e)** The facility policy ensures that 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.

**115.67 (f)** The facilities obligation to monitor shall terminate if the agency determines that the allegation is unfounded.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommended corrective action for standard 115.67 (d). The auditor review determined one investigation requiring a 30-day periodic check which had not been initiated. The auditor and facility administrator discussed the finding, reviewed the standard, and discussed a plan of action with all parties involved as part of the corrective action plan. The auditor required the facility to immediately initiate and complete the 30-day periodic check onsite. The auditor, PREA manager and facility administrator worked together to accomplish the required actions. The facility-initiated training for standard 115.67 (d) as part of the corrective action for the individuals directly responsible for conducting the monitoring for retaliation; records of the training were documented and provided to the auditor. The Major of Corrections was instructed to monitor standard 115.67 (d) for a duration of 30-days. The facility completed all requirements within the timeframe set forth by the auditor with no further action required.

## Standard 115.68: Post-allegation protective custody

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.68 (a)

- Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.43?  Yes  No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan 2/19

- AD 03.50 Administrative Segregation
- AD 04.63 Transient Status Inmates
- Administrative Segregation Plan
- ASC Review Decisions Attachment 12.00-B
- Guidelines for Administrative Segregation Committee Members 0714
- Protective Safe Keeping Plan

**Interviews:**

- Warden
- Staff who supervise inmates in segregation housing

**Findings:**

**115.68 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed in protective safekeeping unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made and it is determined there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If the assessment cannot be completed immediately, the unit may hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing while completing the assessment, for no longer than 24 hours. The 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: 0. The 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: 0. 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, the 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: 0.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## INVESTIGATIONS

### Standard 115.71: Criminal and administrative agency investigations

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.71 (a)**

- When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).]  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).]  Yes  No  NA

**115.71 (b)**

- Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.34?  Yes  No

**115.71 (c)**

- Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?  Yes  No
- Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?  Yes  No
- Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator?  Yes  No

#### 115.71 (d)

- When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution?  Yes  No

#### 115.71 (e)

- Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as inmate or staff?  Yes  No
- Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding?  Yes  No

#### 115.71 (f)

- Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse?  Yes  No
- 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  No

#### 115.71 (g)

- 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  No

#### 115.71 (h)

- Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?  Yes  No

#### 115.71 (i)

- 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  No

#### 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  No

#### 115.71 (k)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### 115.71 (l)

- 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  No  NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- AD-02.15 Operations of the Emergency Action Center and Reporting Procedures for Serious or Unusual Incidents
- SPPOM 05.05 Completing the Offender Protection Investigation
- CTSD Safe Prisons/PREA plan Investigation Training
- OIG 04.05 Inmate Sexual Assault Investigations
- AD-16.03 Evidence Handling
- OIG OPM 03.72 Records Retention-PREA
- AD 16.20 Reporting Incident Crimes to the Office of the Inspector General
- OIG OPM 05.15 Statements & Confessions
- BP 01.07 Inspector General Policy Statement
- SPPOM 05.11 Completing the Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse Investigative Worksheet
- PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates
- Records Retention Schedule

#### Interviews:

- Investigative staff
- Inmate who reported sexual abuse

**Findings:**

**Investigation Files:** The facility had a total of twenty-three sexual abuse/sexual harassment allegations in the past twelve months. The USPPM provided the investigations to the auditor on the first day of the audit for review. The auditor reviewed ten of twenty-three investigations listed in the chart below.

Description	Status	OIG Referral	Criminal Case/Disposition
1. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
2. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
3. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
4. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
5. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
6. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
7. Allegations against Offenders	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
8. Allegations against Staff	Unsubstantiated	Referred to OIG	No case opened
9. Allegations against Staff	Unfounded	Referred to OIG	No case opened
10. Allegations against Staff	Active	Referred to OIG	No case opened

**115.71 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Investigators and Investigation Criteria: No standard higher than the preponderance of evidence shall be imposed in determining if allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit of the facility.

**115.71 (b)** The auditor reviewed files for staff investigators who have received special training in sexual abuse investigations pursuant to § 115.34. The auditor reviewed a total of 10 allegations reported during the onsite portion of the audit.

**115.71 (c)** The investigator interviews determined they impose a standard of a preponderance or a lower standard of proof when determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

**115.71 (d)** The investigator interviews determined that all criminal cases are forwarded and investigated by the Office of Inspector General (OIG).

**115.71 (e)** The investigator interviews determine that 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. Polygraph examinations are not utilized by the facility.

**115.71 (f)** Ten investigations were reviewed by the auditor during the onsite portion of the audit. 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.

**115.71 (g)** The auditor reviewed 10 investigations during the onsite portion of the audit. 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

**115.71 (h)** All criminal investigations are referred to the Office of Inspector General (OIG). The number of substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal that were referred for prosecution since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later: 0.

**115.71 (i)** The auditor observed the written reports pertaining to administrative or criminal investigations of alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

**115.71 (j)** Interviews with the investigative staff determined that all investigations will be completed even if the inmate transfers or is released from the agency.

**115.71 (l)** The interviews with the Warden, PREA Manager and Investigative staff determined that they would cooperate and remain engaged with all outside entities regarding a sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegation.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.72: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.72 (a)

- 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  No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- CTSD Investigative Training
- SPPOM 05.05 Completing the Offender Protection Investigation

#### Interviews:

- Investigative staff

#### Findings:

**115.72 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Investigators and Investigation Criteria: No standard higher than the preponderance of evidence shall be imposed in determining if allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and tour of the facility. The facility imposes a standard of a preponderance or a lower standard of proof when determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.73: Reporting to inmates

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.73 (a)

- 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  No

#### 115.73 (b)

- If the agency did not conduct the investigation into an inmate's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.73 (c)

- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, 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 inmate whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit?  Yes  No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, 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 inmate whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility?  Yes  No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, 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 inmate whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility?  Yes  No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, 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 inmate whenever:

The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?  Yes  No

#### 115.73 (d)

- 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  No
- 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 convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.73 (e)

- Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?  Yes  No

#### 115.73 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

##### Documentation Reviewed:

- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- Agency Demonstration-Reporting-Inmate Notification Letters
- SPPOM 05.05 Attachment M/UCC Notification of OPI Outcome
- SPPOM 05.11 Attachment F Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse Investigation
- SPPOM 05.10 Reporting Sexual Abuse Criminal Case Status to Inmates
- Statement of Fact
- SPPOM 05.05 Attachment J Offender Protection Investigation

**Interviews:**

- Investigative staff
- Warden
- Inmate who reported sexual abuse

**Investigation Files:** The facility had a total of twenty-three sexual abuse/sexual harassment allegations in the past twelve months. The USPPM provided the investigations to the auditor on the first day of the audit for review. The auditor reviewed ten of twenty-three investigations listed in the chart below.

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9. Allegations against Staff	Unfounded	Referred to OIG	No case opened
10. Allegations against Staff	Active	Referred to OIG	No case opened

**Findings:**

**115.73 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment shall be referred to the OIG for investigation. These referrals shall be documented on the appropriate investigative forms contained within AD-02.15, Operations of the Emergency Action Center and Reporting Procedures for Serious or Unusual Incidents, for staff-on-inmate allegations and the SPPOM for inmate-on-inmate allegations.

The number of criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged inmate sexual abuse and one sexual harassment that were completed by the agency/facility in the past 12 months: 23. Of the alleged sexual abuse investigations that were completed in the past 12 months, the number of inmates who were notified, verbally or in writing, of the results of the investigation: 23. The number of investigations of alleged inmate sexual abuse in the facility that were completed by an outside agency in the past 12 months: 3. The following interviews were conducted with the Warden, Investigative Staff and Inmates who Reported a Sexual Abuse verifying compliance.

**115.73 (b)** Of the outside agency investigations of alleged sexual abuse that were completed in the past 12 months, the number of inmates alleging sexual abuse in the facility who were notified verbally or in writing of the results of the investigation: 3.

**115.73 (c)** There has been a substantiated or unsubstantiated complaint (i.e., not unfounded) of sexual abuse committed by a staff member against an inmate in an agency facility in the past 12 months. The auditor reviewed the documentation. 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. Interviews were conducted with inmates who reported a sexual abuse verifying compliance.

**115.73 (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. Interviews were conducted with inmates who reported a sexual abuse verifying compliance.

**115.73 (e)** The auditor reviewed 10 allegations and the notifications were documented. In the past 12 months, the number of notifications to inmates that were provided pursuant to this standard: 23. Of those notifications made in the past 12 months, the number that were documented: 23.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## DISCIPLINE

### Standard 115.76: Disciplinary sanctions for staff

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.76 (a)

- Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?  Yes  No

#### 115.76 (b)

- Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?  Yes  No

#### 115.76 (c)

- 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  No

#### 115.76 (d)

- 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  No
- 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  No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed:**

1. Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
2. Windham Board Policy WBP 07.15 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates
3. Windham Board Policy (WBP-07.44) Professional Standards of Conduct and Disciplinary Guidelines;
4. AD 16.20 Reporting Incident Crimes to the Office of Inspector General
5. PD-22 General Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Guidelines for Employees
6. PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates

**Findings:**

**115.76 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. TDCJ has zero-tolerance for sexual misconduct, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment of inmates. An employee is prohibited from subjecting another employee, inmate, or other individual to harassment or retaliation for reporting or cooperating with an investigation of alleged sexual misconduct with inmates.

**115.76 (b)** Investigators and Investigation Criteria: Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment investigations alleged against staff shall only be conducted by a staff member with the rank of a Captain or above. Unit Administrators shall ensure the investigating staff member is at least one rank above the accused staff member. If the OIG conducts administrative investigations against staff, the investigation shall be performed in accordance with OIG policies and procedures. In the past 12 months, the number of staff from the facility who have violated agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies: 0.

**115.76 (c)** All Staff-on-Inmate sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations against staff shall be reported, investigated and documented in accordance with PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates, AD-02.15 Operations of the Emergency Action Center and Reporting Procedures for Serious or Unusual Incidents and AD-16.20, "Reporting Incidents/Crimes to the Office of the Inspector General."

**115.76 (d)** In the past 12 months, the number of staff from the facility who have violated agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies: 0. In the past 12 months, the number of staff from the facility who have been terminated (or resigned prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies: 0. In the past 12 months, the number of staff from the facility who have been disciplined, short of termination, for violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies: 0. In the past 12 months, the 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: 0.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

**Standard 115.77: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.77 (a)**

- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with inmates?  Yes  No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?  Yes  No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?  Yes  No

### 115.77 (b)

- In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- PD-29 Sexual Misconduct with Inmates
- Safe Prisons PREA Plan
- Volunteer Services Plan
- Volunteer Training Facilitators Guide
- Acknowledgment of Volunteer Training Orientation and Chaplaincy Manual 13.03 Ecclesiastical Endorsement

#### Interviews:

- Warden

#### Findings:

**115.77 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse shall be prohibited from contact with inmates and shall be reported to applicable law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies.

The unit shall take appropriate remedial measures and shall consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates, in the case of any other violation of TDCJ sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.

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

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.78: Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.78 (a)

- 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  No

#### 115.78 (b)

- Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories?  Yes  No

#### 115.78 (c)

- 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  No

#### 115.78 (d)

- 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  No

#### 115.78 (e)

- 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  No

#### 115.78 (f)

- For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation?  Yes  No

#### 115.78 (g)

- 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  No  NA

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Inmates
- CMHC Policy E-35.1 Mental Health Appraisal for Incoming Inmates
- SOTP 01.01 Overview of the Sex Inmate Treatment Program

#### Interviews:

- Warden
- Medical/Mental health staff

#### Findings:

**115.78 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. 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, sexual harassment, extortion, substantiated acts of violence, or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse in accordance with the TDCJ Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Inmates.

**115.78 (b)** In the past 12 months, the number of administrative findings of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that have occurred at the facility: 0. In the past 12 months, the number of criminal findings of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that have occurred at the facility: 0.

**115.78 (c)** The interview with the warden determined that 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.

**115.78 (d)** Medical and Mental Health staff were interviewed for the following: If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct the underlying reasons or

motivations for abuse, the facility considers whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits.

**115.78 (e)** The facility may discipline an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.

**115.78 (f)** The facility prohibits disciplinary action for a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, even if an investigation does not establish evidence enough to substantiate the allegation.

**115.78 (g)** The facility prohibits all sexual activity between inmates and disciplines inmates for such activity, the agency deems such activity to constitute sexual abuse only if it determines that the activity is coerced.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE

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

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.81 (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, 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    No    NA

#### 115.81 (b)

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison.)  Yes    No    NA

#### 115.81 (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, 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?  Yes    No

#### 115.81 (d)

- 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  No

### 115.81 (e)

- Do medical and mental health practitioners 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?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- CMHC Policy E-35.1 Mental Health Appraisal for Incoming Inmates
- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- SPPOM 03.01 Attachment E
- CMHC Policy E-35.2 Mental Health Evaluation
- CMHC Policy G-57.1 Sexual Assault Sexual Abuse
- CMHC H-61.1 Confidentiality and Release Protected Health Information
- CPOM 02.05 Requirement to Contact Department of Family Protective Services
- CMHC A-09.01 Privacy of Care
- SPPOM 05.05 Completing the Inmate Protection Investigation
- CMHC I-70.1 Informed Consent.

#### Interviews:

- Staff responsible for risk screening
- Inmates who disclose sexual victimization at risk screening

#### Findings:

**115.81 (a/c)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. If the screening pursuant to this section indicates an inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening. In the past 12 months, the percent of inmates who disclosed prior victimization during screening who were offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner: 100%.

Interviews with inmates who Disclose Sexual Victimization at Risk Screening and Staff Responsible for Risk Screening determined compliance with the standard.

**115.81 (b)** The auditor reviewed 25 inmate files for the screening and follow-up meeting for compliance of the standard. All prison inmates who have previously perpetrated sexual abuse, as indicated during the screening pursuant to §115.41, are offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner.

**115.81 (d)** Interviews with the Medical and Mental Health staff determined that information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting is strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners. Information shared with the PREA Management office is strictly limited to informing security and management decisions, including treatment plans, housing, bed, work education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by federal, state, or local law.

**115.81 (e)** Medical and mental health practitioners 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.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.82: Access to emergency medical and mental health services

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.82 (a)

- 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  No

### 115.82 (b)

- If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.62?  Yes  No
- Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?  Yes  No

### 115.82 (c)

- 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  No

### 115.82 (d)

- 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  No

## Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- CMHC A-01.01 Access to Care
- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation
- CMHC Policy G-57.1 Sexual Assault & Sexual Abuse
- I-214 Referral to Mental Health Services

#### Interviews:

- Medical/Mental health staff
- Inmate who reported sexual abuse
- Security staff and non-security staff first responders

#### Findings:

**115.82 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. 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 judgement in accordance with CMHC policies. Six investigative files were reviewed confirming access to medical and mental health services are provided according to the standard. Treatment services shall be provided to the inmate victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising from the incident. The auditor did not identify any investigations that did not meet the required medical/mental health referral/timeframes within 14 days according to the TDCJ policy and in a timely response.

**115.82 (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. Security staff and non-security staff first responders were interviewed and described their first duty responder protocols.

**115.82 (c)** Inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate.

Medical and mental health staff maintain secondary materials (e.g., form, log) documenting the timeliness of emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services that were provided; the appropriate response by non-health staff in the event health staff are not present at the time the incident is reported; and the provision of appropriate and timely information and services concerning contraception and sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis.

**115.82 (d)** Treatment services are provided to every victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor required no corrective action.

## **Standard 115.83: Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### **115.83 (a)**

- 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  No

### **115.83 (b)**

- Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody?  Yes  No

### **115.83 (c)**

- Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?  Yes  No

### **115.83 (d)**

- Are inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if “all-male” facility. *Note: in “all-male” facilities, there may be inmates who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.*)  Yes  No  NA

### **115.83 (e)**

- If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.83(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if “all-male” facility. *Note: in “all-male” facilities, there may be inmates who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.*)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.83 (f)

- Are inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?  Yes  No

### 115.83 (g)

- 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  No

### 115.83 (h)

- 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  No  NA

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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### The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation
- CMHC G-57.01 Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse
- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- CMHC E-44.1 Continuity of Care

#### Interviews:

- Medical and Mental health staff
- Inmates who reported a sexual abuse

**Findings:**

**115.83 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Responding to an allegation of sexual abuse requires a coordinated effort between unit security staff, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), medical and mental health services, and victim advocates (where available) or an Offender Victim Representative (OVR).

**115.83 (b)** The following procedures provide a systematic notification and response process following a reported sexual abuse incident. A physical examination should be performed in all cases of sexual assault, regardless of the length of time which may have elapsed between the time of the assault and the examination. All inmates who present with complaints of sexual assault/abuse will be immediately evaluated, examined and appropriately referred for required services. A brief history may be obtained by nursing staff. The facility physician/mid-level practitioner and ranking security officer are to be notified. Safe Prisons/PREA Plan SPPOM-05.01, CMHC E44.1, and G-57.1 with Attachment B. The auditor conducted interviews with the medical and mental health staff on the facility about evaluation and treatment of victims.

**115.83 (c)** Interviews with medical and mental health staff determined that victims receive medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.

**115.83 (d)** The facility does not house female inmates.

**115.83 (e)** The facility does not house female inmates.

**115.83 (f)** Inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

**115.83 (g)** The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and the facility. Victims of sexual assault who require a forensic exam will be taken to the nearest hospital emergency department for completion of the exam. State law (SB-1191) requires that ER staff have specialized training to complete a forensic exam but does not require that be SANE or SAFE training. When possible SANE or SAFE will be utilized. **115.83 (h)** Interviews with medical and mental health staff determined mental health evaluations are conducted of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history, and offers treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners

**Corrective Action:** auditor recommends no corrective action

## DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW

### Standard 115.86: Sexual abuse incident reviews

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

**115.86 (a)**

- Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded?  Yes  No

**115.86 (b)**

- Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.86 (c)

- Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?  Yes  No

#### 115.86 (d)

- Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse?  Yes  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?  Yes  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?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?  Yes  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?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.86 (e)

- Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?  Yes  No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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*not meet the standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.*

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed:**

- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- AD-02.15 Operations of the EAC and Reporting Procedures for Serious or Unusual Incidents
- SPPOM 02.01 Role of Unit Investigative Team and UIT members

**Interviews:**

- Warden
- PREA Compliance Manager
- Incident Review Team

**Findings:**

**115.86 (a)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. An administrative review shall be completed for all alleged sexual abuse and staff sexual harassment incidents, unless determined unfounded. The unit warden shall obtain input from security supervisors, investigators, and medical and mental health practitioners when completing the review. It is the responsibility of the warden or supervisor, or ranking employee on duty, to report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to the EAC via telephone as soon as possible, but no later than three hours after the incident or when the unit was made aware that the incident is reportable.

In accordance with the Safe Prisons/PREA Plan, each unit warden shall designate a UIT to monitor the level of activity related to sexual abuse, sexual harassment, extortion, and inmate violence for impact on safety and security. In the past 12 months, the number of criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility, excluding only “unfounded” incidents: 15. In the past 12 months, the number of criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility that were followed by a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days, excluding only “unfounded” incidents: 15.

**115.86 (b)** The facility ordinarily conducts a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days of the conclusion of the criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation. The auditor reviewed the facility investigations meeting the 30 timeframes for a sexual abuse incident review. The facility reviews were conducted within ten days of completion.

**115.86 (c)** The sexual abuse incident review team includes upper-level management officials and allows for input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners. The auditor interviewed the Warden regarding the sexual abuse incident review team members.

**115.86 (d)** The auditor reviewed 10 investigations to include the sexual abuse review incident forms. 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. The Warden, PREA Compliance Manager and Incident Review Team were interviewed verifying compliance.

**115.86 (e)** The facility implements the recommendations for improvement or documents its reasons for not doing so.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.87: Data collection

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.87 (a)

- 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  No

### 115.87 (b)

- Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?  Yes  No

### 115.87 (c)

- 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  No

### 115.87 (d)

- 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  No

### 115.87 (e)

- 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  No  NA

### 115.87 (f)

- Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)  Yes  No  NA

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

### Documentation Reviewed:

- SPPOM Monthly Safe Prisons PREA Report
- Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19
- SPPOM 01.01 Safe Prisons PREA Management Office
- BP-02.09 Prison Rape Elimination Act Ombudsman Policy Statement
- OIG 04.05 Inmate Sexual Assault Investigations
- AD-02.15 Operations of the EAC and Reporting Procedures
- Surveys of Sexual Victimization

### Findings:

**115.87 (a-f)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. Accurate, uniform data shall be collected for every incident of sexual abuse alleged to have occurred at a TDCJ operated facility using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. Incident based sexual abuse data shall be aggregated at least annually. The incident-based data collected shall include, at a minimum, information necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) conducted by the Department of Justice. The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and tour of the facility. The facility provided the auditor with Survey of Sexual Victimization confirming compliance with the standard for this recertification review period.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.88: Data review for corrective action

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.88 (a)

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas?  Yes  No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis?  Yes  No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies,

practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole?  Yes  No

#### 115.88 (b)

- Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse  Yes  No

#### 115.88 (c)

- 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  No

#### 115.88 (d)

- 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  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

#### Documentation Reviewed:

- BP-02.09 Prison Rape Elimination Act Ombudsman Policy Statement
- Safe Prisons-PREA Program Annual Report
- Safe Prisons/PREA Plan 2/19

#### Interviews:

Agency head  
PREA Coordinator  
PREA Compliance Manager

## Findings:

**115.88 (a-d)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses the standard in the policy. The TDCJ shall review data collected pursuant to Section VII. A of this plan in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of the sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, procedures and training by Identifying problem areas; and Preparing an annual report of its findings from its data review and any Corrective Action for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.

The agency makes its annual report readily available to the public at least annually through its website. [www.tdcj.texas.gov/tbcj/prea.html](http://www.tdcj.texas.gov/tbcj/prea.html). 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. Sensitive information not contained in the report.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## Standard 115.89: Data storage, publication, and destruction

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.89 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.89 (b)

- Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?  Yes  No

#### 115.89 (c)

- Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?  Yes  No

#### 115.89 (d)

- 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  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

**Documentation Reviewed:**

- TDCJ Safe Prisons/Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Program prepared by PREA Ombudsman-Office of Inspector General 8/18
- ED-02.29 Records Management
- TDCJ Records Retention Schedule 5/14

**Findings:**

**115.89 (a-d)** The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan (2/19) addresses Data Management: all data collected pursuant to Section VII. A shall be securely maintained. Aggregated sexual abuse data, from all TDCJ operated facilities, including privately contracted facilities, shall be readily available to the public at least annually, through a website or other means. Personal identifiers and sensitive information shall be redacted from the reports in instances when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a unit, while maintaining the nature of the material.

All sexual abuse data collected shall be maintained for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection unless, federal, state or local law requires otherwise. Annual reports are approved by the TDCJ executive director and made readily available to the public through the TDCJ website.

The auditor reviewed the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; observed facility practices; reviewed data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and tour of the facility. The facility is compliant with the standard for this recertification review period.

**Corrective Action:** The auditor recommends no corrective action.

## AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.401 (a)

- 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  No

#### 115.401 (b)

- Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)  Yes  No

- If this is the second year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited during the first year of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is **not** the *second* year of the current audit cycle.)  Yes  No  NA
- If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is **not** the *third* year of the current audit cycle.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.401 (h)

- Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.401 (i)

- Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?  Yes  No

#### 115.401 (m)

- Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.401 (n)

- 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  No

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The Texas Department of Criminal Justice demonstrated compliance with the standard. The auditor reviewed all relevant agency-wide policies, procedures, reports, internal and external audits, and accreditations for the facility. The audits were reviewed, at a minimum, a sampling of relevant documents and other records and information for the recertification period.

The auditor had access to all areas of the audited facility. The auditor was permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information). The auditor shall retain and preserve all documentation (including, e.g., video tapes and interview notes) relied upon in making audit determinations. Such documentation shall be provided to the Department of Justice upon request. The auditor interviewed a representative sample of inmates, staff, supervisors, and administrators. The auditor reviewed a sampling of available surveillance cameras and other electronically available data that may be relevant to the provisions being audited. The auditor was permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates. Inmates were permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel. The auditor was able to communicate with community-based or victim advocates who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility. The auditor concluded that the facility complies with the standard for the relevant recertification period.

## Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.403 (f)

- 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 appeals 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 that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.)  Yes  No  NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

*The narrative below must include a comprehensive discussion of all 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 the standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.*

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice publishes reports on their agency website and has otherwise made publicly available all Final PREA Audit Reports within 90 days of issuance by auditor. The agency website is [https://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/armm/rev\\_stan\\_prea.html](https://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/armm/rev_stan_prea.html). The facility is compliant with the reporting process and standard for this recertification review period.

# AUDITOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

- 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, and
- I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

## Auditor Instructions:

Type your full name in the text box below for Auditor Signature. This will function as your official electronic signature. Auditors must deliver their final report to the PREA Resource Center as a searchable PDF format to ensure accessibility to people with disabilities. Save this report document into a PDF format prior to submission.<sup>1</sup> Auditors are not permitted to submit audit reports that have been scanned.<sup>2</sup> See the PREA Auditor Handbook for a full discussion of audit report formatting requirements.

Noelda Martinez

1/21/2020

**Auditor Signature**

**Date**

<sup>1</sup> See additional instructions here: <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Save-or-convert-to-PDF-d85416c5-7d77-4fd6-a216-6f4bf7c7c110>.

<sup>2</sup> See *PREA Auditor Handbook*, Version 1.0, August 2017; Pages 68-69.