

# Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report

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**Date of Final Audit Report:**    April 10, 2021

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**Date of Facility Visit:** 03-1 through 03-2, 2021

## Agency Information

**Name of Agency:**

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**Governing Authority or Parent Agency (If Applicable):**

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

**Physical Address:** 500 N. Marketplace Drive

**City, State, Zip:** Centerville, UT 84014

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**The Agency Is:**

Military

Private for Profit

Private not for Profit

Municipal

County

State

Federal

**Agency Website with PREA Information:** www.mtctrains.com

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Scott Marquardt

**Number of Compliance Managers who report to the PREA Coordinator**

26

## Facility Information

**Name of Facility:** Diboll Correctional Center

**Physical Address:** 1604 South First St.

**City, State, Zip:** Diboll, Texas 75941

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

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**City, State, Zip:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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**Facility Type:**

Prison

Jail

**Facility Website with PREA Information** www.mtctrains.com

**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: Click or tap here to enter text.)

N/A

**If the facility has completed any internal or external audits other than those that resulted in accreditation, please describe:**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice contracting monitoring.

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## Facility Characteristics

Designated Facility Capacity:	518	
Current Population of Facility:	506	
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	507	
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:	19-77	
Average length of stay or time under supervision:	271.58	
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels:	Minimum	
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months:	661	
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> :	661	
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> :	661	
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 checked="" 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: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with inmates:	114 full time and 14 part time	

Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with inmates:	52
Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with inmates:	1
Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	1
Number of volunteers who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	0
<b>Physical Plant</b>	
<p><b>Number of buildings:</b></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>	5
<p><b>Number of inmate housing units:</b></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>	2
Number of single cell housing units:	0
Number of multiple occupancy cell housing units:	6
Number of open bay/dorm housing units:	0
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
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**Medical and Mental Health Services and Forensic Medical Exams**

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: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a> )

**Investigations**

**Criminal Investigations**

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:	0
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: Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Office of Inspector General ) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

**Administrative Investigations**

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?	4 MTC
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: Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Office of Inspector General) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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## 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, and 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.*

Prior to the on-site visit, the PREA Coordinator and facility staff forwarded agency and institution policies and supporting documentation, including the completed Pre-Audit Questionnaire, administrative reports, contracts, incident reports, memorandums, brochures, staff rosters, staffing plans, training information, and other reference materials for examination. Policies and documentation are in the form of agency directives and policies. Institution Supplements (IS) are provided in the form of Facility Directives. Updates of the Pre audit questionnaire, investigations and Institutional Supplements were also discussed prior to the beginning of the audit.

The on-site visit for the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit of the Diboll Correctional Center was conducted by certified auditor Robert Manville from March 1 through March 2, 2021. Notices of the upcoming audit and the Auditor's contact information were posted throughout the institution on January 22, 2021. This is the third contact information that has been posted by the facility due to changing dates of the audit. The audit was originally scheduled for May 2020 but has been changed on several occasions due to Governor's Orders to post pone travel into Texas due to Coronavirus. This is the third PREA audit for this facility. Upon arrival at the facility, an in-briefing meeting was held with the Warden, several department heads and support staff, facility PREA compliance manager. The standards used for this audit became effective August 20, 2012.

The tour of Diboll Correctional Center included the intake processing areas, all housing units, the special housing unit, the health services department, recreation, food service, facility support areas, education, visiting rooms and programming areas. During the tours, it was noted that there was sufficient staffing to ensure a safe environment for inmates and staff. Signs were posted (in English and Spanish) that indicated employees of the opposite gender were present in the housing units. Inmates can shower, dress, and use the toilet without exposing themselves to employees of the opposite gender. Postings, regarding PREA violation reporting and the agency's zero-tolerance policy toward sexual abuse and sexual harassment were prominently displayed in all housing units, meeting areas and throughout the facility. Audit notice postings with the PREA auditor's contact information were in the same areas. The auditor did not receive any correspondence from inmate or staff.

A total of sixteen (16) randomly selected correctional staff members were interviewed, to include employees from the day and night shift. Lieutenants from all shifts were included in the interview process as part of the specialized staff. All were aware of the agency's zero-tolerance policy and their responsibilities to protect inmates from sexual abuse/sexual harassment and could explain their new employee and annual PREA training and their duties as first responders as part of a coordinated response. Specialized staff members were also interviewed. This included the Warden, Institutional PREA Compliance Manager (IPCM), two Investigators, and Human Resource Specialist, Intake staff, Health Services Administrator, Classification Supervisor, Training officer, case managers, Incident Review Team Member, Grievance Coordinator, and retaliation monitor. All interviewed staff and contractors demonstrated an understanding of the PREA and their responsibilities under this program, relative to their position or roles with the organization and employment status. Saint Luke Hospital and victim advocate with Houston Women Service and from Texas Department of Criminal Justice PREA Ombudsman were also contacted. Texas Department of Criminal Justice PREA Ombudsman program was confirmed by Texas Department of Criminal Justice Website and interview with staff of the Ombudsman Program.

Inmate random interviewed inmates included inmates housed in every dormitory in each program. The below offenders were determined to be a target population:

Populations	Targeted population	Total Available on date of audit	Total Interviewed
Transgender	0	0	0
Allegation of Sexual Abuse	1	1	1
Allegation of Sexual Harassment	0	0	0
Victimization	12	3	3
Gay	4	4	4
Segregation for PREA	0	0	0
Disabled	1	1	1
Deaf	0	0	0
Cognitive	0	0	0
LEP	N/A	N/A	3
Total Random Inmates	488	488	21
Total Population	506	506	33

*\*The facility houses an above average number of offenders that are part of the targeted population of Limited English Proficient. Therefore, the auditor did not use the LEP as a random part of the sample but used translation services for any offender that reported as LEP during the initial PREA introduction.*

Overall, all inmates interviewed demonstrated a good understanding of the PREA compliance program, the intake screening process, the prevention and protection process and reporting

mechanisms. The inmates further stated that staff members were responsive to their needs and that they felt safe at the facility.

## Investigations

During the audit period, there was one (1) allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations conducted at the facility. Sexual abuse that could lead to a criminal complaint are investigated by Texas Department of Criminal Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The investigations were completed by trained Sexual Abuse in Confinement investigator. The investigations was determined unsubstantiated.

## Facility Characteristic

*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.*

Diboll Correctional Center is a 518 bed male offender Correctional Facility operated by the Management & Training Corporation (MTC) for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). The facility employs 114 fulltime and 14 on call (part time) staff to provide for the care and custody of 518 minimum security inmates and manage programs to assist inmate in reentry into becoming productive citizens. Medical Services are provided by University of Texas Medical Branch.

Diboll Correctional Center has been accredited by the American Correctional Association for several years. The Diboll Correctional Center strives to be a leader in social impact by helping offenders prepare to successfully reenter society. Offender programming is designed to help reduce recidivism. Correctional Officers provide the security supervision.

The facility was opened in 1995. The physical plant is located on 100 acres of property adjacent to the TDCJ Rufus H. Duncan Transfer Facility. The DCC provides two, 250 man housing units (2 man cell), and three ancillary building that have spaces for administrative offices, maintenance, food service, a gym for recreation, educational services, library services, religious services, property, intake processing, and a central laundry.

The two housing units are located on either in of the facility and have 3 dormitories in each living unit. All cells have sinks and commodes. The showers, located in the housing units, have privacy screens/half walls This facility has a significant number of cameras which is unusual for this level of custody. Also, to mitigate blind spots the facility has installed mirrors. Mirrors have been placed in areas enabling staff to see around corners. Showers also had half walls and an angled partition to restrict viewing. Phones were in each living unit. PREA Posters were located throughout the facility.

The Receiving/Discharge area has an intake area for orientation and initial intake. Upon arriving at the facility inmates are individually taken to an office for shake down and to be issued clothing. There is a partition for inmate's privacy during the shakedown. Only staff of the



same gender conduct these searches. There are other offices located this area which allow private interviews to be conducted. There were zero-tolerance posters displayed in the intake area.

There is also a short-term special management unit which contains seven single-occupancy cells. There is a partitioned shower located in this area. There were no offenders housed in the unit during the tour.

The Health Services Department contains treatment rooms and offices. There is a bulletin board that contains PREA information located in the waiting area. There are correctional officers assigned to the health care area, whenever inmates are in this area. The health unit is operational 12 hours a day with on call staff on duty.

There are recreation areas located on this compound. These recreational areas include a gymnasium, activity center, exercise equipment, hobby craft rooms, music rooms and an outside recreation area. Zero-tolerance posters are located throughout the recreation area. The bathroom areas in each of the recreational areas include partitions and doors to provide privacy. There were PREA information boards in each of the recreational areas.

The Education area contains classrooms and support services. The Education department provides various programs for the inmates, including:

- High School Diploma Program
- Adult Continuing Education (ACE)
- Advanced Occupational Education
- English as a Second Language
- Release Readiness Program
- Law Library
- Leisure Library

The Religious Services Department consists of group rooms, music area and offices. There were PREA posters located in the religious services hallway and in the front entrance area. There were no blind spots noted in this area.

The Food Service Department has a large dining room with a food service preparation area attached. Except for the staff dining room, all areas of food service are under constant surveillance with cameras, mirrors, or staff supervision. There are “zero-tolerance posters” in all food service areas.

The Laundry is supervised by correctional staff and employs inmate workers. The laundry is under continuous supervision and is monitored by cameras and mirrors. There were no blind spots noted in the laundry. The laundry area had a bulletin board with PREA information including zero-tolerance and PREA audit notices.

Diboll Correctional Center was accredited by the American Correctional Association in 2016. The scheduled reaccreditation was postponed due to the coronavirus.

## 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:** 2

**List of Standards Exceeded:**

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

Standard 115.42: Use of screening information

### Standards Met

**Number of Standards Met:** 43

### Standards Not Met

**Number of Standards Not Met:**

**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**

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**POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

Management & Training Corporation (MTC) Policy 903E.02 Sexual Safety in Prisons (PREA)  
 Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Safe Prisons Plan (February 2019)  
 Zero Tolerance Poster  
 MTC Memo: Corporate PREA Coordinator  
 Diboll Correctional Center (DCC) Memo: Correctional Center PREA Compliance Manager  
 Diboll Correctional Center Organizational Chart

Management & Training Corporation (MTC) published the agency policy serial # 903E.02, Ensuring Safe Prisons and Texas Department of Criminal Justice have published a Safe Prison Plan that includes standards, documents, training plans and operational procedures to assist facilities in implementation of the Prison Rape elimination Act. MTC policy and TDCJ Safe Screening mandates a zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy outlines procedures and expectations related to MTC's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. It is developed in compliance with the PREA standards for adult prisons and jails and includes definitions of prohibited behaviors regarding sexual assault and sexual harassment for staff and inmates.

The policy also included sanctions for staff and inmates found to have participated in prohibited behaviors. Staff members who are found to have perpetrated sexual abuse or

sexual harassment are disciplined in accordance with Employee Discipline policy and Facility Rule of Conduct and subject to employment termination. Employees are subject to criminal prosecution.

The policy includes a description of the agency strategies and responses to reduce and prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates.

Inmates who are found to have perpetrated sexual abuse or sexual harassment are disciplined in accordance with sanctions outlined in the facility's inmate handbook.

MTC memorandum, warden memorandum and a facility organizational chart meet the requirements of this standard. The agency's zero tolerance against sexual abuse is clearly established and the policy outlines the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations. The agency memorandum establishes a position of PREA compliance manager with the responsibility to oversee the implementation and management of Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. DCC Warden issued a memorandum to establish a PREA compliance manager to coordinate and an assistant PREA compliance manager to oversee the implementation and management of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 at Diboll Correctional Center.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Management and Training Cooperation and Diboll Correctional Center policies, memos and mandates outline a zero-tolerance policy for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Inmates are informed orally about the zero-tolerance policy and the PREA program during in-processing and additional admission and orientation presentations. The orientation is offered in English and in Spanish. Additional program information is contained in the A&O Handbook, and postings distributed throughout the facility (observed during the tour). All written documents are available in English and Spanish. Additional interpretive services are available for inmates who do not speak or read English. Both institution staff and inmates are provided with a wealth of opportunities to become aware of PREA policies and procedures. All employees receive initial training and annual training, as well as updates throughout the year. The institution meets the standards with all the programs they have implemented to ensure the inmates and staff understand its position on zero-tolerance. Compliance was determined by review of orientation power point presentations, posters, A&O handbook and interviews with staff and inmates.

## **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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

TDCJ-MTC- Contract – 696–PF–16–17– CO 43  
TDCJ-MTC Contract mod  
DCC Contract Memo (SOF)

The agency and facility meet the mandates of this standard. DCC does not contract with external entities for the confinement of offenders. The facility is owned by TDCJ and operated by the Management Training Corporation (MTC). A monitor is assigned to the facility by TDCJ. DCC does not have authority to contract for confinement of offenders.

## 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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

TDCJ Safe Prisons Plan (February 2019)  
MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
PREA- Annual Staffing Plan Review Certification  
DCC staffing Plan  
Video equipment  
DCC Staffing Deviation memo 2020

Staffing Annual Assessment  
Capt. Post Orders  
Supervisors Post Orders  
Major Post Orders  
Lt Post Orders  
MTC- Supervisor Walk Through Log  
Program Performance Work Statement  
Staffing Plan re: Adequate Levels of Staffing  
Security Roster & Activity Log re: Supervisor Rounds & Staffing Deviations (All Shifts)  
MTC - Annual Reviews & Audits  
Copies of officers' logbooks showing unannounced rounds by supervisors on all shifts

Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons Mandates that the facility will complete a staffing plan prior to opening a facility and will continue to review a minimum of once a year utilizing the following criteria;

- Generally accepted detention and correctional practices;
- Judicial findings of inadequacy;
- Findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies;
- Findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies;
- All components of the facility's physical plant;
- The composition of the inmate population;
- The number and placement of supervisory staff;
- Institution programs occurring on a particular shift;
- Applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards;
- The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse; and
- Other relevant factors.

Interviews with the Warden and executive staff revealed compliance with the PREA, and that other safety and security issues are always a primary focus when they consider and reviewing their respective staffing plans. The facility has a Staffing Report that is developed for each pay period. The Warden meets weekly with his executive staff with operational needs including addressing staffing issues as they relate to the PREA.

The institution has been provided with all necessary resources to support the programs and procedures to ensure compliance with the PREA standards. The audit included an examination of all video monitoring systems; staff interviews; and rosters. Supervisory and Administrative staff members routinely make unannounced rounds covering all shifts and these rounds are documented. PREA rounds are documented in operations lieutenants' logs and at the officer's stations logs for housing units.

There have been no judicial findings of inadequacy from federal investigative agencies or findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies relevant to this standard. All essential posts are filled each shift and no essential posts are kept open for salary savings. When programs are offered, staffing is increased to provide additional supervision. The review of Institution Duty Officer (IDO) unannounced PREA rounds logs confirmed that intermediate-



level or higher-level supervisors, including shift supervisors and department heads, conduct and document such visits throughout the institution, during the day, at night and on the weekends. The Warden, Deputy Wardens and Major serves as IDO. All were interviewed. The IDO works weekend at the facility to provide overview. Staff members are prohibited from alerting other employees regarding unannounced rounds. Interviews with inmates and housing unit officers also confirmed that random, unannounced rounds are conducted by Institution Duty Officers daily, including nights and weekends. PREA rounds are documented in operations logs and at the officer's stations logs for housing units. An examination of policy and supporting documentation and all interviews confirms compliance with this standard. Compliance was determined by staff interviews conducted during the tour of all areas of the facility, including human resource manager and correctional staff; reviews of documented staffing rosters, daily supervisory checks, and facility workforce quarterly meeting records; pay period staffing reports and the examination of the video monitoring system. A comprehensive tour of the facility was conducted during the audit that included looking for blind spots, reviewing cameras coverage and available staff in areas that inmates are assigned. A camera review was conducted by looking at each camera from a control area by the auditor. Subsequently, tours of each area of the facility was also reviewed while going throughout the facility to meet with staff and to interview inmates.

## 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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
DCC Statement of Fact (SOF) - No Youthful Inmates

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons –November 1, 2018 mandates that DCC does not house youthful offenders. Further compliance was provided through Statement of Non-Applicability, and interviews with Warden and Staff Conducting Unannounced Rounds and TDCJ Monitor.

## 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.)

a.  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

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### **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe  
TDCJ Policy 3.22-Offender Searches  
Post Order 07.O27- Dorm Officer  
Shower Photo  
Memo DCC SOF  
Photo of Staff Announcement  
Cavity Search Memo  
Transgender Searching  
Pre-Service Training- Training  
Pre-Service Training Roster

TDCJ Policy 3.22 Offender Searches and MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe mandates that Cross-gender strip or cross-gender body cavity searches are prohibited, except in emergency situations or when performed and documented by a medical practitioner. Officers are required to document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches. Interviews with staff confirmed that they were aware of the prohibition of visual body cavity or strip searches of the inmates of the opposite sex except in exigent circumstances and never for the purpose of examining a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. Staff interviews also confirmed that all officers have been trained to conduct cross-gender pat searches. Staff interviews indicated they received cross-gender pat search training during initial and annual training. The facility allows transgender offenders to determine staff gender for pat searches. The facility does not allow cross gender pat searches accept in emergency situations. In cases when a cross gender pat search occurs staff must document the incident on pat search logbook. The auditor observed that each unit has individual stalls for privacy in utilizing the toilets. The facility has

implemented a policy that all opposite gender staff working the units will announce themselves prior to walking the range to allow inmates the opportunity to prepare themselves from a privacy perspective. Control room will document announcement were made and will also make announcement with person of the other gender enter the housing units. Inmates interviewed acknowledged they were allowed to shower, dress and use the toilet without being viewed by staff of the opposite gender. Staff and inmates interviewed indicated employees of the opposite gender announce their presence before entering a housing unit. Unit staff also announce the possibility of opposite gender staff entering the housing units at the beginning of each shift. Additionally, the auditor observed written notifications which clearly stated the possibility of opposite gender staff routinely entering the units posted in the unit common areas. The postings were written in both English and Spanish. Staff members were aware of the policy prohibiting the search of a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. During the past 12 months, there were no exigent circumstances that required cross-gender viewing of an inmate by a staff member. The living areas have showers with partitions that provides for inmate privacy while showering. Some toilet areas have partitions with door to allow inmates to use the restroom without being viewed by staff. Other bathroom areas have routine doors with a sink.

Officers would be required to document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches. Interviews with staff confirmed that they were aware of the prohibition of visual body cavity or strip searches of the inmates of the opposite sex except in exigent circumstances and never for the purpose of examining a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. Staff interviews also confirmed that female officers had been trained to conduct cross-gender pat searches. Staff interviews indicated they received cross-gender pat search training during initial and annual training

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## **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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC - Ensuring Safe Prison 903E.02 (03/2020)  
TDCJ - Language Assistance Services to Offenders (AD-04.25)  
TDCJ - Qualified interpreter Services American Sign language AD-05.25  
Qualified Spanish interpreter Certificates  
Statement of Fact  
Memo - offenders with intellectual Disabilities  
Sexual Abuse Awareness Brochure  
Safe Prison Operational Manual

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons mandate that the facility will not discriminates against inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English and shall provide reasonable accommodations to ensure access to programs, activities, and services in

accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the provisions established in this Directive.

Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons establishes local facility to respond to needs of inmates with Disabilities or Limited English Proficiency: Upon identification of an inmate with a disability which prevents them from reading or understanding inmate PREA educational materials, staff conducting initial intake screenings coordinate with other staff as needed to obtain appropriate accommodations addressing the inmate's disability (i.e. referral to medical as appropriate).

Through policy and practice, the facility staff ensures that inmates with all disabilities listed in 115.16a have an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all aspects of the facilities efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The disabled inmates interviewed stated they were instructed about PREA compliance and felt safe from sexual abuse. All PREA related information (written information), including postings, brochures and handouts are available in English, and Spanish and other languages. Staff also may read information to inmates when necessary. The facility does not rely on inmate interpreters, inmate readers or other types of inmate assistants in the performance of first responder duties or during the investigation of an inmate's sexual abuse/sexual harassment allegations. Interviews with first responders, medical, mental health and investigative staff confirmed their awareness of the prohibition of using inmate interpreters for PREA compliance functions. The facility provides training for bilingual staff to service as interpreters. There is a list of available trained staff maintained in the housing units. Interviews with over 5 non-English proficient inmates confirmed the availability and use of the staff interpreters and telephonic interpretive services. Interviews with staff and inmates and an examination of policy/supporting documentation also confirm compliance with this standard. Through the Texas Department of Criminal Justice the center has access to sign language services for deaf offenders. Compliance of this standard was confirmed by review of Agency Policy, Institutional supplement, contracting services for language interpretation services and interviews with staff and disabled inmates.

## 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

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#### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC-201.3 Background Check  
 Sexual Safety in Prisons (PREAI 903E.02)  
 TDCJ Safe Prison Plan (February 2019)  
 Contract Agreement

Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons - Hiring and promotion decisions requires all employees, contractors and volunteers have had criminal background checks completed. The facility does not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates, and does not enlist the services of any contractor or volunteer that may have contact with inmates, who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution; has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse, or if the person has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity. Incidents of sexual harassment are considered in determining whether to hire or promote anyone or to enlist the services of any contractor or volunteer, who may have contact with inmates. MTC Policy 203.1 Rules of Conduct, MTC-201.3 Background Check, MTC Employee Handbook, and MTC Interview Questions mandates that employees, contractors and volunteers are required to receive background check including NCIC check. The facility staff asked applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct; they use a form to document. The facility also imposes upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any misconduct related to PREA. MTC policy prohibits staff from material omissions and the provision of materially false information. This may result in grounds for termination. Interviewed HR staff confirmed that the facility will provide information on employment hired and released dates and other basic information; however, they are prohibited for giving detail information on employee substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee. Upon receiving a request from an institutional employer who may request this information, the facility will provide the employer MTC cooperate office human resources division and with permission from the prospective employee the MTC will authorized the release of information.

Policies and staff interviewed stated that the facility requires that a criminal background record check be completed before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates Policy requires that before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, the agency performs a criminal background check; and consistent with Federal, State and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of inmates or detainee sexual abuse or harassment or any resignation pending an investigation of such allegations. MTC requires the facility not to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates, and does not enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates as listed in this standard to include the following provisions as stated in the PREA standards:

1. Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution; to include persons who are mentally ill or disabled or retarded or chronically ill or handicapped, or institution providing skilled nursing or intermediate or long-term care or custodial or immaterial care.
2. Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse.
3. Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in subsection 2.

TDCJ enters all employees and contractors into an automated system to trigger notification to TDCJ of any and all arrests entered into TCIC/NCIC system serves as continuous records check alleviating the need for a background check every (5) five years. Employees have a duty to disclose such misconduct. Material omissions regarding this type of misconduct would be grounds for termination. The submission of false information by any applicant is grounds for not hiring the applicant. The facility requests all staff to complete a PREA Questionnaire on a yearly basis. The human resource manager confirmed that the agency attempts to contact prior employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or resignations which occurred during a pending investigation of sexual abuse. Interviews with staff and a review of documentation (PREA Screening Form) confirm compliance with this standard. Ten new staff member and five promoted staff personnel files were reviewed and found to have completed prior to employment or promotion. Sample of notification of arrest was provided to verify TDCJ notification system.

## 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

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#### **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC Policy 903E.02 Sexual Safety in Prisons  
PREA Annual Assessment Meeting  
Physical Plant Diagrams Indicating Camera Placement  
Statement of Fact

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons requires that when designing or acquiring any new facility and in planning and substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. Interviews with the PREA Compliance Manager and Warden indicated that was no major expansion during the past four years. The facility is owned by TDCJ and any upgrades are requested by MTC. The facility meets compliance was determined by review of camera system, interviews with Warden and reviewing yearly staffing and statement of fact.

## **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 evidentiary 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*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

TDCJ-SPOM 02.02 Offender Victim Representative  
TDCJ-SPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation  
TDCJ-AD-16.20 Reporting Incident to OIG  
Correctional Managed Health Care Policy Manual  
Medical Staff Safe Prisons Training  
Victim Representative Memo  
Victim Representative Certificate  
MOU Houston Area Woman's Center  
MTC Policy 903E.02 Sexual Safety in Prisons

Written policy require MTC to make available to an offender 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 MTC shall upon request of the victim provide an Offender Victim Representative (OVR) to support the offender victim through the forensic medical examination process including investigatory interviews. The OVR shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, and referrals during and after the investigation. OVR's shall be approved by the warden and shall

receive the necessary training concerning sexual assault and forensic examination. The facility has one trained staff at this time.

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons –November 1, 2018 Evidence Protocol and Forensic Medical Examinations mandates Medical Forensic Examinations be conducted by SANE or SAFE staff.

Administrative Directive 16-20, I. General (Procedures), authorizes the Office of Inspector General's broad investigative responsibilities and designates the OIG as the primary investigative organization within the TDCJ. The OIG has primary jurisdiction for investigating criminal offenses occurring on TDCJ property or affecting TDCJ property, including criminal offenses. Within respective jurisdictions, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies have concurrent investigative and law enforcement authority with the OIG. Law Enforcement agencies generally defer to the OIG about matters relating to the TDCJ. OIG investigators are commissioner Texas peace officers and have full law enforcement authority and statewide jurisdiction in criminal matters affecting the TDCJ. After review of the initial facility investigation the OIG investigators will conduct the investigations or refer the investigation back to the facility for the facility investigator to complete the investigation. The facility investigator has received training on conducting sexual abuse investigations in a confinement setting.

The agency follows a uniform evidence protocol as described in the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents". Victims of sexual assault are referred to health services for initial examination and treatment. Such treatment would be for life preservation only and the victim would be transported to a local hospital for examination, treatment and forensic evidence gathering by a SANE nurse. All sexual abuse advocacy, examinations, treatment, testing, and follow-up care are provided without cost to the victim. The facility has access to a local rape crisis center organization to provide victim advocacy services. DCC has a MOU with Houston Area Woman's Center. The MOU includes accompanying the inmate to the hospital for forensic examination and providing emotional support to victims of sexual abuse. A review of training records confirmed that internal investigative unit staff have received appropriate investigator training on the investigation of sexual abuse and harassment in a confinement setting. Interviews local rape crisis center advocate and an examination of documentation confirmed compliance with this standard. Correctional and medical staff members were interviewed concerning this standard and all were knowledgeable of the procedures required to secure and obtain usable physical evidence when sexual abuse is alleged. Staff members were also aware of the staff responsible for conducting PREA investigations. Staff carry a First Responder card to provide reminders and expected responses to sexual abuse.

The hospital representative indicated in our telephone interview that the hospital works with a victim advocacy group located at the hospital to provide advocacy services including staff to accompany inmates that have been sexually abused. There were no forensic examinations conducted during the past 12 months.

Compliance was determined through review of policy, documentation of training records, Memo from advocacy program and interviews with DCC staff and inmates. DCC investigator



and TDCJ office of inspector general investigator interviews also confirmed that the investigative staff uniform evidence protocol.

## 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

- 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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### **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC Policy 903E.02 Sexual safety in Prison  
TDCJ Safe Prison Plan  
TDCJ Reporting Incidents/Crimes to the Office of the Inspector General  
TDCI PREA Ombudsman website  
TDCJ officer of the Inspector General  
TDCI Inspector General policy statement  
Report of Alleged Sexual Abuse

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons and Texas Reporting Incident/Crimes to the office of the Inspector General meet the requirements of this standard. Administrative and criminal investigations are completed on all allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. When required, the facility investigators refer sexual abuse investigations (criminal violations) to the TDCJ Inspector General who follow the requirements of the standard. All Sexual Harassment must be investigated by the facility trained Investigator. There was one referral of sexual abuse. The allegation was investigated in a timely manner and was determined to be unsubstantiated.

Facility investigators and the Office of Inspector General staff are trained in conducting sexual assault investigations in confined settings/prisons. A review of documentation and staff interviews confirmed compliance with this standard. A review of training documents confirmed that all investigators received instruction in conducting sexual assault investigations in confined spaces/prisons. Interviews with staff, as well as an examination of policy/supporting documentation, confirm compliance with this standard.

The Investigating Lieutenant was interviewed and proved knowledgeable concerning the protocols for conducting investigations of alleged sexual abuse/sexual harassment. There was one allegation of sexual abuse and no allegation of sexual harassment during the auditing period. The facility provided this investigation for review by the auditor. Interviews with OIG Investigator and DCC investigators, as well as an examination of supporting documentation, confirm the facility's compliance with this standard.

## **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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC Policy 903E.02 Sexual safety in Prison  
MTC Policy 901D.02 (A1, D1) Training Requirements  
TDCJ Safe Prison Plan  
Annual Refresher Training Packet  
PREA Training Curriculum  
Pre-Service/In-Service Orientation Training Schedule & Roster re: PREA Training  
Prison Rape Elimination Act - Training Acknowledgement In-service Pre-Service Summary  
Review Test re: PREA Knowledge

All staff is provided an Employee Manual which includes information on all areas of PREA training and protocol for sexual abuse prevention, intervention, reporting, protecting the inmates, and preserving the possible crime scene. Training includes:

- A zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- How to fulfill staff responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual

harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures.

- Inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- Employees' right to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- Dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement.
- Common reactions to sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims.
- How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse.
- How to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates.
- How to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates.
- How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.
- How to conduct cross gender pat down searches.

Newly hired employees receive training relative to the PREA standards during their initial training in a classroom setting. Yearly refresher training is required for all staff, utilizing a Computer-Based PREA training program. Contractors and volunteers are provided training relative to their duties and responsibilities by the facility PREA Compliance Manager. A review of the training curriculum, training sign-in sheets, and other related documentation, as well as staff interviews, confirmed staff is required to acknowledge, in writing, not only that they received PREA training, but that they understood it. A review of documentation and staff interviews confirmed that the facility is compliant with this standard.

A sampling of staff annual training files (15) was reviewed and found to contain documentation supporting compliance with this standard. All staff interviewed indicated that they had received the required PREA training initially and annually. Officers receive additional PREA training/updates when needed and officers assigned to the restrictive housing unit also receive additional training. The extensive training provided and the staff's knowledge of the PREA requirements confirmed that the facility is compliant with this standard. Shift supervisor's and staff provided documentation of shift briefing training that is provided on an ongoing basis.

## **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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#### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED

MTC Policy 903E.02 Sexual safety in Prison  
TDCJ Safe Prison Plan  
MTC Policy 901D.02 (A1, D1) Training  
TDCJ Volunteer Letter and Handbook  
TDCJ Volunteer Letter and Handbook  
TDCJ Volunteer Training Facilitation Guide  
Contractor Training Plan  
Training outline for DCC Volunteer Training on PREA  
Statement of Fact Statement of Fact

Contractors and volunteers are provided training relative to their duties and responsibilities. TDCJ contracts with University of Texas-Medical Branch (UTMB) for medical and mental health services. The contractors has developed and implemented specialized training for mental health and medical staff that includes PREA basic but additionally includes specialized training for medical and mental health staff. All contract and volunteer staff are required to receive PREA training annually. Texas Department of Criminal Justice publishes a volunteer handbook that is provided for all persons volunteering with DCC. A review of the training curriculum, training sign-in sheets and other related documentation, as well as staff interviews, confirmed staff are required to acknowledge, in writing, not only that they received PREA training, but that they understood it. The facility chaplain works with the PREA compliance

manager to ensure all volunteers receive annual training. The chaplain provided files for volunteers that documented the annual training. The chaplain indicated the facility updated training quarterly which included training for volunteers after background checks are cleared prior to having contact with inmates. The facility has persons trained to conduct volunteer services at DCC. However, at the present time visitors are not allowed to provide services and have not been able to receive the annual training. A review of documentation and staff interviews including University of Texas-Medical Branch nurse manager, facility volunteer coordinator, contracting nurses and religious volunteer confirmed that the facility is compliant with this standard.

## 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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED

MTC Policy 903E.02 Sexual safety in Prison  
 TDCJ Safe Prison Plan  
 MTC Policy 901D.02 (A1, D1) Training  
 TDCJ Sexual Assault Awareness Course  
 List of Peer Educators  
 TDCJ Safe Prison Handout



MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons (A1, C3, D1, E1, F1)–November 1, 2018 PREA Posters (English and Spanish); Offender handbook; and TDCJ SPOM 03.01, pg. 1-2., Offender Orientation Training establishes the standard required training. Inmates receive information during the intake process that includes a PREA handout and Offender Handbook, printed in both English and Spanish. There are PREA posters throughout the facility and in each housing unit. There is an interpretive language service available for limited English proficient inmates. The center maintains a list of staff certified to provide interpretative services in Spanish. A review of A&O Checklists verified that inmates received Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse Prevention & Intervention education and relevant written materials. All inmates are required to acknowledge in writing they have received PREA education. A staff member conducts an additional education program regarding the PREA for all inmates within 30 days of their arrival at the facility. If an inmate is transferred to another facility, policy requires that this training process be repeated at the new institution, as confirmed through interviews with newly arrived inmates. The program includes definitions of sexually abusive behavior and sexual harassment, prevention strategies and reporting modalities.

The auditor was provided a random sampling of A&O Checklists/Signature Sheets to verify that inmates, admitted during the auditing period, received the Sexual Abuse and sexual harassment (PREA) education and relevant written materials. All inmates are required to acknowledge completion of PREA education. During the interview process, randomly selected inmates indicated they received information about the facility's rules against sexual abuse/sexual harassment, when they arrived at the facility. They further indicated they were advised about their right not to be sexually abused/sexually harassed, how to report sexual abuse/sexual harassment and their right not be punished for reporting sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Inmate and staff confirmed that PREA training is provided during the initial intake at the facility and during the orientation phase which occurs within one week of arriving at the facility. Inmates were aware of available services outside of the facility for dealing with sexual abuse.

## **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.

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED

MTC 903E.02, E  
Office of the Inspector General Policy (BP- 01.07 rev.6)  
TDCJ Description, Investigator Trainee  
Training Records for Facility Trainer

MTC requires that administrative investigations are conducted by trained investigators who are full-time employees at the facility. The auditor reviewed specialized training documentation to include the Investigator Training Instructor Guide and the course completion list for Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting training and the OIG PREA Criminal Investigator Certification Training List. Administrative investigations are normally conducted by a trained investigator who is a full-time employee of the facility. When criminal investigations are indicated, they are conducted by the TDCJ Office of Inspector General. Interviews with staff, the PREA investigator, and an examination of policy, confirmed compliance with this standard.

### **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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED

MTC 903E.02  
 TDCJ Safe Prison Plan  
 Statement of Fact

MTC 903E.02, pg. 10-11 mandates specialized training for medical and mental health staff. The facility has full-time medical care staff and part time mental health staff on site. The

agency contracts with University of Texas-Medical Branch for medical and mental health staff. The contractors has developed and implemented specialized training for mental health and medical staff that includes PREA basic but additionally includes specialized training for medical and mental health staff. All mental health and medical staff have received the required specialized training on how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse, how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and how and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, victim identification, interviewing, reporting and clinical interventions. Medical and mental health care staff acknowledged, in writing, that they both received and understood the training, as it relates to the PREA. Interviews with medical and mental health staff confirmed awareness of their responsibilities regarding the PREA specialized training medical and mental health staff have attended during the last 12 months. Medical staff interviewed were extremely knowledgeable of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and responses to reporting and identifying sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Compliance was determined by review of University of Texas-Medical Branch training curriculum, interviews with University of Texas-Medical Branch University of Texas-Medical Branch nurse manager and nurses assigned to Diboll Correctional Center

## 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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## **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED**

TDCJ Safe Prison Plan  
MTC 903E.02 Screening Instrument  
TDCJ Assessment Instrument

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons (A1, B1, C1, F1) –November 1, 2018 establishes policies and procedures governing this standard. All offenders are assessed during the intake screening process for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or being sexually abusive toward other inmates. The screening is conducted by the PREA compliance manager and/or director of classification staff. The screening normally occurs within twenty-four hours, but no more than seventy-two hours, after the inmate's arrival. Policies and procedures require the use of a screening instrument (reviewed by auditor) to determine proper housing, bed assignment, work assignment, education, and other program assignments, with the goal of keeping inmates at high risk of being sexually abused/sexually harassed separate from those inmates who are at high risk of being sexually abusive. A medical staff conducts an initial medical screening including questions of prior sexual abuse. The PREA compliance manager or Director of Classification perform the initial TDCJ PREA screening instrument. At the time of the audit the facility was also utilizing the MTC risk screening instrument. The auditor was advised by documentation from TDCJ that the facility is utilizing the TDCJ screening instrument. This instrument does not include the question of the "inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes". (The facility does not house inmates solely for civil immigration purposes)The initial screening is conducted within 24 hours of arrival of the offender. Usually the instrument is conducted within the first 4 hours of arrival at the facility. Agency Directives require within the first 30 days of arriving at the facility, an inmate's risk level is reassessed within thirty days or when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. Controls are in place to ensure that information received during the screening is only available to staff on a need-to-know basis. Agency policy prohibits inmates from being disciplined for refusing to answer or for not disclosing complete information in response to questions regarding their mental/physical health, developmental disability, sexual preferences, sexual victimization history and perception of vulnerability. Housing and program assignments are made on a case-by-case basis and inmates are not placed in housing units based solely on their sexual identification or status.

A review of 15 initial and rescreening instruments revealed that all inmates were screened and rescreened as required by standards.

Interviews and documentation revealed that intake screenings are taking place within 72 hours of arrival at the DCC. Also, during intake screening, procedures require staff review available documentation (judgment and sentence, commitment orders, criminal records, investigation



reports, field, and medical files) for any indication that an inmate has a history of sexually aggressive behavior. Housing assignments are made accordingly. The facility uses the agency Screening form and the Screening for Risk of Victimization and Abusiveness as the objective screening instruments. Staff interviews for conducting Screening for Risk of Victimization and Abusiveness indicated that the facility uses the agency form and the PREA Intake Objective Screening Instrument to document this process. The TDCJ provides contracting facilities with PREA Intake Objective Screening Instrument. The results of the assessment are documented on the Intake Screening Form whether the inmate is vulnerable or sexually aggressive. Staff interviews and documentation review reveal that the Screening for Risk of Victimization and Abusiveness include the following:

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

Compliance was determined by review of the screening instrument, review of inmate records with screening and rescreening instrument, review of company inmate data to manage screening instruments. Compliance was further determined by interviews with classification supervisor, PREA compliance manager, inmates, and medical staff.

## **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

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MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons (A1, B1, C1, F1  
TDCJ Safe Prison Plan  
Classification Procedure- Offender Housing Assignments (4.00)  
Classification Procedure- Offender Job Assignments (4.01)  
Memo: Transgender and Intersex Offender Shower  
Memo: Transgender and Intersex Offender Bi-Annual Reassessment  
Statement of Fact

The facility's classification procedures provides that risk screening information is used to determine housing, bed, work, and education and program assignments, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive. Determinations for these assignments are made on a case-by-case basis. Staff members assigned to conduct intake screening have been provided additional

training and resource materials to complete this task. Diboll Correctional Center conducts a classification committee meeting within 72 hours of the offender arrival at the facility. The committee is chaired by the Warden or Major, the chief of classification and administrative staff. The committees review all documents including the screening instrument to determine the appropriate program or job room assignment. Texas Department of Criminal Justice (through a committee) decides whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates. TDCJ has no dedicated facilities for transgender or intersex inmates. The facility determines other housing and programming assignments for transgender or intersex inmates on a case-by-case basis, to include whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety and whether the placement would present management or security problems. Placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate are reassessed at least once every six months. Policy states that a transgender or intersex inmate's own view with respect to his own safety should be given serious consideration when making these assignments. MTC policy mandates that transgender and intersex inmates are given the opportunity to shower, dress and use the toilet facilities separately from other inmates. The facility had no transgender inmate assigned during the last 12 months. The interview with the Agency's PREA Coordinator confirmed that a transgender inmate's genital status is not the sole criteria for placement in a specific facility. Interviews with staff and inmates, observations of housing assignments and unit activities, as well as an examination of documentation/policy, confirm that the facility is in compliance with this standard.

## 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

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## **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC 903E.02 - Sexual Safety in Prisons (PREA) - Pg. 1, 12  
Statement of Fact  
Statement of Fact  
TDCJ Safe Prison Plan  
TDCJ Unit Classification Procedure- Offender Housing Assignments  
Statement of Fact

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons (A1, E1)–November 1, 2018 meets the mandates of this standard. The Administrative Segregation Unit houses both administrative (protective custody) and disciplinary cases. Policy states inmates at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed in involuntary status unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made and there is no available means of separating the victim from the abuser. No inmates were placed in this status within the last year. In practice, victims would almost never be placed in involuntary protective custody. If necessary, placement would only be for a very short time for protection only and only to determine the facts of the incident. A review of use of the segregation unit during the last 12 months validated that no inmate was housed in segregation for a PREA investigation or allegation. Compliance was determined through review of policy, segregation logs, and interviews with Warden RHU staff and PREA compliance manager.

## **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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC 903E.02 - Sexual Safety in Prisons (PREA) - Pg. 1, 12  
A & O Booklet re: PREA Reporting Options

TDCJ Safe Prison Plan  
Office of Inspector General Information  
Memo re: Inmates Detained Solely for Immigration Purposes (N/A)  
PREA Signage - "Example"  
MTC Website re: PREA Contact Representative Data  
PREA Ombudsman

Inmates are provided with information on how to report sexual abuse or harassment to facility staff as well as public and/or private agencies not affiliated with DCC; and procedures for permitting third-party reports of sexual abuse/harassment on behalf of an inmate. Information for third-party reporting, such as from friends or family can be found in visitation room and offender handbook. This information is given during intake, orientation, and is made available through posters, handbooks, and pamphlets. Inmates may privately report sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation by other inmates or staff, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents in several ways. Inmates may speak with any staff member, contact their family or friends, or utilize an Inmate Request to All staff will accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties. Staff will promptly document any verbal reports and will immediately report any such information to the shift supervisor. A review of supportive documentation and staff/inmate interviews indicated that there are multiple ways (verbally, in writing, anonymously, privately, and from a third party) for inmates to report sexual abuse/sexual harassment. The facility has procedures in place for staff to document all allegations. Throughout the facility, there are posters and other documents on display which also explain reporting methods.

Staff members promptly accept and document all verbal, written, anonymous, private, and third-party reports of alleged abuse/sexual harassment. DCC provides to the inmates a third party line to the National Sexual Assault hotline for reporting any abuse or harassment and they can write to the Office of the Inspector General Office. Inmates at the facility are not detained solely for civil immigration purposes. The facility post the information on Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) which includes phone numbers for TAASA, and Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) and address to Stop Prison Rape and Texas-ACLU Prison and Jail Accountability Project. TDCJ inmates are provided with a phone number that parent could utilize to contact the Texas Ombudsman's Office.

Compliance of this standard was validated by review of the inmate handbook, posters throughout the facility, company policies on inmate reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment and interviews with staff and inmates.

## **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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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC 903E.02 - Sexual Safety in Prisons (PREA) - Pg. 1, 12, 13

Statement of Fact Statement of Fact

TDCJ Safe Prison Plan

PREA Ombudsman Manual

A & O Booklet re: PREA

Grievance Packet re: Alleged Sexual Abuse (Past 12 mo.) (Blank)

Offender Grievance Operations Manual

Sexual Assault Investigation

Packet Inmate Handbook

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons (A1, B1, C1)–November 1, 2018 and Offender Grievance Form (English and Spanish), addresses the mandates of this standard. All allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment, when received by staff, will immediately be referred for investigation. Inmates are not required to use an informal grievance process and procedures also allow an inmate to submit a grievance alleging sexual abuse/sexual harassment without submitting it to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint. Additionally, policy also prohibits the investigation of the allegation by either staff alleged to be involved in the incident or any staff who may be under their supervision. Policy states that there is no time frame for filing a grievance relating to sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Policy also addresses the filing of emergency administrative remedy requests. If an inmate files the emergency grievance with the institution and believes he is under a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, an expedited response. There is no prohibition that limits third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside victim advocates in assisting inmates in filing requests for grievances relating to allegations of sexual abuse or filing such requests on behalf of inmates. There were no grievances filed involving PREA related issues during the past 12 months. There were no grievances alleging sexual abuse that involved an extension due to the final decision not being reached within 90 days. Additionally, there were no grievances alleging sexual abuse filed by inmates in which the inmate declined third-party assistance. Inmates are held accountable for manipulative behavior and false allegations. TDCJ has established an organizational program for responses to Allegations of sexual assault or abuse (ASA). All inquiries pertaining to ASA will:

- Forward to PREA Ombudsman
- Enter in OCTS
- Forward to unit for investigation
- Unit returns investigation to PREA Ombudsman
- OCTS updated
- PREA Ombudsman sends response to inquirers

Disciplinary action would generally be taken if a grievance was filed in bad faith. Compliance was determined by review of policy and grievance logs, as well as an interview with the PREA compliance manager and inmates.

## 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

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## POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

FP-3-E2 - Sexual Abuse Assault Prevention & Intervention Program - Pg. 1, 16, 17 A  
A & O Booklet re: PREA Support Services  
PREA Signage - "Example"  
MOU Houston Area Woman's Center

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons November 1, 2018 mandates that MTC facilities provides inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse. The facility has established a memo with East Texas Crisis Center to provide counseling and emotional support services related to sexual abuse (confirmed through a telephone interview with a victim advocate from the agency). DCC also provides information for inmates to have family contact the Texas Department of Criminal Justice PREA Ombudsman for reporting and support services. Inmates may write to the TDCJ ombudsman to request emotional support services. Inmates are informed as part of their orientation process that all telephone calls (except properly placed legal calls) are subject to monitoring and recording and that all mail, except for legal mail, is subject to monitoring as well. The facility post the information on Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) which includes phone numbers for TAASA, and Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) and address to Stop Prison Rape and Texas-ACLU Prison and Jail Accountability Project. DCC inmates are provided with a phone number that parents could utilize to contact the Texas Ombudsman's Office.

Interviews with staff and inmates, auditor observation of postings in the housing unit, interviews with the local victim advocates and an examination of policy/documentation and Texas Department of Criminal Justice PREA Ombudsman interview confirmed compliance with this standard.

## 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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#### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

FP-3-E2 - Sexual Abuse Assault Prevention & Intervention Program - Pg. 1, 6  
PREA Signage - "Example"  
Inmate Handbook  
Texas Ombudsman Website Indicating 3rd Party Reporting  
MTC Website Indicating 3rd Party Reporting

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons (A1, A2) -November 1, 2018, the Inmate Handbook and MTC Website meet the requirements of this standard. The handbook also provides third parties contact information to Texas Department of Criminal Justice PREA Ombudsman as an anonymous reporting conduit between inmate, inmate's family and the 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.

There are posters located throughout the facility including the visitation room on front entrance that provides the address and phone number of the Ombudsman. General Information for Families of Inmates Brochure is also available online. MTC website provides third party reporting as well. The MTC information is posted in the visitation area.

The inmates interviewed indicated they were aware of third-party reporting. Compliance was determined by review of policy, posters, MTC website and TDCJ website and interviews with staff from the Ombudsman's office.

## 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 person's 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

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#### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC 903E.02 - Sexual Safety in Prisons (PREA) - Pg. 1, 14  
AD-16.20 Reporting Incident Crimes to the Office of the Inspector General  
MTC Medical - A-27.1 - Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention & Intervention - Pg. 1, 2  
Sexual Assault Medical Packet  
Correctional Managed Health Care Policy Manual  
Investigation Results  
Safe Prison Plan  
Sexual Assault Investigation Packet

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons and Safe Prisons PREA Plan meets the mandates of this standard. Staff, contractors, and volunteers must report and respond to allegations of sexually abusive behavior, regardless of the source of the report. Interviewed staff members were aware of their duty to immediately report all allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and retaliation relevant to the PREA standards. The reporting is ordinarily made



to the Shift Supervisor but could be made privately or to a third party. Policy requires the information concerning the identity of the alleged inmate victim and the specific facts of the case be shared with staff on a need-to-know basis, because of their involvement with the victim's welfare and/or the investigation of the incident. The facility does not house inmates under the age of 18. 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. A review of established policy and interviews with staff members support the finding that the facility is in compliance with this standard. 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 TDCJ OIG, Regional Director, PREA coordinator's office and MTC cooperate office.

## 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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC 903E.02 -Sexual Safety in Prisons (PREA) - Pg. 1, 14  
Safe Prison Plan  
Safe Prison/PREA manual  
Statement of Fact

MTC and TDCJ policies and operational plans mandates that offenders will immediately be protected from harm. Interviewed staff members were aware of their duties and responsibilities when they become aware or suspect an inmate is being or has been sexually abused or sexually harassed. All staff indicated they would act immediately to protect the victim, to include separating the victim/predator, securing the scene to protect possible evidence, preventing the destruction of potential evidence, and contacting the shift supervisor and medical staff. Staff carry PREA information cards which includes what to do if staff members determine that an inmate in responding to inmate protection if he was subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. In the past 12 months there was no instance in which agency or facility determined that an inmate was subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. Compliance was determined by review of the facility operating policies and procedures along with secondary documentation submitted with the pre-audit questionnaire; review of data and documentation provided by the facility staff; and interviewed inmates and staff during an on-site visit and tour of the facility.

## 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

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#### **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC 903E.02 - Sexual Safety in Prisons (PREA) - Pg. 1, 14  
Safe Prisons PREA Plan  
Screening Instrument  
Statement of Fact

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons meet the requirements of this standard. Policy requires that any inmate allegation of sexual abuse that occurred while confined at another facility be reported to the head of the facility where the alleged abuse occurred within 72 hours of receipt of the allegation. Policy also requires that an investigation be initiated. In the past 12 months, there were no allegation from an inmate that he was sexually abuse or harassed while confined at another facility. Compliance was determined through review agency and company policy and interviews with IPCM and Warden.

### **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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC 903E.02 - Sexual Safety in Prisons (PREA) - Pg. 1, 14, 15  
Lesson Plan - PREA - Sexual Assault, Abuse Recognition & Prevention  
SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation  
Safe Prisons PREA Plan  
Safe Prisons PREA Operational Manual  
Response Plan Cards

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons (A1, A2) and TDCJ Safe Prison Plan establishes mandates for staff, volunteer, and contractor's role for inmate allegation of sexual abuse. Policy and several documents (such as the PREA card provided to all staff-interviewed on how to respond to allegations of sexual assaults) provide initial guidance to employees regarding the expected coordinated actions to take place in response to an incident of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. The policies and information provide direction to security staff, medical/mental health practitioners, investigators, staff and community victim advocates, the forensic examination service providers (SANE) and facility leadership. Upon learning of an allegation of sexual assault first responders will immediately notify the nearest correctional staff member. The facility will separate the victim and abuser; preserves and protects the crime scene; and if the incident occurred within the appropriate period for the collection of physical evidence, they will request that the alleged victim not take actions that could destroy physical evidence, to include washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating. First Responder correctional staff should attempt to make notifications to shift supervisor or appropriate staff with as much confidentiality as possible. An examination of policy/documentation, interview with all staff interviewed by auditor including education instructors, support staff and volunteer confirms compliance with this standard.

## 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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons (A1, A2) Safe Prisons PREA Plan  
SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation  
Diboll Correctional Center's Sexual Abuse Coordinated Response Plan  
Lesson Plan - PREA - Sexual Assault, Abuse Recognition & Prevention

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons (A1, A2) and TDCJ Safe Prisons PREA Sexual abuse and response and investigation plan address the mandates of this standard. The policy specifies the guidelines and procedures that prevent sexual abuse/sexual assault and provide for prompt and effective intervention, in the event a case of abuse or assault occurs. Correctional staff carry a card that provides guideline for first responder or coordinated responses to sexual abuse.

The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan also 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 auditor reviewed the facility operating policies, 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 documentation confirming compliance with the standard. Compliance was determined through the review of policy, interviews with the non-correctional staff, correctional staff, medical staff, victim advocate; and conversations with classification manager, human resource manager and PCM.

## **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.

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### **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons PREA Plan  
Statement of Fact

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons (A1, A2) mandates that any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement must comply with PREA standards dated August 20, 2012. The facility has no collective bargaining agreements. The Warden and Human Resource Manager were interviewed and verified that Diboll Correctional Center does not have a collective bargaining agreement. There were no incidents requiring protection for inmates from staff during the last 12 months. Compliance was confirmed through review of the policy and interviews with administrative staff.

### 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.

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**POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons PREA Plan  
SPPOM 02.04 Intervention Practices  
SPPOM 05.08 90-day monitoring for retaliation  
Retaliation Form for Offender

DCC prohibits retaliatory behavior by inmates or staff in regard to the reporting of sexual abuse, sexual harassment or cooperation with investigators as it relates PREA related incidents and allegations. Inmate's rights documentation and staff policy establish expected conduct. The facility PREA Compliance Manager is responsible for monitoring retaliation along with supervisors to monitor inmates as it relates to PREA allegations and incidents. The facility has several protection and reporting measures, for inmates. They can utilize the Grievance Program to document retaliatory acts or other PREA related concerns and issues. The process is overseen by the facility PREA Compliance Manager who works in concert with the facility administrators and investigators to ensure privacy and policy compliance. The facility has the option to change inmate housing or transfer 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. The monitoring of any type of retaliation is conducted for at least 90 days or longer if warranted. Policy outlines the protection measures available and requires the prompt re-mediation of any type of retaliation. A review of a retaliation log confirmed that inmates had made allegation of sexual abuse have received retaliation monitoring. Documents confirmed that the alleging victim was interviewed within 24 hours of the allegations and continuously interviewed weekly. Interview with the retaliation monitor for residents and the Warden for staff indicated 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. An offender that made an allegation of Sexual Assault was interviewed. He stated he was seen by the Lt. (PCM) every day and then every week and was also interviewed by the Classification staff for several months. Compliance was determined by review of policy, interviews with PCM, MTC PREA Coordinator, and Warden.

**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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons/PREA Plan  
AD 04.63 Transient Status Inmates  
AD 03.50 Administrative Segregation

Safe Prisons/PREA Plan and MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons governs the use of segregation for protection of inmates that have made allegation of sexual abuse. 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. Additionally, to the extent possible, access to programs, privileges, education, and work opportunities are not limited to inmates placed in the protective custody. The facility would document the reasons for restricting access to programs and the length of time the restriction would last. In the past 12 months there were no inmates held in involuntary segregated housing awaiting completion of assessment and none held in involuntary segregated housing for longer than 30 days while awaiting alternative placement. Interviews with staff and review of policy and procedures confirmed compliance with this standard. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy and documentation, as well as staff interviews including shift supervisor, PCM and Warden.

## 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

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#### **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons/PREA Plan  
SPPOM 05.05 Completing the Inmate Protection Investigation  
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  
MTC Investigation Notification and Action Form  
TDCJ Investigation Notification and Action Form

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons and Safe Prisons/PREA Plan provides guidance for investigation of all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Contracting documentation requires that TDCJ Office of Inspector General have law enforcement credentials and are responsible for investigating all allegations of sexual abuse. Investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data; interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses; review prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator. When a case has been substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal it is referred for prosecution and the facility consults with the prosecutor. Because an outside agency is investigating the facility cooperates and remains informed about the progress of the investigation.

DCC investigator provided documentation of completions of Sexual Abuse and Harassment investigator's training. Discussion with the investigators validated training included all aspects of the standards for sexual abuse and harassment training. The facility investigators conducts administrative investigations. Allegations of sexual abuse or harassment that appears to be criminal in nature (in conjunction with the facility Warden) are referred to Texas Department of Criminal Justice Office of Inspector General for investigation. Substantiated allegation that are criminal in nature will be forwarded to local prosecutor for possible prosecution. There was one (1) completed investigations of sexual abuse investigated over the previous 12 months, there were no referrals for criminal investigations. The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect or witness is assessed on an individual basis and is not determined by the person's status as inmate or staff. The Agency does not require an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth assessment device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation. The review of policy and interview with Office of Inspector General and MTC investigator confirmed compliance with policy.

#### **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*)

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons/PREA Plan

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons and TDCJ Safe Prisons/PREA Plan mandates In accordance with PREA standards, during the course of investigations, the facility shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence when determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or harassment are substantiated.

Investigator training programs provide in-depth clarification of this standard. When interviewed, the investigators were aware of the evidence standard. Compliance was determined by review of policy, investigator training curriculum, interview with investigators and PCM.

## 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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons/PREA Plan  
Documented notification

TDCJ and MTC requires that any inmate who alleges that he suffered sexual abuse at a MTC facility be informed, in writing, whether the allegation has been determined to be unsubstantiated, substantiated or unfounded at the conclusion of the investigation. When an allegation involves staff, the inmate would be informed if the staff member is no longer posted within their housing unit, is no longer employed at the facility, if the staff member was indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or the Agency learned that the staff member was convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse. These findings would also be communicated to the inmate if the investigation was completed by an outside agency (OIG). When an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, the agency will inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded. When the agency did not conduct the investigation into an inmate's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate. When an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, the agency subsequently informs the alleged victim whenever the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. When an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, the agency subsequently informs the alleged victim whenever the agency learns that the alleged abuser



has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. When the allegation involves staff, the inmate would be informed if the staff member is no longer posted within their housing unit, is no longer employed at the facility, if the staff member were indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or the Agency learned that the staff member was convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse. During this auditing period, there was one (1) administrative investigation of alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment that required notification in accordance with this standard. The offender signed receipt of the notification of the investigation outcome. The offender was interviewed and shared a copy of his notice to the auditor. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy, staff interviews and inmate and copy of inmate's notifications forms.

## 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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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
 Safe Prisons/PREA Plan  
 Employee Handbook; Staff Relationship  
 Employee Disciplinary  
 Statement of Fact

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons, Disciplinary Sanctions for Staff mandates staff members are subject to disciplinary sanctions for violating Agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. Discipline would be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member’s disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories. Policy also indicates that termination is the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff that has been found to have engaged in sexual abuse. All terminations for violations of agency inmate sexual abuse or harassment policies or resignations by staff that would have been terminated before their resignation, will be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies. MTC Offender Data System (ODS) Generated Automated Email from ODS notifying the facility HR Manager that a determination has been made on a PREA investigation and the specific action which is required. There have been no substantiated cases of staff engaging in sexual abuse or sexual harassment in the last twelve months.

Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy and investigator, Warden, and human resources staff interviews.

## 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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- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
 Safe Prisons/PREA Plan  
 Statement of Fact

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons Corrective Action for Contractors and Volunteers address the mandates of this standard. Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse/sexual harassment would be prohibited from contact with inmates and would be reported to the appropriate investigator and law enforcement or relevant professional/licensing/certifying bodies unless the activity was clearly not criminal in nature. In cases that were not criminal in nature, the facility would take appropriate remedial measures and consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates. During the previous year, there were no incidents where a contractor or volunteer was accused of, suspected, or found guilty

of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at the DCC. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy, volunteer/contractor training files and contractor interviews.

## **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

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### **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons/PREA Plan  
Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Inmates  
Statement of Fact

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons, Disciplinary Sanctions for Inmates and the Offender Handbook address the mandates of this standard. Information on inmate disciplinary sanctions is provided as part of the orientation process upon entry into the facility. Inmates interviewed indicated a good understanding of their freedom to make allegations without consequences for making good faith allegations. The Inmate Discipline Program defines sexual assault of any person, involving non-consensual touching by force or threat of force, as the greatest severity level prohibited act. The program identifies inmates engaging in sexual acts and making sexual proposals or threats to another as a high severity level prohibited act. Consensual sex or sexual harassment of any nature is prohibited and will result in discipline. Consensual sex between inmates does not constitute sexual abuse. Sanctions are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, along with the inmate's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories.

Inmates are subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to the formal disciplinary process defined in the Inmate Discipline Program. The disciplinary process considers whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to the inmate's behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed. Prior to disciplinary hearing mental health staff access the above information. The facility considers the offer of therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse. The institution does not discipline inmates who make an allegation in good faith, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation. There were no disciplinary actions regarding PREA violations. Compliance with this

standard was determined by a review of policy/documentation and the inmate discipline process, as well as staff and inmate interviews.

## 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

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### **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
 Safe Prisons/PREA Plan  
 Health Care Policy Manual - Correctional Managed Correctional Managed Policy G-57.1  
 Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse  
 Mental Health Referral  
 Screenings

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons, Medical and Mental Health Screenings; History of Sexual Abuse mandates inmates who disclosed prior victimization during screening are offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner. Additionally, inmates who have previously perpetrated sexual abuse, as indicated during the screening, were offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner. Treatment services are offered without financial cost to the inmate. This was confirmed by observation and a review of intake screening documents. Screening for prior sexual victimization in any setting is conducted by PREA compliance team staff during in-processing procedures. In-processing procedures also screen for previous sexually assaultive behavior in an institutional setting or in the community. During the intake process a medical provider separately interview the incoming inmate. During this process follow-up meetings with inmate that have history of sexual abuse or are identified as a sexual predator or scheduled. When requested staff members ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening. Information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness is limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff with a need-to-know for treatment plans, security, housing, work, program assignments and management decisions. Signed and dated informed consents are obtained from inmates before reporting prior sexual victimization which did not occur in an institutional setting.

The institution does not house inmates under the age of 18. All screenings are recorded in the Medical and Mental Health inmate records. All information is handled confidentially and

interviews with intake screening staff support a finding that the facility is in compliance with this standard. Information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting is strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners. The auditor interviewed medical and mental health staff. Compliance was confirmed by a review of policies and intake screening documents, as well as interviews with three inmates who self-identified as having experienced prior victimization during intake screening. Compliance was determined by review of the screening instrument, interviews with inmates, medical and mental health staff.

## 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

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons/PREA Plan  
SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation  
Sexual Abuse Investigation Checklist

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons; access to Emergency Medical and Mental Health Services address the requirements of this standard. The facility medical and mental health personnel provide emergency medical services to inmates. Medical personnel are on duty 12 hours a day, seven days. Mental health providers are on-site on a part time basis and are available as need. Medical and Mental Health are also available for call-back during off duty hours. Medical and Mental health staff are available for tele-medical and tele-mental health 24 hours a day. Agency policy prohibits inmate co-pays for medical treatment to victims of sexual abuse and all treatment is offered at no financial cost to the inmate. Inmate victims of sexual abuse, while incarcerated, are offered information about and timely access to information on sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate. There were no allegations of sexual abuse that required referral for forensic examination in the last year. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy/documentation and interviews with SANE medical staff at Saint Luke Medical Center staff and the Contracted facility Medical Administrator.

## 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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### **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons

Safe Prisons/PREA Plan

SPPOM 05.01 Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation

Correctional Managed Health Care Manual G-57.1 Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons: Ongoing Medical and Mental Health Care for Sexual Abuse Victims and Abusers address this standard and Correctional Managed Health Care Manual G-57.1 Sexual assault/sexual abuse provide direction for Medical and Mental Health treatment of inmate that have been assaulted. The facility will provide sexually abused victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care. Inmate victims of sexual abuse, while incarcerated, will be offered tests for sexually transmitted infections, as medically appropriate. All treatment services are provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. Any offender who is less than 18 years of ages who reports previous sexual assault/abuse to health care staff regardless of where the incident occurred must be reported to OIG. Patient consent is not required.

DCC would provide staff to attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 30 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners. Health services include medical and mental health aftercare plans to be developed no later than 30 days prior to the anticipated date of release for inmates subjected to sexual abuse. The facility and TDCJ provide follow up community placement or referrals for inmates released from TDCJ would assist in the arrangement of referrals for continued care following their transfer to or placement in other facilities or after their release from custody, if needed. Victims would also receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all necessary medical services.

The Safe Prisons/PREA Plan also 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 or an Offender Victim Representative. Compliance to the standard was verified through review of policy and interviews with medical Supervisor. 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. TDCJ Medical Administrator indicated that medical services are provided to all TDCJ facilities through contract with University of Texas-Medical Branch and would coordinate with

DCC and TDCJ for the appropriate placement of inmates that have been sexual abused and provide follow up community placement or referrals for inmates released from TDCJ.

## 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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### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons/PREA Plan  
Classification Committee Docket Review of Offender Protection investigation  
SPPOM 02.01 Role of Unit Investigative Team and UIT members  
Admin Review

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons, Sexual abuse: incident reviews address the mandates of this standard. The policy requires the following:

- (a) Within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation, unless the allegation was determined to be unfounded, a review team, designated by the Chief Administrative Officer, shall review the case and:
- (b) Determine what may have been the motivation for the incident or allegation such as, but not be limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, transgenderism, intersex identification, gang affiliation, etc.
- (c) Determine if there is a need for changes to policy or procedure; or if factors such as physical barriers or staffing may have enabled the abuse.
- (d) Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed to supplement staff supervision.
- (e) The review team shall prepare and submit to the Chief Administrative Officer and facility PREA Compliance Manager a written report of their findings and any recommendations for improvement.
- (f) Documentation for any recommendation not implemented shall be maintained.

The facility conducts a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. In the past 12 months, there has been one criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility. The facility prepared a report of its findings from sexual abuse incident reviews, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1)-(d)(5) of this section and any recommendations for improvement, and submits such report to the facility head, MTC cooperate office. Interviews with the Warden, PREA manager and Incident Review team determined that Incident review was conducted. A review of the Incident Review team documentation of an alleged sexual abuse, policy, and interviews with the Warden, MTC PREA coordinator, DCC PREA compliance manager confirmed compliance with this standard.

## 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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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC) Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons PREA Plan 2/19

A review of documentation supports the finding that the TDCJ has collected accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control (including contract facilities), using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. The incident-based data collected includes information required to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice. The agency data has been aggregated at least annually for the last two years. Upon request, the agency would provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30. The facility provides the required data for the preparation of the report. A review of documentation and staff interviews confirmed compliance to this standard. The data collected includes the information necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence, conducted by the Department of Justice. The Agency aggregates and reviews all data annually. Upon request, the Agency would provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30 of each year. Compliance with this standard was also determined by a review of policy/documentation TDCJ website and an interview with the TDCJ PREA Coordinator, DCC PCM and MTC PREA coordinator.

## 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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### POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

MTC) Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
 Safe Prisons PREA Plan



MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons Data Review for Corrective Action address the mandates of this standard. The agency and facility review and assess all sexual abuse/sexual harassment data at least annually to improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, to identify any trends, issues or problematic areas and to take corrective action if needed. The PREA Compliance Manager forwards data to the agency PREA Coordinator and to the TDCJ PREA coordinator. DCC sends a monthly report of allegations of sexual abuse to MTC and TDCJ. A review of reports for 2019 included all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and the findings of each allegation. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy/documentation and staff interviews.

### 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

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#### **POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:**

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons  
Safe Prisons PREA Plan

MTC Policy 903E.02 Ensuring Safe Prisons Data Storage, Publication, and Destruction addresses the requirements of this standard. The data is retained in a secure filing system. The final report does not contain any personal identifiers and policy requires that the statistical data be retained for a period of no less than 10 years, unless federal, state, or local law requires otherwise. The agency makes the information available on the MTC website. The reports cover all data required in the elements of this standard. Staff interviews and a review of documentation confirmed compliance with this standard. The required reports cover all data required in this standard and are retained in a file. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy/documentation and interviews with PCM and Warden.

## **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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This is the third PREA audit of this facility. The previous PREA audit was in March 2018. The auditor was allowed access to all areas of the facility and had access to all required supporting documentation. The auditor was able to conduct private interviews with both inmates and staff. All MTC facilities had received at least one PREA audit since August 20, 2012. At least one-third of all MTC facilities were audited during the one-year period after August 20, 2012. During the National Emergency due to the Pandemic, the State complied with CDC and other Federal

agencies to restrict travel into Texas and curtailed visitors from entering correctional system to conduct audits. Due to this, several facilities were required to postpone audits.

The auditor was provided supporting documentation before and during the audit. Notifications of the audit (posted throughout the facility) allowed inmates to send confidential letters to the auditor prior to the audit. No pieces of correspondences from an inmates or staff were received by the auditor.

## 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 appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or in the case of single facility agencies that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.)  Yes  No  NA

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The institution has fully implemented all policies, practices and procedures outlined in the PREA standards. The auditor reviewed applicable standards and, through the review of supporting documentation, interviews with staff and inmates and the observation of physical evidence, concluded that this facility fully meets and substantially complies in all material ways with the PREA standards for the relevant review period. The agency and facility's leadership are fully committed to eliminating sexual abuse/sexual harassment, as evidenced in the realistic staffing analysis and the recommendations for enhanced supervision techniques. Substantiated allegations of abuse are processed in accordance with the standards, to include incident reviews, disciplinary actions, if required, and outcome notifications.

PREA training for staff and inmates is documented and all stakeholders receive the appropriate level of training and are knowledgeable of the intent of the PREA and the tools available to ensure prevention, detection, reporting and response to sexual abuse incidents. Sexual abuse and victimization propensity screening is well established and tracked in an organized fashion. Referrals for mental health counseling are integrated in the intake and allegations of sexual abuse processes. Medical networks for the inmates are established in the community. The public has access to reporting mechanisms and PREA trends data via the website. Diboll Correctional Center currently meets or exceeds all applicable PREA standards.

## 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:

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Robert Manville

04-14-2021

**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.

