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Annual PREA Review for Corrective Action pursuant to PREA Standard 115.288

January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2012 mandates that correctional facilities and prisons provide a copy of their annual review (PREA Standard 115.288) of all related PREA investigations inclusive of any potential problem areas and any and all corrective actions taken by the respective facility. The annual review considers the investigative reports, review team assessments and any other related information.

Based on the review of reported incidents we continue making changes to our policies to prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse and to be in compliance with PREA standards. When residents, third parties and anonymous reports were made the appropriate steps were immediately taken to secure all residents involved and provide them with the appropriate services, and when necessary re-classification. The matters are investigated fully and findings were made within the appropriate time frames.

The PREA Review Team conducted a review of all PREA matters and three (3) allegations of sexual misconduct were made. The PREA Investigators and PREA review team found the allegations to be substantiated. During the investigation the perpetrator absconded from the facility. As a result of absconding and the substantiated findings, a State's Motion to Adjudicate was filed and on December 1, 2020, the defendant was sentenced to three (3) years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Correctional Institutions Division (TDCJ-CID)

At this point, we have a comparative analysis of PREA incidents for the year 2018 to 2019. In the year 2019, there were a total of three (3) PREA incidents.

Our first responding staff responded to the incident and intervened pursuant to policy when they were informed of the PREA related behavior and followed the required reporting system. If medical /mental health attention were necessary, the protocols would be adhered to.

On January 10, 2019, the PREA Review Team met in regards to improvements that were suggested and made to improve safety of staff and residents. On January 8, 2019, three (3) new cameras were installed including a telephone in the back office. In addition, a new PREA

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Investigator was certified and made part of the PREA Review Team. There were also two residential monitors hired to have full coverage of staff.

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