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Annual PREA Review for Corrective Action pursuant to PREA Standard 115.288 January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

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 be in compliance with PREA Standards. When residents, third parties and anonymous reports are made the appropriate steps are immediately taken to secure all residents involved and provide them with appropriate services, and when necessary, re-classification. The matters continue to be investigated fully and findings were made within appropriate time frames.

The memorandum of understanding are still active with the Brownsville Police Department, Friendship of Women (rape crisis staff), and Valley AIDS Council. An outside source was placed in our literature, posters, and pamphlets to utilize as a third party reporting; to wit: Ms. Gloria Gonzalez, Budget Manager of the Cameron/Willacy counties Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

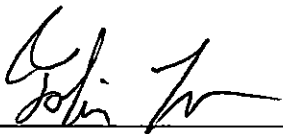
The PREA Review Team conducted a review of all PREA matters and there was one allegation of a PREA harassment and thoroughly investigated. The PREA harassment allegation was from a resident against a staff member. The results of such investigation were unsubstantiated.

In 2023, there was one sexual harassment report investigated and zero sexual assault incidents reported.

If any incidents are reported, the first responding staff will continue responding to each incident and intervene pursuant to policy. If they observe PREA related behavior, they are required to follow the required reporting system immediately following the reporting of the PREA incident. If medical/mental attention were necessary the protocols would be adhered to.

The Review Team met on October 25, 2023. Moreover, there were six (6) cameras that were replaced due to not working properly. Cameras were also installed on two vehicles to monitor the residents and surroundings. In 2023, five (5) residential monitors were hired to provide continuous monitoring of the residents. These monitors went through PREA education and training prior to starting their position. In 2023, facility assistant director completed in person or virtual training of PREA to all staff. Current websites to obtain training material are the National PREA Resource Center {<https://www.prearesourcecenter.org>} and the National Institute of Corrections {<https://nicic.gov>}. Continued education to all staff are through The Texas State University System Lamar State College – Orange, {<https://www.lsco.edu>}. We continue to utilize the pay increase approved by the Community Justice Assistance Division granted April 1, 2022 to residential monitors to reduce the high turnover rate.

In April 2022, the facility was audited by the U.S. Department of Justice and met PREA standards. This was the second audit for this facility. No audit was conducted in 2023.

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