

## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report Community Confinement Facilities

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Physical Address: 1776 E. Broad Street		City, State, Zip: Columbus, Ohio 43203	
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The Agency Is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
Agency Website with PREA Information: <a href="https://www.voahin.org/residential-reentry">https://www.voahin.org/residential-reentry</a>			

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## Facility Information

**Name of Facility:** Cincinnati Residential Reentry Program

**Physical Address:** 115 W. McMicken St

**City, State, Zip:** Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

**The Facility Is:**

Military

Private for Profit

Private not for Profit

Municipal

County

State

Federal

**Facility Website with PREA Information:** <https://www.voahin.org/residential-reentry>

**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:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

### Facility Director

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Facility Characteristics	
Designated Facility Capacity:	120m/44f
Current Population of Facility:	107m/30f
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	112m/28f
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 type="checkbox"/> Males <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both Females and Males
Age range of population:	18 and older
Average length of stay or time under supervision	150 days
Facility security levels/resident custody levels	minimum
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months	436
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:	420
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more:	420
Does the audited facility hold residents 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Select all other agencies for which the audited facility holds residents: Select all that apply (N/A if the audited facility does not hold residents 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 checked="" 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 residents:	29
Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with residents:	30

Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with residents:	2
Number of individual contractors who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	2
Number of volunteers who have contact with residents, 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 residents 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 residents, 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>	1
<p><b>Number of resident 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 residents 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 residents 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 resident cells, rooms, or other enclosures:	0
Number of multiple occupancy cells, rooms, or other enclosures:	0
Number of open bay/dorm housing units:	4
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## Medical and Mental Health Services and Forensic Medical Exams

<b>Are medical services provided on-site?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Are mental health services provided on-site?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Where are sexual assault forensic medical exams provided? Select all that apply.</b>	<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

<b>Number of investigators employed by the agency and/or facility who are responsible for conducting CRIMINAL investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment:</b>	0
<b>When the facility received allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (whether staff-on-resident or resident-on-resident), CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS are conducted by: Select all that apply.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Facility investigators <input type="checkbox"/> Agency investigators <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An external investigative entity
<b>Select all external entities responsible for CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS: Select all that apply (N/A if no external entities are responsible for criminal investigations)</b>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a> ) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

### Administrative Investigations

<b>Number of investigators employed by the agency and/or facility who are responsible for conducting ADMINISTRATIVE investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?</b>	24 agency/2 facility
<b>When the facility receives allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (whether staff-on-resident or resident-on-resident), ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS are conducted by: Select all that apply</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility investigators <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agency investigators <input type="checkbox"/> An external investigative entity
<b>Select all external entities responsible for ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS: Select all that apply (N/A if no external entities are responsible for administrative investigations)</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

# Audit Findings

## Audit Narrative

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

The PREA onsite visit for the Cincinnati Residential Reentry Program, 115 W. McMicken Street, Ohio, was held on February 6-7, 2020. The facility is part of the Volunteers of America of Ohio and Indiana (VOAOHIN) operated community confinement facilities. The goal of the audit is to ensure operational compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards for community confinement facilities.

The PREA Coordinator forwarded a flash drive with documentation showing compliance with each standard. The auditor received the flash drive with the documentation approximately six weeks prior to the onsite visit. The information included the pre-audit questionnaire, policy and procedure, MOUs, facility staffing plan, table of organization, job descriptions, investigation reports, training records, training curriculum, and other miscellaneous documents.

The audit notice posting was sent to the auditor showed the dates of the onsite visit; the name, address, and email address of the auditor; and the ability to have confidential correspondence with the auditor. The auditor did not receive any correspondence from residents or staff prior to the onsite visit. The auditor had male residents call out that they would like to be interviewed during the tour of the onsite visit. None of the male residents that requested to be interviewed had any issue, complaint, or allegation to report. These residents just wanted to participate in the interview process. These residents were interviewed based on the random resident interview protocol.

In addition to the documentation sent prior to the onsite visit, the auditor reviewed ten resident files, seven staff files, staff and resident training records, risk for abusiveness screenings and re-screenings, agency website, acknowledgement forms, posters, brochures, floor plan with camera locations, volunteer/contractor information, and coordinated response plan during the onsite visit.

The onsite visit was conducted over two days where the auditor received a complete tour of the facility and perimeter areas. The tour included observations of the male and female housing units, dorm rooms, bathrooms, closets/storage rooms, administration area, and outdoor smoke area. During the walkthrough, the auditor was able to have informal conversations with both staff and residents. The auditor made notes of cameras, security mirrors, blind spot areas, and staff/resident interaction. The auditor was provided a private office to conduct formal interviews with staff and residents.

The auditor interviewed twenty residents based on the population of one hundred thirty-seven (137) residents in house residents (107 male residents and 30 female residents) during the onsite visit. The residents selected were based on the requirements of the PREA Resource Center's Auditor Handbook guidelines. The residents were selected based on their housing unit, targeted interview status, risk assessment screening, intake dates, and commitment status. The auditor conducted the following interviews:

- Random = 16
- Targeted = 4

The breakdown of the number of targeted interviews is as follows:

- Residents that identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual = 1
- Residents that have a physical or cognitive impairment = 1
- Resident that reported prior sexual victimization during risk screening (in the community) = 2
- Resident that spoke English as a second language = 1

\*Some targeted residents fit into more than one targeted category and was interviewed on all specialized and random interview protocols.

The auditor conducted the interviews in accordance with the PREA Compliance Audit Instrument Guide and the Auditor Handbook Guide for Effective Strategies for Interviewing Staff and Residents. The auditor explained the interview process to each resident and that they were under no obligation to answer questions. The auditor asked questions concerning the resident's experience with PREA education, allegation reporting requirements, retaliation, staff communication, grievance reporting, knock and announcements, searches (pat, enhanced pat, strip, body cavity, and cross-gender), housing unit concerns, limits to confidentiality, outside supportive services, disciplinary sanctions, and other PREA related concerns.

The facility has thirty-six (36) full and part-time staff members including the Program Director. The auditor was able to talk with agency leadership, specialized interviews, and random staff members during the onsite visit, which includes:

- Vice President of Residential Reentry Programs
- PREA Coordinator
- Human Resource Manager
- Human Resource Generalist
- PREA Compliance Manager
- Administrative Investigators
- Program Director
- Risk Screener
- Retaliation Monitor
- SART members
- First Responders (security and non-security)
- PREA Education Facilitator

The auditor also interviewed random staff members from both programming and security. Security staff from all shifts were interviewed. Several staff members were responsible for more than one specialized area. The auditor was unable to interview the minimum of twelve random staff member due to the limited number of staff employed at this facility.

All staff interviews, random and specialized, were conducted using the PREA Compliance Audit Instrument Interview Guide and the PREA Auditor Handbook's Effective Strategies for Interviewing Staff and Resident Guide. The auditor was able to question staff on the agency's zero tolerance policies, trainings, reporting protocols, first responder duties, coordinated response plan, grievance procedures, investigation protocols, confidentiality, retaliation monitoring, risk screening, protection from abuse, LGBTI policies and procedures, data collection, annual reports, staffing plans, electronic surveillance, reporting to other confinement facilities, disciplinary procedures, knock and announcements, cross-gender supervision polices, and transgender/intersex accommodations.

The auditor reached out to the facility's community resources by email to confirm the MOUs and scope of services. These community partners include representatives from SANE of Butler County and the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati. The auditor was able confirm the services they would provide to residents free of charge.



On the final day of the audit, the auditor sat down with agency and facility leadership to review preliminary audit findings.

## Facility Characteristics

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

Cincinnati Residential Reentry Program is a halfway house in Cincinnati, Ohio that serves both male and female felony offenders.

Female Unit: The female wing of the facility is in the basement. There are two access points to this area within the facility. Both are locked and can only be accessed with a key or through electronic key lock system at central control. Once downstairs, there is a hallway with staff offices. All offices have windows in the doors for clear line of site views. The control desk is open to the day room and is manned twenty-four hours a day. The female resident dorm is off of the dayroom and has an open entrance after passing through a small hallway. Male staff announce themselves in the hallway area before entering. Male security staff do not work in the female housing unit. Male staff conducting mandatory head counts will conduct rounds in the female wing with a female staff escort.

The dorm area is an open bay dorm with a bathroom. The dorm is equipped with cameras. The beds are all singles which provides for clear line of site views throughout the entire dorm area. The bathroom has an open entrance (from the dorm area you cannot see into the bathroom). To the right of the entrance, there are three toilet stalls with doors and one single use handicap bathroom that is equipped with a toilet, sink, and shower. The handicap bathroom is locked and is only available for disabled residents or high risk residents who need to shower separate from other residents. Around the corner from the residents is a bank of sinks with mirrors above, a changing area, and the shower area. The entrance to the shower area is covered by a shower curtain. There is one multiuse shower with eight shower heads.

The day room has offices, group rooms, and laundry room around the perimeter. All offices and group rooms have large windows in the door for clear line of site views. There is access to the gym area and additional offices from the day room. This door is

locked and residents must have staff assistance to enter this area. The gym is available to both the male and female residents during scheduled times. The male and female residents do not use this area together. The offices and group rooms around the perimeter of the gym area have large windows in the door for clear line of site views. There is access to a storage area, outside smoke area, stairwell to male housing unit, and service elevator from the gym area.

The storage area is locked and is only available to staff. The service elevator is not in use and cannot be opened by residents. There is a door that provides access to the outdoor smoke area. This area is surrounded, including overhead, by a fence. The stairwell to the male housing unit is open, and the male residents have the ability to go from the unit to the gym or smoke pit area unassisted by staff. There are cameras in these areas and staff are required to monitor this area more closely. The male residents do not have the ability to enter into the female housing unit.

Male Unit: The male wing is located on the main floor. Around the dayroom area are staff offices and group rooms. These offices have windows in the doors for clear line of site views. In the back of the dorm area are a set of stairs that lead out to the outdoor air-break area. The male housing unit has three open bay dorm areas. Two of the dorms are connected while a third, smaller dorm is down the same hallway. There is access to the bathroom from the double dorm and from the hallway.

The bathroom has an open entrance from the dorm room. There are three open urinals, four toilets with curtains at the door. The shower area is around the corner from the toilet area. The shower area has a small entrance and a single shower on either side of the entrance. At the center of the shower is a curtain which provides cover for the multiuse shower area. The male bathroom also has a single use handicap bathroom. This bathroom is equipped with a toilet, sink, and shower. The door is locked and is only available for handicap residents and high risk residents who need to shower separately. Toward the entrance to the bathroom from the hallway, is the sink area. The shower and toilet/urinal area is not visible from the hallway or dorm area.

The male dayroom is an open room with a television and recreation equipment. The laundry room for the males is off the dayroom and has a camera inside. There are offices and group rooms around the perimeter of the day room. The offices and group rooms have windows in the doors for clear line of site views.

Central control is able to address visitors, staff, and residents entering the facility, and residents that are in the dayroom area. Resident Supervisors man this desk 24-hours a

day. Along with addressing issues from residents and signing people in-and out, they also watch the camera monitors. The control station on the female wing also can view security monitors.

The facility contracts with Aramark for food service. The residents are assigned housing assignments in the kitchen. Aramark staff will supervise these residents and resident supervisor staff will provide additional supervision through continuous walk troughs and camera monitoring. Male residents serve meals to all resident. The residents are supervised during this time and are not allowed to engage in conversation while serving. The door has been covered so that the males cannot see into the dining area while female residents are in the dining hall.

All dorms have camera surveillance. Residents are informed that they must dress in the bathroom.

The male facility has sixty-six (66). Cameras footage record to a DVR and can be played back for 18-days depending upon the level of movement in that area. Administrative staff have monitors in their offices where they can also view the camera system. Reentry Support Specialist perform three counts per shift and one walk through per hour. There are increased circulations in identified blind spot areas.

## 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:** 1  
**List of Standards Exceeded:** 115.231

### Standards Met

**Number of Standards Met:** 42

### Standards Not Met

**Number of Standards Not Met:** 0  
**List of Standards Not Met:** Click or tap here to enter text.

## PREVENTION PLANNING

### Standard 115.211: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

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

#### 115.211 (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

#### 115.211 (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

#### 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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Agency policy P100:08 states that Volunteers of America (VOA) has zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy requires each facility under the VOA umbrella to have procedures in place to prevent, detect, and respond to

sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and requires the agency maintains full compliance with the PREA federal guidelines and standards for community confinement.

The policy also requires the President/CEO to designate an agency-wide PREA Coordinator from upper-level management who has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee the agency's efforts to comply with the PREA standards. The PREA Coordinator is responsible for:

- Acting as point of contact and reporting for an allegation of sexual assault or abuse or harassment and coordinating with staff trained to investigate allegations.
- Working with program leadership to develop and implement a training plan that fulfills the PREA training standards
- Monitoring resident screening procedures and investigations
- Overseeing internal audits
- Providing access to records to external auditors monitoring PREA compliance
- Working with Sexual Abuse Response Teams to analyze abuse data, conduct sexual abuse incident reviews and make recommendations for improvement
- Collecting and reporting outcomes of all PREA investigations at least annually
- Monitoring PREA outcome measures and reporting data to the PREA Community Compliance Corrections Liaison at ODRC
- Attend and participate in the quarterly PREA Coordinators meeting facilitated by the PREA Community Compliance Corrections Liaison at ODRC
- Participate in the annual policy review

According to the Table of Organization provided to the auditor, the agency-wide PREA Coordinator is the agency's Quality Improvement Manager-Reentry Services. She works under the Director of Compliance, Quality Improvement, and Training. During an interview with the PREA Coordinator states that she has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee the agency's efforts to comply with the Community Confinement PREA Standards. The Coordinator states that she is responsible for the facilities in both Indiana and Ohio. She has integrated the policies, procedures, and practices into one both states can use. She maintains continuity by working closely with each facility's PREA Compliance Manager and monitoring visits to each facility.

The auditor was able to interview the Vice President of Reentry Programs. He reports that the PREA Coordinator is given great latitude in developing and implementing policies, procedures, and practices that assures all VOA facilities are in compliance with

all PREA standards. He works closely with the PREA Coordinator to ensure that she has what she needs in order to comply.

The facility's PREA Compliance Manager is the Assistant Program Director (APD). The Assistant Program Manager is responsible for ensuring day-to-day compliance with the standards and creating a culture where there is zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The auditor was able to interview with the Assistant Program Director during the onsite visit. He reports that he is actively involved with providing training to both treatment and security staff during monthly staff or Reentry Support Specialist (RSS) meetings, is an administrative investigator for resident-to-resident incidents, and conducts weekly checks of the facility to ensure proper protocols are taking place in order to comply with the PREA standards. He states that he works closely with the new Program Director and the Agency PREA Coordinator to ensure that the facility has a reporting culture and that staff and residents alike feel safe at the facility. The APD reports to the auditor that as the Assistant Program Director he has sufficient time and authority to ensure the facility is complying with the standards.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Agency Table of Organization

Interview with PREA Coordinator

Interview with PREA Compliance Manager

Interview with Vice President of Residential Reentry Programs

## Standard 115.212: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents

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

### 115.212 (a)

- If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its residents 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 residents.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.212 (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 residents.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.212 (c)

- If the agency has entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards, did the agency do so only in emergency circumstances after making all reasonable attempts to find a PREA compliant private agency or other entity to confine residents? (N/A if the agency has not entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards.)  Yes  No  NA
- In such a case, does the agency document its unsuccessful attempts to find an entity in compliance with the standards? (N/A if the agency has not entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards.)  Yes  No  NA

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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N/A: The PREA Coordinator reports to the auditor that the agency is a private not for profit agency and does not contract with other facilities to house offenders on behalf of the VOA.

## Standard 115.213: Supervision and monitoring

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

#### 115.213 (a)

- Does the facility have a documented staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?

- Yes  No In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The physical layout of each facility?  
 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 resident population?  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

### 115.213 (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

### 115.213 (c)

- In the past 12 months, has the facility 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 assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to prevailing staffing patterns?  Yes  No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility 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 assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adequate staffing levels?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VOA policy P100:03 requires each residential reentry facility develops a documented staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and video monitoring to protect residents against sexual abuse. The policy requires the plan to be reviewed at least annually and updates as necessary. The policy requires the plan be developed and reviewed by the Program Director, in consultation with the executive leadership team and PREA Coordinator. The staffing plan is to include a calculation of adequate staffing levels and determination of the need for video monitoring; and will take into consideration:

- The physical layout of each facility, including consideration if the facility should plan any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities;
- The composition of the resident population
- The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse;
- Any other relevant factors

The policy requires the Program Director to document and justify all deviations from the staffing plan. The Program Director is new to the agency (Start date is January 6, 2020) and was not a part of the annual staffing for the previous years leading up to this audit. The Assistant Program Director reviewed the plan and reports to the auditor that the facility has not had an incident where they deviated from the staffing plan.

During the annual budget review, the Program Director is required to review and revise, if necessary, the staffing plan annually. The Program Director will assess:

- The prevailing staffing patterns
- The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies
- The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adequate staffing levels

The facility provided the auditor with a facility floor plan, camera view screenshots, and a copy of the facility's most recent staffing plan, as well as copies from the previous years. The plan included:

### Layout of the facility

- Blind spots and potential dead areas from camera view
- Physical barriers identified during PREA incidents
- Issues/concerns identified during weekly facility checks

### Composition of residents

- Serves male and female offenders
- Average population
- Risk assessment information

### Incidents of Sexual abuse

- Specific facility data
- Aggregated agency data
- Recommendations based on incident review
- Recommendation implementation

### Deviations from staffing plan

- The facility reports having no deviations in the staffing plan

Staffing patterns are also reviewed during the staffing plan review. Agency policy calls for at least three staff members in the facility 24-hours a day that are able to respond to resident needs, and at least one female RSS staff member works in the facility at all times. Reentry Support Specialist (RSS) staff can be supplemented or assisted by program staff members in order to meet this ratio. Supervisory staff can also be used to augment staffing levels. The staffing plan reports that when a RSS reports off, the facility makes its best effort to replace that staff member with someone of the same gender.

The prevailing staffing pattern is as follows:

- 11pm – 7am            Three - Four Reentry Support Specialist
- 7am – 3pm            Four Reentry Support Specialist
- 3pm – 11am           Four Reentry Support Specialist

Program staff work Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and this includes the administrative staff.

The facility has sixty-six cameras. These cameras are strategically located in common areas throughout the interior and perimeter of the facility. Facility administrative staff

have the ability to monitor cameras from their office. The monitoring system shows live views as well as playback for 14-21 days. A Reentry Support Specialist is staffed at the control center where they monitor cameras in both the male and female housing units. The auditor reviewed camera angles during the onsite visit and received a printout of each camera angle.

Review:

Policy and procedure

FY 2020, 2019, and 2018 Staffing plan

Floor plan

Camera view screenshots

Tour of facility

Interview with Program Director

Interview with Assistant Program Director

Interview with PREA Coordinator

## Standard 115.215: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

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

### 115.215 (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

### 115.215 (b)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female residents, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if the facility does not have female residents.)  
 Yes  No  NA
- Does the facility always refrain from restricting female residents' access to regularly available programming or other outside opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A if the facility does not have female residents.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.215 (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 residents? (N/A if the facility does not have female residents).  Yes  No  NA

### 115.215 (d)

- Does the facility have policies that enable residents 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 residents 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 area where residents are likely to be showering, performing bodily functions, or changing clothing?  Yes  No

### 115.215 (e)

- Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex residents for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status?  Yes  No
- If a resident's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the resident, 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

### 115.215 (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 residents in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?  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*)
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Policy P100:04 prohibits all strip searches, body cavity searches, and cross-gender enhanced pat-down searches of residents. The policy requires all staff who will be responsible for conducting pat searches to be properly trained on pat searches, cross-gender pat searches, and transgender/intersex pat searches. The policy states that cross-gender pat searches are only performed in exigent circumstances. The policy describes an exigent circumstance as any set of unforeseen circumstances that require immediate action in order to combat a threat to the security or institutional order of a facility. The policy specifically prohibits searches for the sole purpose of determining genitalia.

The policy requires all pat searches to be conducted within view of security cameras, and cross-gender searches must receive prior approval from the Program Director or on-call supervisor. Should a cross-gender search be warranted, the search must be documented and include:

- Full account of the incident and staff involved
- The exigent circumstance that necessitated the cross-gender search
- How and when supervisory approval was obtained
- The results of the search

As part of supportive documentation sent prior to the onsite visit, the auditor received and reviewed the training curriculum provided to staff members who are responsible for conducting pat searches. The training includes video on appropriate pat search techniques for cross-gender and transgender searches, respectful communication with LGBTI residents and safe management of LGBTI residents, and facilitated hands-on training on pat search techniques. These training also include instructions on who to conduct a pat search in a professional and respectful manner and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs. As part of the agency's training program, Reentry Support Specialist staff receive this training during orientation and annually thereafter.

Policy P100:10 ensures that residents are allowed appropriate levels of privacy while showering, changing clothing, or performing bodily functions. Residents are able to practice these without staff of the opposite gender viewing their buttocks or genitalia. The policy requires staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering

areas where residents are likely to be showering, changing clothing, or performing bodily functions.

During the onsite visit, the auditor was able to interview twenty (fifteen males and five females) of the one hundred thirty-seven (137) residents. The auditor inquired about searches as well as cross-gender announcements. All of the residents interviewed have received at least one pat search during their stay at the facility. The female residents interviewed stated that they have never received a pat search from a male staff member. The female residents interviewed also stated that during staff walk-throughs, staff would announce their presence before entering into the room. The staff and the female residents both report that should a male need to enter into the female bathroom, the residents would be required to clear-out until the male exited the bathroom. Female residents report that no male staff member has ever searched the bathroom. When questioned on incidental viewing, female residents did not report any incident of incidental viewing from a member of the opposite sex. There are cameras in each dorm. Residents are required to change in the bathroom due to the cameras. Male staff members are still required to announce before entering the dorm room. The auditor was able to see this practice during the onsite visit.

All of the male residents interviewed stated that at some time during their stay, they have had a pat search by a male staff member. The male residents state that a security wand was used on them by a female staff member but never an actual pat search. When asked about cross-gender announcements, all residents stated that anytime a female staff enters the dorm area she announces herself before entering into the room. None of the male residents interviewed reported any incidental viewing from a member of the opposite sex. The male dorm rooms have video cameras. Because of this, residents are not allowed to change in the dorms. During the tour portion of the onsite visit, the auditor was able to view the knock and announce practice.

The facility has two housing units (one male and one female). The female bathroom is located inside the dorm area. There is a wide entrance but you cannot see into the bathroom unless you step inside the entryway. To the right of the entrance are three toilet stalls with doors. On the far wall next to the toilet stalls is a single use handicap bathroom that is equipped with a toilet, sink, and shower. There is a solid door at the entrance to the handicap bathroom and is only used for handicap residents, transgender residents, or other identified high-risk residents. Farther into the bathroom, there are six sinks with mirrors above and across from the sinks is the multiuse shower area. There is a shower curtain at the entrance of the shower area. There are eight showerheads inside the shower area.

The males share a bathroom that has an entrance point from the dayroom and from the large dorm room. Both entrance are open but residents cannot be seen from outside the bathroom. At the entrance from the dorm room, to the left are three urinals and four toilet stalls with curtains. Farther in the bathroom are the shower and sink areas. The shower area has a narrow entrance with a shower on either side of the entrance wall. There is another small entrance to a multiuse shower area. There is a curtain at the entrance of the multiuse shower entrance. The male bathroom also has a single use handicap bathroom with a solid door at the entrance. The door is locked unless the facility is housing a handicap resident, transgender resident, or other identified high-risk resident. On the opposite side of the shower area is an L-shaped sink area with mirrors above. The configuration of each bathroom allows residents to shower, change clothing, and perform bodily functions with as much privacy as possible without compromising the safety of the facility.

The auditor conducted six (6) Reentry Support Specialist interviews, including one lead Reentry Support Specialist. All staff interviewed indicated that they received annual training on how to conduct proper pat searches and to use the security wand to perform a pat search on a member of the opposite gender. The RSS staff report that it is not the practice of the facility do conduct cross gender pat searches. They all state that at no time do they conduct strip or body cavity searches. When questioned on how they were trained to conduct a cross-gender pat search, the RSS staff state that they will have the resident remove all items from their person, remove all outer layers of clothing (down to a single layer of street clothes), and have the resident shake their clothing at the waist and/or bra strap. The RSS will then use a security wand to go over the person's body. At no time during this type of search will the staff member touch the resident. The lead RSS states that she is required to conduct observations of RSS conducting various aspects of their job, including pat searches. She states that staff who are not conducting pat searches in accordance with agency policy, will receive retraining.

The auditor interviewed the Assistant Program Director during the onsite visit. The APD was questioned regarding the training and ongoing reviews of various pat searches. The APD reports that during onboarding and then annually, RSS staff are required to complete pat search training through Relias. The Relias training requires the staff member to pass a posttest after completing the training. He also reports that he, along with the Lead Reentry Supervisors conduct a training annually on same gender, cross-gender, and transgender/intersex pat searches as well as urinalysis. He states that he and the Lead Reentry Supervisors are required to conduct observations of RSS staff

completing job tasks. During these observations, they inspect pat searches and conduct additional training when necessary. During the onsite visit, the auditor was able to view pat searches. The searches were conducted according to agency policy.

The Program Director reports that the facility has housed transgender residents; however, there is not one currently in the facility. The Director was able to discuss the facility's plan to house transgender/intersex residents in the smaller dorm in the male unit in direct site of the camera or in the female unit near the entrance under the direct site of the camera. Both housing units have the ability to provide a transgender/intersex client with a private single use bathroom. The Assistant Program Director states that all RSS staff are trained annually on the proper techniques including on how to be respectful and professional as possible when searching all residents.

The facility has recently housed a transgender resident. Facility administration, along with the facility's emotional support staff member, met with the resident upon arrival and discussed the resident's preferences and concerns. The resident was housed in the female unit and used the private bathroom. The administration identified specific staff members to conduct searches and urinalysis. Staff members interviewed during the onsite visit stated that there were no issues or concerns related to searches or bathroom use during the stay. Female residents interviewed confirmed that the transgender resident used the handicap private bathroom and slept in a bed near the entrance.

The auditor reviewed nine (9) employee files and was able to verify staff training through training sign-in sheets and Relias course completion records.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Facility tour

Training curriculum

Training video

Training sign-in sheets

Course completion records

Resident interviews

Staff interviews

PREA Coordinator interview

Assistant Program Director interview

Program Director interview



## Standard 115.216: Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient

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

#### 115.216 (a)

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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: Residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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: Residents who are blind or have low vision?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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: Residents who have intellectual disabilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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: Residents who have psychiatric disabilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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: Residents who have speech disabilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents 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 residents 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 residents with disabilities including residents 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 residents with disabilities including residents 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 residents with disabilities including residents who: Are blind or have low vision?  Yes  No

#### 115.216 (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 residents 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

#### 115.216 (c)

- Does the agency always refrain from relying on resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.264, or the investigation of the resident's allegations?  Yes  No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VOA policy P100:07 requires accommodations be made for residents with disabilities or limited English proficiency in order to ensure all residents are informed of the agency's zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, know how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, know their rights to be free from sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents.

The policy requires the Program Director or designee to ensure that special assistance is available for residents with language and literacy problems. During orientation, assigned staff will read and explain all rules and regulations of the program to the residents if needed, including information about sexual abuse/assault. Local service agencies will be contacted for further assistance if needed. There is no additional cost to the resident for any services provided.

The facility will:

- Contact local agencies or educational institutions with foreign language or literacy departments for assistance with residents who are limited English proficient
- Persons with learning disabilities or literacy issues will have all material read and explained in simple language
- Provide auxiliary aids for sensory-impaired residents

The policy does not allow for the facility to rely on resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistance except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first responder duties, or the investigation of the resident's allegations.

The facility provided the auditor with a list of possible agencies the facility can use should there be a resident who is limited English proficient. The facility currently has three clients who identify English as a second language. While the residents are able to speak, write, and understand English, the facility paired these residents with a case manager who is fluent in Spanish. The auditor interviewed these residents during the onsite visit. Each of the residents reported being able to participate fully in the program. These residents were offered facility documentation, including the resident handbook and PREA information in their primary language.

The Supportive Services Manager (SSM) facility conducts orientation group for the residents. The auditor was able to interview the SSM during the onsite visit. The SSM states that she provides the residents with a PREA pamphlet (rape crisis information),

materials containing information on PREA, reporting options, how to keep safe, confidentiality, and the handbook. She states that she has had one resident recently who needed assistance with reading the material. She provides one on one assistance with any resident that needs extra help. She reports that she has not had a resident that has needed additional assistance with interpretive services or auxiliary aids. She reports that she would receive notice from intake personnel if she would need to obtain assistance for a resident that was limited English proficient, deaf or hard of hearing, blind, or some other cognitive or physical disability that would prevent them from benefiting from the facility's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The auditor interviewed all residents that were identified as having a reading, cognitive and/or sensory impairment, as well as any resident identified as being limited English proficient. No resident in the targeted category was in need of any additional services in order to benefit from the facility's efforts to prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse or sexual harassment. All specialized resident interviewed where able to describe the PREA education provided to them at orientation group and knew all ways they were able to report an allegation.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Interpreter services in Cincinnati, Ohio

Staff training curriculum

Documentation of resident assistance with reading

Spanish language resident handbook

Targeted resident interviews

Interview with Program Director

Interview with Orientation group facilitator

## Standard 115.217: Hiring and promotion decisions

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

### 115.217 (a)

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents 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 residents 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 residents 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 residents 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 residents 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 residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above?  Yes  No

#### 115.217 (b)

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

#### 115.217 (c)

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

#### 115.217 (d)

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

#### 115.217 (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 residents or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?  Yes  No

#### 115.217 (f)

- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents 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 residents 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

#### 115.217 (g)

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

#### 115.217 (h)

- Does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.)  Yes  No  NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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Policy P100:01 prohibits the agency from hiring anyone, or enlisting the services of any contractor, to a position of direct contact with residents who has:

- Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution
- Has been convicted for 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
- Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the previously described activities

The auditor was provided a copy of the agency's employment application. The application, for both internal and external candidates, has a self-reporting question regarding allegations of sexual misconduct in the community and while working in an institution. While reviewing employee files, employees who completed applications within the agency's ADP system had the self-reporting questions.

To ensure that the facility does not hire a prohibited applicant, the Human Resource department will screen all internal and external applicants to ensure they meet the requirements and that any reported background issues do not disqualify them.

Policy requires the Human Resource Department to:

- Consider prior convictions and allegations of sexual abuse or harassment, when making hiring decisions in accordance with PREA standard 115.217
- At facilities that contract with the Federal Bureau OF Prisons (FBOP), hiring is contingent on approval by the Residential Reentry Manager (RRM) and within the guidelines of the FBOP Statement of Work
- Consistent with Federal, State, and local laws, makes its best effort 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
- Fingerprint checks will be submitted to the FBOP for an additional level of check for any candidate that works with FBOP offenders

The policy also states that material omissions regarding sexual misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, are grounds for termination.

The auditor reviewed nine (9) employee files during the onsite visit. The auditor was able to confirm initial and five-year background checks. All background checks were

completed by the ADP. The auditor interviewed the Human Resource Manager, who states that all VOA facilities have a contract with the FBOP that is renewed every five years. During the contract renewal, the FBOP requires all staff who have contact with FBOP offenders have an updated background check. All staff members, even those who have recently received a background check, will receive one. The agency uses this same time period to conduct background checks on staff that work in facilities that do not house FBOP offenders. The requirement ensures that all staff members have an updated background check every five years as required by the standard.

The Human Resource Department is also responsible for completing reference checks on all new employees. During the employee file review, the auditor made note that any employee that was hired after August of 2014 had a reference check that included notification of any PREA allegations.

The Program Director is responsible for the recruitment and interview process of all contractors and volunteers and have final approval regarding contractor and volunteer involvement. The policy holds potential contractors and volunteers to the same hiring standards as potential employees. Contractors and volunteers who have met qualification for service, are required to complete a self-reporting questionnaire concerning any allegations of sexual misconduct. Contractors and volunteers are prohibited from service if they do not meet any part of VOA's hiring policy statement. Some contractors/volunteers, who due to criminal background exclusions cannot operate in the facility independently, may still be allowed access to the facility as long as they are supervised by staff at all times. The auditor was able to review a background check and self-reporting questionnaire for a contract/volunteer of the facility.

Annually, employees at VOA are required to sign acknowledgement of the agency's zero tolerance policies. The auditor was able to verify acknowledgement during the employee file review.

The Human Resource Manager reports that all request for employment verification for previous employees are referred to the Human Resource department for response. Unless prohibited, the agency will 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.

During the interview of the Human Resource Manager, the auditor requested information concerning promotions and employee discipline. The HR Manager reports that all internal applicants for a job must complete an application, complete a sexual misconduct



self-report form, and submit to another background check. If the employee passes the initial review of requirements, another interview will be completed and the potential supervisor will be made aware of any disciplinary problems.

During the file review, the auditor was able to review several files of employees who have been promoted to various positions within the facility. A review of the disciplinary reports for these staff members did not review any behavior that would prohibit them from working with the residents in any capacity. No employee whose file was reviewed had any disciplinary action that would prohibit them from working with residents.

**Review:**

Policy and procedure

Employee files

Employee background checks (initial and re-check)

Applications

Reference checks

Disciplinary records

Interview with Human Resource Manager

## **Standard 115.218: Upgrades to facilities and technologies**

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

#### **115.218 (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 residents 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

#### **115.218 (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 residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)  
 Yes  No  NA

### **Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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Agency policy P100:03 states that when designing or acquiring any new facility or in planning any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, the Program Director and executive level leadership will consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse. The executive level leadership will solicit feedback from the agency's PREA Coordinator to ensure sexual safety considerations have been made.

The PREA Coordinator reports that the facility has not acquired a new facility or had any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities.

The policy also states that when installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, the Program Director and executive level leadership will consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse. Executive level leadership will solicit feedback from the agency's PREA Coordinator to ensure sexual safety considerations have been made.

The facility has not placed a new electronic monitoring system in the facility but has upgraded several cameras and increased the video storage space.

The Vice President of Correctional Programs reports that all facilities will address electronic monitoring needs as the budget allows.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Interview with Vice President of Correctional Programs

## RESPONSIVE PLANNING

### Standard 115.221: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

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

#### 115.221 (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

#### 115.221 (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

#### 115.221 (c)

- Does the agency offer all residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate?  Yes  No
- Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?  Yes  No
- If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)?  Yes  No
- Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?  Yes  No

#### 115.221 (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 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

#### 115.221 (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

#### 115.221 (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

#### 115.221 (g)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### 115.221 (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*)
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## Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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Policy P100:11 The Program Director ensures that their facility has a written *Response Plan and Evidence Protocol* in place, which is updated as necessary and approved by the PREA Coordinator. Each plan includes:

- Reporting process, including the creation and availability of call trees
- Actions to be taking by staff first responders
- Access to forensic medical examination
- Access to victim advocate
- Notification of local law enforcement, when necessary
- Protection measures in place to ensure that the alleged victim or resident who report incidents are not subject to retaliation

The agency ensures that investigations are conducted by properly trained individuals or local law enforcement who have the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations. Allegations that appear to be criminal in nature will be referred to Cincinnati Police Department.

The facility has requested the Cincinnati Police Department enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the facility to investigate all criminal allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at the facility using a uniform evidence protocol 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.

The police department has not responded to the MOU. The PREA Coordinator discussed with the auditor the difficulties she has had trying to get the department on board with investigating allegations between a staff member and a resident when the relationship is

“consensual.” She has and will continue to refer all allegations that appear to be criminal in nature to the Cincinnati Police Department.

The agency has twenty-four trained administrative investigators with two staffed at this facility. The facility investigators will conduct investigations in allegations that involve resident abusers. Allegations that involve staff abusers will be investigated by agency administrative investigators who not work in a facility.

The facility has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SANE of Butler County. The MOU outlines the services SANE of Butler County will provide residents of the VOA. The services include:

- Sexual assault medical forensic examination
- Medications for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections
- Confidential services regardless of whether a victim reports the crime
- Referrals for 24-hour medical, legal, and court accompaniment, and personal advocacy

SANE of Butler County has partnered with University of Cincinnati Medical Center to have all examinations take place at the hospital’s emergency department.

The auditor was able to communicate via email with a representative from SANE of Butler County post onsite visit. The representative verified the information found in the MOU and confirmed the partnership with University of Cincinnati Medical Center and that services are offered free of charge. The representative states that all forensic examinations are conducted according to the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Attorney General protocol for Treatment of Sexually Assaulted patients. She states that examiners are also able to provide expert witness testimony regarding the forensic standards and nursing scope of practice.

The facility has a MOU with YWCA of Greater Cincinnati to provide advocate services to any resident victim of sexual abuse, assault, or harassment. The MOU outlines the services that the YWCA will provide to resident victims. The services include:

- Provide a counselor to a resident victim of sexual assault
- Crisis Counseling
- Safety planning
- Information and referrals

The auditor was able to community via email with a representative from YWCA of Greater Cincinnati post onsite visit. The representative confirmed the services available to resident victims of VOA.

The auditor reviewed the website for SANE of Butler County and YWCA of Greater Cincinnati and verified the services offered by both organizations.

The facility has a trained staff member that can act as an emotional support staff at the request of the resident. The facility offers these services to every resident victim. During the past twelve months, one resident victim used the services of the emotional support person. The training was provided by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Bureau of Community Sanctions.

The facility has provided the auditor with documentation of administrative investigator training and emotional support training.

Review:

Policy and procedure

MOU with SANE of Butler County

MOU with YWCA of Greater Cincinnati

Email correspondence

Partner agencies websites

Training certificates

Interview with PREA Coordinator

## Standard 115.222: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

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

### 115.222 (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

### 115.222 (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

#### 115.222 (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 conducting criminal investigations. See 115.221(a).)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.222 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### 115.222 (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*)
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### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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Agency policy P100:14 requires administrative and/or criminal investigations are completed for all allegations of sexual assault, abuse, and harassment in VOAHOIN residential reentry facilities. The agency is to ensure that investigations are conducted by properly trained individuals or local law enforcement following reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.



The agency post its investigatory policy on its website, [https://voa-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/pdf\\_file/file/453/Investigation\\_Protocols\\_VOAO\\_HIN.pdf](https://voa-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/pdf_file/file/453/Investigation_Protocols_VOAO_HIN.pdf) The website reports that all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment will be administratively investigated and if at any time the behavior appears to be criminal in nature, the facility will refer the allegation to the local legal authority. The criminal investigatory agency is responsible for referring allegations to the local prosecutor for any allegation deemed appropriate according to their agency policy.

The facility has had allegations of sexual harassment and no allegations of sexual abuse during the twelve months.

Investigation #1: Resident made a verbal report of staff to resident sexual misconduct. The resident reported that a staff member, while on a medication pickup for the resident, took the resident into a single use 8x8 bathroom. The staff member requested the resident stand on the other side of the room while he used the restroom. The resident stated that at no time did the staff member make any sexual remark or gesture toward him. He just felt uncomfortable and wanted to wait outside the stall. The resident declined medical and other services. The administrative investigator interviewed the alleged abuser who denied any sexual or malicious intent. The staff truly believed that he could not allow the resident to be out of his site. The allegation was determined to be unsubstantiated. The allegation was not referred for criminal investigation.

Investigation #2: The facility received a third-party report that a staff member was having a romantic relationship with a resident. The report included pictures of the staff member with the resident. The administrative investigator interviewed the resident who confirmed once he was placed on electronic monitoring, he had personal contact with the staff member but denied having sex. The allegation was determined to be substantiated. Because the administrative investigation was unable to confirm a sexual relationship, the allegation was not referred for criminal investigation.

Investigation #3: A resident made a third party report that a staff member was having a romantic relationship with a resident. The resident states that the incidents take place offsite while the resident is on pass. Administrative investigators interviewed the victim, alleged abuser, and others who had knowledge of the incident. The alleged abuser was placed on administrative leave during the investigation. The facility video review did not find any evidence of sexual misconduct or behavior that could corroborate the allegation. The investigators were able to review video evidence from an offsite location where there were able to confirm the relationship. The allegation was determined to be substantiated

and the allegation was referred to the Cincinnati Police Department for a criminal investigation. Officer D. Kennedy took a report but the allegation was not pursued.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Agency website

Investigation reports

Interview with PREA Coordinator

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

### Standard 115.231: Employee training

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

#### 115.231 (a)

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents 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 residents on: Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The right of residents 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 residents on: The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents 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 residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents?  Yes  No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?  Yes  No

#### 115.231 (b)

- Is such training tailored to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility?  Yes  No
- Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male residents to a facility that houses only female residents, or vice versa?  Yes  No

#### 115.231 (c)

- Have all current employees who may have contact with residents 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

#### 115.231 (d)

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

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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Agency policy P100:02 states that VOA of Ohio and Indiana (VOAOHIN) ensures that all members of the workforce at residential reentry programs who may have contact with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures; and that members of the workforce receive all necessary ongoing training related to sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response. The policy defines workforce as all individuals (employees, volunteers, interns, and contractors) who may have contact with residents if, within the scope of that person's official or unofficial duties or privileges, it is reasonable foreseeable that the person will have physical, visual, or auditory contact with a resident over any period of time.

Staff complete training through an online training system (Relias) and through facilitated in-person training. The auditor was provided the agency's training curriculum and training overview as well as a course completion list. The training topics include:

- Dynamics of sexual abuse of inmates
- Staff responsibility
- Victim response to sexual abuse
- Detecting and responding to signs of sexual abuse in inmates
- Red flags
- Mandatory reporting
- Culture (breaking the code of silence)
- Respectful communication practices with LGBTI inmates
- Safe management of LGBTIQ populations
- Agency zero tolerance policy
- Maintaining professional relationships
- Boundaries and dual relationships for paraprofessionals
- Working effectively with gender and sexual minorities
- Working with women offenders in correctional institutions

During onboarding training, staff receive PREA Introduction training. This training covers the origins of PREA, related definitions, mandatory reporting obligations, creating a reporting culture, retaliation, protection responsibilities, all types of searches, and ways residents can report. Training is given on both genders due to staff having contact with both male and female residents. Throughout the year, the PREA Coordinator uses the Relias training system to provide staff with "Brain Sparks." These are a series of questions related to the PREA standards as refreshers to agency PREA policies.

Along with training that meets the requirements to standard 115.231, the agency also provides employees with training that also improves the facility's ability to prevent, detect, respond, and report incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This training includes:

#### Guideline for Workplace Conduct

- No fraternization
- Professional integrity
- Conflicts of interest
- Non-reprisal for reporting
- Scope of practice
- Termination offense

#### Whistleblower Policy

#### Anti-Harassment Policies

#### Personnel Policies

#### Zero Tolerance Policies

- Definitions
- Prevention strategies
- Methods of reporting
- Detection/recognition
- Crisis intervention
- Evidence preservation

#### Standards of Conduct

#### Grievance Procedures

#### Conditions of Employment

#### Site specific on the job Training

- Security
- Policy manual
- Culture
- PREA Intake Assessment
- Community Agency Partnerships

#### Confidentiality/Limits to Confidentiality

#### Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

#### Professional Client/Staff Relationships

The auditor reviewed nine (9) employee files during the onsite visit. During the file review, the auditor was able to verify staff received the additional training and policies and procedures through signed and dated acknowledgments.

The auditor was able to interview treatment, security, and management staff during the onsite visit. All interviewed staff were questioned on the training they received during onboarding and annually concerning PREA. All staff were capable of describing first responder duties, policies and protocols for managing transgender/intersex residents, reporting obligations, boundaries and keeping residents safe from retaliation.

The PREA Coordinator reports that training is tracked through the training department through the Relias system and that she specifically tracks PREA training. She states that system is set up to provide reminders to herself as well as to supervisors for employees who have not completed mandatory training. She will notify the employee's supervisor when staff has not completed the PREA training and the completion date is nearing.

As part of compliance documentation, the auditor received Relias training curriculum, VOA PREA policies, Relias course records, training sign-in sheets, and orientation training materials. The training curriculum provided goes beyond the minimum requirements of the standards. The course history review shows the staff have completed the required training annually. The auditor was also provided with updated policy acknowledgements for all facility staff.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Relias training curriculum

Training sign-in sheets

Course completion records

Policy acknowledgements

Interview with staff

Interview with PREA Coordinator

## **Standard 115.232: Volunteer and contractor training**

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

### **115.232 (a)**

- Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency’s sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures?  Yes  No

#### 115.232 (b)

- Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents 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 residents)?  Yes  No

#### 115.232 (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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VOAOHIN policy P100:02 ensures that all members of the workforce at residential reentry programs who may have contact with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency’s sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures; and that members of the workforce receive all necessary ongoing training related to sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response. The policy defines workforce as all individuals (employees, volunteers, interns, and contractors) who may have contact with residents if, within the scope of that person’s official or unofficial duties or privileges, it is reasonable foreseeable that the person will have physical, visual, or auditory contact with a resident over any period of time.

The policy states that the Program Director ensures that all contractors, interns, and volunteers are properly trained on necessary and pertinent topics prior to unsupervised contact with residents. The level and type of training provided to volunteers, interns, and contractors is based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with residents.

The Program Director is responsible for maintaining documentation confirming their understanding the training they received.

Aramark provides the facility with meal services which includes Aramark staff preparing meals at the facility. All Aramark staff are given the agency's policy on zero tolerance and instructions on how to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

All visitors that enter the facility are required to sign a PREA Zero Tolerance Acknowledgement including the auditor.

The auditor was able to review the signed training acknowledgement from contractors and volunteers. The facility does not have any volunteers at this time.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Contractor/volunteer acknowledgement

Volunteer Standards of Conduct

## Standard 115.233: Resident education

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

### 115.233 (a)

- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: The agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: How to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?  Yes  No



- During intake, do residents receive information regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?  Yes  No

#### 115.233 (b)

- Does the agency provide refresher information whenever a resident is transferred to a different facility?  Yes  No

#### 115.233 (c)

- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are limited English proficient?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are deaf?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are visually impaired?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are otherwise disabled?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Have limited reading skills?  Yes  No

#### 115.233 (d)

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

#### 115.233 (e)

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

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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Policy P100:07 Requires each resident admitted to a VOAHOIN residential reentry program to receive information on the agency's zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents. Accommodations will be made for residents with disabilities or limited English proficiency to ensure access to information and resources.

The policy requires the facility to:

- Provide all new intakes and transfers with a resident handbook that contains information on the agency's policies and procedures related to sexual abuse and harassment; and sign an acknowledgement of receipt
- Additional information is provided to the new residents during facility orientation group conduct by the Program Director or designee
- Key information is continuously and readily available or visible to residents through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats
- Information to be read aloud if a resident has identified or is known to have limited literacy skills. Interpreters (technology or nonresident) are made available for those who are limited English proficient, deaf, or visually impaired. Translations in a client's main language is provided whenever possible

The policy also requires an assigned staff member to review the facility's "Intake Packet" with the resident within 24-hours of the resident's arrival. The review will also include sexual abuse and sexual harassment information including VOAHOIN's zero tolerance policy, reporting, medical care, advocacy, and mental health resources.

The facility provided the auditor with a copy of the resident's handbook, intake packet, and PREA reporting posters (English and Spanish). The handbook describes the agency's zero tolerance policy, the specific types of behavior that constitutes sexual harassment or sexual abuse, how a resident can report sexual harassment or sexual abuse (verbally to any staff member, contractor, or volunteer; anonymously to a third party hotline; in writing, or through a family member or friend), advocate, medical and mental

health services that are available free of charge, and the limits of confidentiality where reporting allegations are concerned. The handbook contains contact information for third party agencies as well as in house toll free phone numbers.

The intake packet contains a brochure that contains information on how a resident can keep themselves safe, national, state, and local advocate agencies contact information (address and phone numbers), reporting options, and available services. The residents are also given a PREA handout that has recently been updated. This handout gives a history of the PREA act, definitions of prohibited behaviors, risk screening, use of screening information, reporting options, and available resources.

The Supportive Services Manager (SSM) conducts orientation group for the residents. The auditor was able to interview the SSM during the onsite visit. The group facilitator states that she provides the residents with a PREA pamphlet (rape crisis information), materials containing information on PREA, reporting options, how to keep safe, confidentiality, and the handbook. The SSM reports that she ensures that every residents understands what behavior could be considered PREA and all the ways they can report incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. She states that should a resident need special assistance to understand all the benefits provided under that PREA standards, she will ensure that assistance is provided (see standard 115.116). At the conclusion of each orientation group, the residents are required to document things they learned during that session. The residents are also required to complete a posttest at the completion of all orientation sessions. The posttest includes questions on ways to report allegations.

The auditor also interviewed twenty (five females, fifteen males) residents during the onsite visit. The clients were questioned on the information they received concerning PREA during intake and orientation group. This includes residents who reported English as their second language, cognitive limitations, and being physically impaired. When questioned on the PREA education provided by the facility, the residents interviewed stated they received information concerning PREA during arrival from the RSS staff, during the initial assessment conducted by intake staff, and during orientation group. The residents were able to list their reporting options and understood that they had the ability to report anonymously. When questioned on available services, the residents understood the availability of outside services free of charge. The residents report that the orientation instructor insures they have required information and know the location of PREA posters.

Ten resident files were reviewed by the auditor. The auditor was able to verify residents' acknowledgement of receiving PREA information during intake and attending orientation

group. The auditor also reviewed the session summary for the PREA orientation class where residents have to identify different elements learned from the sessions. The files also contained the orientation posttest. The SSM reports, that residents must receive a 100% on the orientation posttest in order to phase up in the program.

During the tour of the facility, the auditor noted various posters in English and Spanish throughout the facility. The posters provided information to residents, visitors, and staff on how to report allegations and phone numbers to reporting agencies.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Resident intake packet

Resident handbook

Orientation group materials

Resident PREA acknowledgement

PREA brochure

PREA posters (English and Spanish)

Resident files

Interview with residents

Interview with Orientation group facilitator

## Standard 115.234: Specialized training: Investigations

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

### 115.234 (a)

- In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.231, 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 115.221(a).)  
 Yes  No  NA

### 115.234 (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 115.221(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 115.221(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 115.221(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 115.221(a).)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.234 (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 115.221(a).)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.234 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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Policy P100:02 and P100:14 requires staff with administrative investigation responsibilities receive Specialized PREA investigation training prior to conducting an investigation. Training is required to be provided by a qualified provider using an approved curriculum that includes:

- Techniques for interviewing sex abuse victims

- Proper use of Miranda and Garity warnings
- Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings
- Criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral

The auditor was provided the Sexual Assault Investigation Training curriculum used to train staff on administrative investigations. The Curriculum and training was provided by the Massachusetts Department of Corrections and includes:

- Defining PREA allegations
- Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations
- Interviewing victims and suspected perpetrators
- Investigative outcomes
- Documentation
- Post allegation tracking and monitoring

The training was appropriate for the requirements of this standard. The PREA Coordinator and another staff member were trained on how to be an instructor for administrative investigator training. She facilitates training and refresher training for VOA staff using this curriculum.

The facility has two trained administrative investigators. The Assistant Program Director and the Supportive Services Manager are the primary investigators for the facility. The auditor interviewed both during the onsite visit. Both investigators discussed the techniques learned from the training including understanding the spectrum of trauma as it related to resident victims, collaborating with other investigators, providing justifications of investigation outcomes, and preserving evidence for collection. Because the facility is part of a private, non-profit agency, the rules to Garity and Miranda do not apply; however, the investigators report to the auditor that when an allegation involves a staff member, the PREA Coordinator will take the lead in the investigation and refer to the local police department if the allegation seems to be criminal in nature. The administrative investigation will resume after a criminal investigation or with permission from the legal authority. Both investigators, in independent interviews, state that they work together during administrative investigations and will inform the PREA Coordinator of the progression of the investigation.

The PREA Coordinator reports that the agency has a total of twenty-four (24) trained administrative investigators. The Coordinator was provided with the training certificates

for all administrative investigators. She also reports that administrative investigators are prohibited from conducting criminal investigations.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Administrative investigator training curriculum

Administrative investigator training certificates

Interview with PREA Coordinator

Interview with administrative investigators

## Standard 115.235: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

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

### 115.235 (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

### 115.235 (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 does not employ medical staff or the medical staff employed by the agency do not conduct forensic exams.)  
 Yes    No    NA

#### 115.235 (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

#### 115.235 (d)

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.231? (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 and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.232? (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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Cincinnati Residential Reentry Program does not employ or contract with medical or mental health practitioners. The PREA Coordinator reports that a community provider meets all residents' medical and mental health needs.

Review:

Interview with PREA Coordinator



## SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

### Standard 115.241: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

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

#### 115.241 (a)

- Are all residents assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other residents or sexually abusive toward other residents?  Yes  No
- Are all residents assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other residents or sexually abusive toward other residents?  Yes  No

#### 115.241 (b)

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

#### 115.241 (c)

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

#### 115.241 (d)

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has a mental, physical, or developmental disability?  Yes  No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The age of the resident?  Yes  No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The physical build of the resident?  Yes  No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has previously been incarcerated?  
 Yes  No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent?  
 Yes  No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident 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 residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the resident about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener's perception whether the resident 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 residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization?  Yes  No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The resident's own perception of vulnerability?  Yes  No

#### 115.241 (e)

- In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses?  Yes  No
- In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?  Yes  No

#### 115.241 (f)

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

#### 115.241 (g)

- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Referral?  Yes  No
- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Request?  Yes  No
- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Incident of sexual abuse?  Yes  No

- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Receipt of additional information that bears on the resident's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.241 (h)

- Is it the case that residents 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

#### 115.241 (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 resident's detriment by staff or other residents?  Yes  No

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Policy P100:06 requires all VOAHOIN operated residential reentry facilities to assess all residents for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness during intake, upon transfer from another facility, at 30-days after arrival, and as warranted thereafter. The policy requires the assessment tool to be objective and consider, at a minimum, the following criteria:

- Whether the resident has a mental, physical, or developmental disability
- The age of the resident
- The physical build of the resident
- Whether the resident has previously been incarcerated
- Whether the resident's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent
- Whether the resident has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child

- Whether the resident is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming
- Whether the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization
- The resident's own perception of vulnerability
- Prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse

The policy does not allow for residents to be disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to questions asked.

Policy P100:15 states the program implements appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to PREA Screening questions to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the resident's detriment by staff or other residents.

The auditor was able to interview a case manager for the female resident and a case manager for the male residents. The case managers discussed their process for interviewing a resident for the initial, rescreening, and collecting information to ensure classification of risk is correct.

The case manager for the female residents states that he reviews any information that the court has provided for the resident prior to meeting with the resident. He will explain the assessment, provide them with definitions of terms on the form, and answer any questions. He states that he tend to dig a little deeper on the second assessment because he has a better relationship with the residents. The case manager reports that he schedules meeting frequency based on the resident's risk level.

The case manager for the male residents states that she creates a firm, nurturing environment for her residents so that they feel comfortable reporting information to her. She asks probing questions and ensures that they residents know that all information provided is reviewed by her supervisor but is otherwise confidential.

The case managers reports that they received appropriate training on how to use the instrument and the reassessment form during case management 101. The case managers state the assessment is completed within 72 hours of the resident's arrival to the facility and a reassessment before the 30-day mark.

The auditor interviewed the Supportive Services Manager during the onsite visits. The SSM supervises the case managers and conducts quality assurance checks on initial and

reassessments. The SSM will review and sign off on all assessments. She states that she is looking for timeliness, accuracy, and referrals.

The auditor was given a copy of the risk assessment instrument. The instrument meets the requirement of being objective and including all required criteria per this standard. The screening instrument uses a scoring system to assess the resident a risk classification. Classification categories are:

- Known victim
- Potential victim
- Non-victim
- Known predator
- Potential predator
- Non-predator

The auditor interviewed twenty residents during the onsite visit. The residents have had an initial assessment and some interviewed had both an initial and a reassessment. The residents agreed they receive an assessment and an explanation of the assessment was given to them. The residents that have received a reassessment stated that their case manager did two assessments where they asked the same questions during the second assessment.

The auditor also reviewed ten (10) resident files. The files contained initial risk assessments for all residents as well as reassessments for residents who have been at the facility for more than thirty days. The dates marked on the assessments show all assessments have been conducted within the specified time period.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Initial risk assessment

Reassessment

Resident files

Interview with Supportive Services Manager

Interview with case managers

Interview with residents

## **Standard 115.242: Use of screening information**

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

**115.242 (a)**

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents 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 § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents 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 § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents 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 § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents 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 § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments?  Yes  No

**115.242 (b)**

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

**115.242 (c)**

- When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex resident to a facility for male or female residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns residents 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 residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems?  Yes  No

**115.242 (d)**

- Are each transgender or intersex resident'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

**115.242 (e)**

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

**115.242 (f)**

- 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 residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual residents 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 residents 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 residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: transgender residents 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 residents 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 residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: intersex residents 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 residents pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)  Yes  No  NA

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Policy P100:06 requires the facility to use risk screening information to ensure the safety of each resident and to inform housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.

Policy P100:15 describes how the facility will use the screening information. It states:

- Lead Reentry Support Specialist will consider the assessed risk level when assigning residents to dorms and bed assignments; with the intention of keeping those at high risk of victimization separate from those at high risk for abusiveness
- When making decisions for resident assignments, the Program Director makes assignments that assure that residents at high risk of victimization are separated from residents at high risk of abusiveness
- Individualized determinations for resident assignments are made by the Program Director to ensure the safety of each resident

The Program Director has identified the facility's plan to keep separate residents identified as high risk of victimization from those identified as high risk of abusiveness. She states that they use housing units and bed selection for separation. The dorms have cameras that are also used as a way to monitor high risk residents. As for programing, work assignments, and education, she states that as much as possible they do not assign residents with opposing risk classifications to the same schedule. If they are scheduled at the same time, staff is aware in order to ensure the residents are as separate as possible during that time.

The Lead Reentry Support Specialist reports to the auditor that residents will be moved to a bed that is in direct site of a camera at any time during the residents stay if that resident needs to be monitored more closely by RSS staff. Residents also have the ability to request a bed move. She states that she generally will grant bed moves if the bed is available, it is the same dorm, and there are no other restrictions.

The case managers both described offering residents' community assistance to deal with any underlying issues identified during the risk assessment. The facility has partnered with Empowered for Excellence for mental health services.

Policy P100:15 declare that programs do not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis identification or status, unless such placement is in a dedicated facility unit or wing established in



connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting such residents.

The agency recognizes that residents that who identify as transgender or intersex are at greater risk of being sexually abused and therefore, the Program Director or designee will consider the following when determining housing and program assignments:

- Whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems, especially when determining whether to assign transgender or intersex resident to a facility or dorm for male or female residents
- The resident's own view with respect to his or her own safety
- The opportunity to shower separately from other residents

The Assistant Program Director reports that the facility has housed a transgender or intersex resident. He states that facility leadership met prior to placement to ensure that a proper safety plan was in place before the resident arrived. Once the resident arrived at the facility, the resident, emotional support person, Assistant Program Director, and the Supportive Services Manager met to discuss the safety plan and the resident's concerns.

The SSM reports that after the meeting, the team considered how the resident identified, stage of transition (safety), and all concerns the resident presented, before deciding on the most appropriate housing unit.

The Assistant Director and SSM report that the resident presented more issues than the facility was capable of managing so there was a need to transfer the resident to a sister facility. The resident was able to complete program requirements at that facility without further issues.

There were no transgender or intersex residents present during the onsite visit.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Interview with case managers

Interview with Assistant Program Director

Interview with Supportive Services Manager

# REPORTING

## Standard 115.251: Resident reporting

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

### 115.251 (a)

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?  Yes  No

### 115.251 (b)

- Does the agency also provide at least one way for residents 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 resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?  Yes  No
- Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request?  Yes  No

### 115.251 (c)

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

### 115.251 (d)

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

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VOAOHIN policy P100:16 ensures that residents have multiple internal and external ways to privately report allegations of sexual abuse, assault, harassment incidents. Residents are not restricted to reporting such allegations via the agency's complaint and grievance procedures. Residents are encouraged to report allegations of sexual assault, abuse, or harassment through the following established methods:

- The agency's toll-free hotline which is monitored by the PREA Coordinator
- The agency's email report link
- The State of Ohio's toll-free hotline
- The local numbers for Hamilton County and Cincinnati area
- The local number and address for the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati
- Federal Bureau of Prison's toll-free hotline
- Verbally or in writing to any staff member, contractor, or volunteer

The auditor verified that the methods available to residents and staff were posted in various areas throughout the facility and listed in the resident handbook. The entire resident handbook is posted on a bulletin board in both the male and female housing units. Residents can use the phones in the housing units or their own personal cell phone to report an allegation to the available hotline numbers. Residents can also speak directly to any staff member, including having a private meeting, or complete a grievance form to report an allegation.

The auditor contacted the outside hotline number to verify the process. The caller is instructed to leave a message with details of the allegation, that the caller can remain anonymous, and that all allegations will be investigated. The auditor received a return phone call from Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Bureau of Community Sanctions PREA Community Corrections Compliance Liaison. She verified receiving the auditor's call and ensuring all calls are taken seriously. She states that the hotline number has not received a call from this facility during the past twelve months.

The auditor has also tested the email like provided to residents and third-party reporters on their website. The auditor received a return email from the agency's PREA Coordinator within 24 hours.

During the onsite visit, the auditor was able to see various posting in English and Spanish informing the residents of the phone numbers, website address, and email address to internal and external reporting entities. The auditor tested both the toll-free hotline number and the email report link to ensure residents could use these options to report allegations. The auditor interviewed one resident who English is a second language and he states that he has received all write PREA material in his primary language.

During the onsite visit, the auditor interviewed twenty (20) residents. The residents were asked questions in accordance with the PREA Compliance Audit Instrument guide and the Auditor Handbook Guide for Effective Strategies for Interviewing Staff and Residents. This includes questions on ways a resident can report, private and anonymous reporting, and how residents received information on reporting methods. Both male and female residents were able to recite all reporting options including reporting anonymously. The residents report that during orientation group you must know at least three different ways to report an allegation in order to pass the test. The residents were also able to identify the location of reporting posters.

The facility had one allegation that was verbally reported to staff by a resident and one third-party allegation reported by a resident on behalf of another resident. Both allegations were administratively reported.

According to the employee handbook, staff, once aware of any behavior that is in violation of VOA's Professional Client/Staff Relationship policies, must immediately report such behavior to their immediate supervisor. Failure to report could implicate staff as complicit in the behavior and share in responsibility.

All staff interviewed during the onsite visit were able to discuss the various ways that staff, residents, or those outside the agency could report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. There were several staff members interviewed that discussed how they had received verbal reports in the past from residents and have immediately reported those allegations to their supervisor. The staff stated that the Assistant Program Director and the Supportive Services Manager both had an open door policy and feel like they can approach either with their own suspicions or to make a private report. The program director is new but staff felt like she has made herself approachable and feel comfortable with addressing issues with her.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Employee Handbook

PREA brochure

PREA posters

Resident handbook

Agency website

Investigation reports

Interview with staff

Interview with residents

## Standard 115.252: Exhaustion of administrative remedies

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

#### 115.252 (a)

- Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because a resident 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

#### 115.252 (b)

- Does the agency permit residents 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 a resident 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

#### 115.252 (c)

- Does the agency ensure that: A resident 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

#### 115.252 (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 residents in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- If the agency determines that the 90-day timeframe is insufficient to make an appropriate decision and claims an extension of time (the maximum allowable extension of time to respond is 70 days per 115.252(d)(3)), does the agency notify the resident 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 resident does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may a resident 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

#### 115.252 (e)

- Are third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist residents 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 residents? (If a third-party files such a request on behalf of a resident, 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 resident declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the resident's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.252 (f)

- Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that a resident 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 a resident 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 resident 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

#### 115.252 (g)

- If the agency disciplines a resident for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

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While the agency does not restrict residents to reporting allegations through the facility's grievance procedure, the agency does have a policy regarding grievances. Policy P100:16 prohibits the facility from imposing a time limit on when a resident may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse. The facility also may not require a

resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, and ensures that a resident who submits a grievance alleging sexual abuse, assault, or harassment have to submit the grievance to a staff member who is the subject of the grievance.

Policy states the facility has ninety-days within the initial filing to issue a decision on the grievance. Should the facility need an extension of time to respond, the facility shall notify the resident in writing of such extension. The extension time shall not exceed seventy-days. Should the resident not receive a response in the allotted time, including any properly notice extension, the resident may consider the absence of a response to be a denial.

The policy allows for third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family, members, attorneys, and outside advocates, to assist resident in filing request for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and will also be permitted to file such request on behalf of residents. However, the alleged victim must 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.

If an allegation alleges fear of substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, the policy requires the agency to immediately forward the grievance to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken. The initial response will be given within forty-eight hours and a final decision within five calendar days. The facility will document the action taken in response to the emergency grievance.

The grievance procedure is given to the residents through the resident handbook. Page eight of the resident handbook states:

- Residents are encouraged to use pro-social skills in resolving concerns or complaints
- Residents have a right to due process in filing a complaint or grievance
- No resident will be harassment nor will punitive action be taken for filing a complaint or grievance
- Residents can obtain a complaint form from any staff member
- All complaints or grievances must use this form
- Complaints or grievances for sexual abuse can be filed at any time regardless of when the incident occurred
- The resident will be provided with an *Acknowledgment of Complaint* within three business days



- Review with the resident the outcome of the complaint within 10 calendar days of receipt of the complaint
- If a resident does not wish to write a complaint or grievance, they can verbally report the issue to staff and request the staff member write the complaint
- Third-parties such as fellow staff, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates can assist in completing and submitting a complaint
- Residents may also call the complaint hotline at 614-253-6100 ext. 1535
- If a sexual abuse allegation complaint or grievance is filed in bad faith, the resident may be disciplined for the false report
- A resident can file a report with an outside regulatory agency (multiple outside agency addresses and phone numbers listed)

The auditor viewed signed acknowledgements of receiving a copy of the grievance policy during the resident file review.

During resident interviews, all residents stated they understood the grievance policy. During the resident interviews, two acknowledge writing a grievance. The residents state that a staff member contacted them within a “day or two” and that they thought the response was appropriate even if it was not in their favor. Neither of the grievances reported sexual abuse.

The Assistant Program Director and the Supportive Services Manager (SSM) are responsible for responding to grievances. Each of the staff members report responding to grievances within the same day if possible but no longer than 48 hours. The SSM reports ensuring during orientation group that residents understand their rights and how to make a complaint should they feel their rights have been violated.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Resident handbook

Orientation group

Resident files

Resident interviews

Interview with Assistant Program Director

Interview with Supportive Services Manager

## **Standard 115.253: Resident access to outside confidential support services**

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

**115.253 (a)**

- Does the facility provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving residents 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 enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?  Yes  No

**115.253 (b)**

- Does the facility inform residents, 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

**115.253 (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 residents with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?  Yes  No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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VOAOHIN policy P100:07 requires the residents with access to outside victims’ advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving residents

mailing address and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations, and by enabling reasonable communication between residents and these organizations. The facility is required to inform residents, 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.

The facility provided the auditor with brochures given to the residents during intake. The brochure provides the name, contact numbers, and mailing address of local, state, and national rape crisis organizations. The brochure also reminds the residents that communication between these organizations will be provided in the most confidential manner as possible; however, there are some limits to confidentiality for mandated reporters.

The facility provides the name, address, and phone number of the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati for outside victims' advocacy and emotional support services. The agency is local and has a partnership with the facility. The agency reports that it has not received mail or telephone correspondence from any resident.

The auditor contacted the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati post onsite visit via email. The representative from the YWCA was able to confirm that the agency was capable of providing any resident victim of sexual abuse a rape crisis advocate. The advocate would be able to assist the resident through hospital examinations, police interviews, and court proceedings. The representative also reports that the advocate would also offer additional community resources. The services are offered free of charge.

In addition to the information listed in the PREA brochure provided to the residents, the facility also has advocacy posters throughout the facility in conspicuous places. The posters are in English and Spanish and contain information residents would need to contact local, state, or national rape crisis agencies.

\*The national rape crisis advocacy organization, RAINN, does not keep record of calls into the center. All calls are anonymous and callers are forwarded to their local rape crisis agency.

While no resident at the facility has requested emotional supportive services, during one allegation that involved a staff member, the emotional support staff person conducted regular checks on the resident.

Review:

Policy and procedure

PREA brochure

PREA posters

Email communication with YWCA of Greater Cincinnati

Investigation report

## Standard 115.254: Third-party reporting

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

### 115.254 (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 a resident?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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Policy P100:11 requires the facility to distribute public information on how to report sexual abuse and harassment on behalf of a resident. The policy also states that should the facility receive a third-party report of incidents of sexual abuse, assault, or harassment occurred within the facility, the information will be immediately reported to the Program Director of the facility.

The auditor reviewed the agency website, <https://www.voahin.org/residential-reentry>, and was able to see the posted information on how a third party can report an allegation. The facility has posted in conspicuous places including where visitors would frequent, notices on how a person can make a third party report of sexual abuse or sexual harassment on behalf of a resident. The poster includes:

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- VOAHOIN Hotline- 855-297-1492
- DPCS Hotline- 614-728-3399
- Local Hotline for Hamilton County- 513-381-5610
- Hotline for Cincinnati area- 877-889-5619
- National Hotline R.A.I.N.N.- 800-656-4673
- VOAHOIN email- [reportsline@voago.org](mailto:reportsline@voago.org)
- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction email- [DRC.ReportSexualMisconduct@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:DRC.ReportSexualMisconduct@odrc.state.oh.us)

The auditor noted the various locations of reporting posters including public locations during the facility tour.

The auditor contacted the outside hotline number to verify the process. The caller is instructed to leave a message with details of the allegation, that the caller can remain anonymous, and the all allegations will be investigated. The auditor received a return phone call from Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Bureau of Community Sanctions PREA Community Corrections Compliance Liaison. She verified receiving the auditor's call and ensuring all calls are taken seriously. She states that the hotline number has not received a call from this facility during the past twelve months.

The auditor has also tested the email like provided to residents and third-party reporters on their website. The auditor received a return email from the agency's PREA Coordinator within 24 hours.

The facility received one third-party allegation during the past twelve months. The allegation was administratively investigated and determined to be substantiated.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Agency website

Facility posters

Outside hotline number

## OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING A RESIDENT REPORT

### Standard 115.261: Staff and agency reporting duties

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

#### 115.261 (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 residents 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

#### 115.261 (b)

- Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, do 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

#### 115.261 (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 residents of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?  Yes  No

#### 115.261 (d)

- If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws?  Yes  No

## 115.261 (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 P100:11 states that staff must report any knowledge of an incident of sexual assault, abuse, harassment, or retaliation to the Program Director of their facility immediately. The Program Director will then report the incident to the PREA Coordinator immediately. If the incident involves the Program Director, staff must report the incident to the Senior Vice President of Reentry Programs who is then responsible for conveying the report to the PREA Coordinator. Alternatively, staff may report allegations or suspicions directly to the PREA Coordinator or a trained PREA investigator within the agency. The policy states that staff will not reveal information related to such reports except to the extent necessary to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions.

During staff interviews, staff reported to the auditor that they are reminded during monthly training meeting of their obligation to report all reports, suspicions, and incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The staff report that are required to immediately report to their supervisor or the Program Director. No staff made a report based on their own suspicion or knowledge, but have made reports based on verbal reports from residents.

The employees are trained during onboarding and receive this information in the employee handbook. The handbook states that failure to report a violation or take

appropriate action can subject the employee to disciplinary action. Any suspected violation or attempted violation of the PREA standards must be reported immediately to the appropriate supervisory personnel.

The auditor reviewed seven (7) employee files during the onsite visit. The files contained signed acknowledgments of receiving the following information:

- Client confidentiality
- Code of ethics
- VOA culture
- Employee handbook
- PREA training, including reporting requirements
- PREA zero tolerance policies

Case management staff and staff with licensure report informing residents of their obligation to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and other limitations of confidentiality.

The facility does not accept residents that are under the age of eighteen and therefore does not have a duty to report to child protective services. However, this policy does require that the PREA Coordinator report all allegations to the designated state or local services agency should the victim be under the age of eighteen or a vulnerable adult.

No allegations were made from, on the behalf of, or against anyone that would be identified as a youthful offender or vulnerable adult.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Employee files

Interview with staff

## Standard 115.262: Agency protection duties

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

### 115.262 (a)

- When the agency learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the resident?  Yes  No



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Policy P100:12 states that the agency has procedures in place to protect at risk residents from sexual abuse and prevent retaliation against residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations. The protection measures include, but are not limited to dorm moves, facility reassignments, and close observation of alleged victim or perpetrator.

The PREA Coordinator reports that should the allegation be against a staff member, the agency practice is to place the staff member on administrative leave. Depending on the type and severity of the allegation, the facility also has the option of assigning that staff member to another housing unit or facility during the investigation. As far as protection methods used for residents, the Coordinator states that the type of protection will depend upon the situation.

The auditor was able to review report documentation from incidents within the facility that required protection measures. The facility has placed staff members on leave during investigations.

The facility uses protection measures to ensure safety in all situations of possible abuse, bullying, or retaliation.

The facility has not received a report that any resident was at risk for imminent abuse.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Interview with PREA Coordinator

## Standard 115.263: Reporting to other confinement facilities

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

#### 115.263 (a)

- Upon receiving an allegation that a resident 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

#### 115.263 (b)

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

#### 115.263 (c)

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

#### 115.263 (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 P100:11 has a procedure for reporting to other confinement facilities.

- Upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the staff will notify the Program Director
- The Program Director will notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency when the alleged abuse occurred
- The notification will be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation
- The agency will document that it has provided such notification
- Should the facility receive an allegation from another confinement facility about a former resident, the resident will conduct an investigation into the allegation

The PREA Coordinator reports to the auditor to that the facility has not received an allegation from a resident that they would need to report to another confinement facility. Should the facility need to report an allegation to another confinement facility, the PREA Coordinator states that the Program Director would document the report and forward it to her. She also reports that the facility has not received an allegation from another confinement facility that would need to be investigated.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Interview with PREA Coordinator

## Standard 115.264: Staff first responder duties

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

### 115.264 (a)

- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident 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 a resident 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 a resident 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 a resident 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

#### 115.264 (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 P100:11 requires Program Directors ensure that their facility has a written *Response Plan and Evidence Protocol* in place, which is updated as necessary and approved the agency PREA Coordinator. The plan must include provision for the following:

- Separating the alleged victim and abuser
- Preserving and protecting any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken by local law enforcement to collect any evidence
- If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, staff request/ensure that the victim and abuser not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence including washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating
- If the first staff member is not a Resident Supervisor, the staff shall notify the Resident Supervisor on duty

The facility provided the auditor with a copy of the facility's Response Plan and Evidence Protocol. The specific facility protocol includes:

- Separate the alleged victim and abuser. Locations include the administrative office area or the cafeteria. All would be easily under staff supervision until law enforcement arrived, if needed
- Preserve and protect any crime scene until the appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence by law enforcement
- If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence, request the alleged victim not take any action that could destroy physical evidence including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating
- Report the incident to the Program Director
- If the Program Director is unavailable, report the incident to the on call manager. The supervisor who received the report will call the local police department to refer the incident for investigation

All facility staff are trained on first responder duties (security and non-security staff). The duties are reviewed during onboarding training and reviewed during staff meetings. The auditor was provided training curriculum and course completion records.

During interviews of targeted and random staff members, all staff was able to relay the first responder duties should there be an incident of sexual abuse. The staff report that it is the practice of the facility to separate residents once an allegation has been made. The residents are also put on close observation during this time. The staff report in addition to separating the alleged abuser and victim they would take measures to preserve the scene and contact local law enforcement.

Once an allegation is reported, the staff first responder is required to document their actions on an *Unusual Incident Report*. This report documents how the victim and alleged abuser were separated, if the scene was secure for law enforcement officers, if the victim was offered victim advocate/rape crisis services, and if a SANE/SAFE was contacted for medical attention.

The facility has not had an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment during this audit cycle that required protection of a crime scene, calls to medical personnel. The facility had one allegation where the facility referred the allegation for a criminal investigation and three offers for rape crisis services were declined by residents after an allegation was made.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Response Plan and Evidence Protocol

Training curriculum

Course completion records

Interview with staff

Investigation reports

## Standard 115.265: Coordinated response

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

#### 115.265 (a)

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

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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Policy P100:11 requires the facility to have a plan in place to coordinate actions taken by staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and agency leadership in response to reported incident of sexual assault, abuse, or harassment. The facility posts its Coordinated Response Plan and Evidence Protocol in all staff control post. The states that:

- Staff will immediately implement first responder duties (see standard 115.264)
- Report the incident to the local police department and state or local service agencies as appropriate to refer the incident for investigation
- Offer the victim access to a forensic medical examination
- If the resident request, provide a victim advocate from the rape crisis center but if none are available, contact the qualified staff member to perform emotional support duties
- Document all activities
- Monitor resident for ninety days following the report

During staff interviews, staff were able to tell the location of the Response Plan and Evidence Protocol. The plan outlines what each member of the response plan is supposed to do or call. Near the computer at each post desk are the phone numbers of members of the coordinated response team.

#### Review

Police and procedure

Response Plan and Evidence Protocol

Staff interviews

### **Standard 115.266: Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers**

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

#### **115.266 (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 residents pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?  Yes  No

#### **115.266 (b)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### **Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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N/A: The PREA Coordinator reports that the agency does not have a union and does not enter into contracts with its employees. The agency is an “at will” employer. Employees are notified of the “at will” status in the employee handbook.

Review:  
 Interview with PREA Coordinator  
 Employee handbook

**Standard 115.267: Agency protection against retaliation**

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

**115.267 (a)**

- Has the agency established a policy to protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff?  Yes  No
- Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?  Yes  No

**115.267 (b)**

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

**115.267 (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 residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents 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 residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents 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 resident 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 resident 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 resident 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

#### 115.267 (d)

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

#### 115.267 (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

#### 115.267 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

## Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VOAOHIN policy P100:12 states the facility will have procedures in place to protect all resident and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff. The facility does this by:

- Use multiple protection measures such as housing changes or transfers for resident victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims, and emotional supportive services for residents or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations
- For at least ninety days following a report of sexual abuse, assigned staff will monitor the conduct and treatment of resident or staff who reported the sexual abuse and of residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse, to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation

The PREA Assistant Program Director is responsible for retaliation monitoring. He with the assistance of the emotional support person will meet with the resident or staff member once a week in a private setting to ensure the resident or staff member is not receiving any retaliation for reporting an allegation or cooperating with an investigation. The Compliance Manager states that should the person being monitored be a resident, then the once a week monitoring visits will also include status checks. Status checks include monitoring:

- Disciplinary reports
- Housing or program changes
- Negative performance reviews
- Staff reassignments

The facility has had two allegations that required retaliation monitoring. One of the allegations did not have weekly check-ins due to the resident victim being on electronic monitoring and not housed at the facility. The facility provided the auditor with a copy of the Retaliation Monitoring Form. The form includes:

- Date monitoring begins/ends
- Type of monitoring
- Staff assigned to monitor
- Who's being monitor (resident or staff)
- Reason for monitoring (victim, witness, cooperation w/ investigation)
- Comments
- Weekly meetings and status check remarks (13 weeks)
- Results from monitoring (no retaliation, retaliation found [address and protection measures], end monitoring [unfounded or resident left program], extend monitoring

The completed forms for the other allegation document an affirmative check of disciplinary reports (number and types), changes in bed assignment (date of change if moved), negative performance review for staff, staff reassignment (date and location if reassigned).

The policy allows for the retaliation monitoring to end if the allegation is determined to be unfounded.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Retaliation Monitoring Form

Interview with Assistant Program Director

## INVESTIGATIONS

### Standard 115.271: Criminal and administrative agency investigations

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

**115.271 (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 115.221(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 115.221(a).)  Yes  No  NA

**115.271 (b)**

- Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.234?  Yes  No

**115.271 (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

**115.271 (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

**115.271 (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 resident or staff?  Yes  No
- Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring a resident who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding?  Yes  No

**115.271 (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

#### 115.271 (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

#### 115.271 (h)

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

#### 115.271 (i)

- Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.271(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years?  Yes  No

#### 115.271 (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

#### 115.271 (k)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### 115.271 (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 115.221(a).)  Yes  No  NA

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Policy P100:14 requires and administrative and/or criminal investigation are completed for all allegations of sexual assault, abuse, and harassment in VOAHOIN residential reentry facilities. The agency is to ensure that investigations are conducted by properly trained individuals or local law enforcement for allegations that are criminal in nature. The policy requires agency administrative investigators to:

- Gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence
- Collect physical and electronic data
- Interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses
- Review prior complains and reports of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment involving the suspected perpetrator
- Document the investigation in a written report

Should there also be a criminal investigation, the policy requires the facility to:

- Provide the local law enforcement with all requested documentation and evidence to the best of its ability for the event being investigated
- The Program Director will be responsible for keeping records of these referrals and the outcomes of police investigations
- Document referral and outcome data in the annual report, compiled by the PREA Coordinator

The auditor was able to review the report form for administrative investigations. The report includes:

- Date and time of incident
- Date incident was reported
- Type of allegation

- Alleged victim's name
- Alleged perpetrator's name
- Alleged perpetrator's status (resident or staff)
- How allegation was reported
- Evidence collected
- Witnesses name
- Statements
- Law enforcement referral
- Victim advocate or emotional support referral
- Forensic medical exam
- Separation from abuser
- Allegation determination
- Resident notification of determination
- SART referral
- 90-day retaliation monitoring

The auditor reviewed the three investigation reports from the allegations during the past twelve months.

Investigation #1: Resident made a verbal report of staff to resident sexual misconduct. The resident reported that a staff member, while on a medication pickup for the resident, took the resident into a single use 8x8 bathroom. The staff member requested the resident stand on the other side of the room while he used the restroom. The resident stated that at no time did the staff member make any sexual remark or gesture toward him. He just felt uncomfortable and wanted to wait outside the stall. The resident declined medical and other services. The administrative investigator interviewed the alleged abuser who denied any sexual or malicious intent. The staff truly believed that he could not allow the resident to be out of his site. The allegation was determined to be unsubstantiated. The allegation was not referred for criminal investigation.

Investigation #2: The facility received a third-party report that a staff member was having a romantic relationship with a resident. The report included pictures of the staff member with the resident. The administrative investigator interviewed the resident who confirmed once he was placed on electronic monitoring, he had personal contact with the staff member but denied having sex. The allegation was determined to be substantiated. Because the administrative investigation was unable to confirm a sexual relationship, the allegation was not referred for criminal investigation.

Investigation #3: A resident made a third party report that a staff member was having a romantic relationship with a resident. The resident states that the incidents take place offsite while the resident is on pass. Administrative investigators interviewed the victim, alleged abuser, and others who had knowledge of the incident. The alleged abuser was placed on administrative leave during the investigation. The facility video review did not find any evidence of sexual misconduct or behavior that could corroborate the allegation. The investigators were able to review video evidence from an offsite location where there were able to confirm the relationship. The allegation was determined to be substantiated and the allegation was referred to the Cincinnati Police Department for a criminal investigation. Officer D. Kennedy took a report but the allegation was not pursued.

One allegation was referred to the Cincinnati Police Department. An officer took a statement but the agency did not pursue an investigation.

The auditor interviewed the PREA Coordinator, the Assistant Program Director, and the Supportive Services Manager who are trained administrative investigators during the onsite visit. The auditor was able to question all investigators on investigation initiation process, investigation techniques, investigating third-party or confinement facility referred allegations, credibility assessments, and referral for criminal investigations.

The PREA Coordinator reports she will lead any investigations that involve a staff member. Facility investigators will assist in those investigations when needed. Investigations that involve residents only, will be investigated by facility investigators. The facility investigators will assist each other and confer with the PREA Coordinator in those investigations.

When asked about investigation techniques, the investigators report collecting as much collateral information as possible which can corroborate allegations or assist in credibility assessments. The PREA Coordinator states that while the facility is not required to offer Garity or Miranda (not a public agency) the facility always errs on the side of caution and will contact the local legal authority anytime an investigation suggest criminal behavior. The facility is prohibited by agency policy to use polygraph examinations or other truth telling devises.

The PREA Coordinator reports that it is at the discretion of the legal authority to referral allegations for criminal prosecution. When asked how the facility assist in criminal investigations, the Coordinator reports that should a sexual abuse or assault incident occur, the facility's responsibility is to protect the evidence while the police department will collect the physical evidence. DNA collection from any alleged victim will be



collected at University of Cincinnati Hospital. She reports that the staff will be of assistance in whatever way the police direct and that the Program Director or Assistant Program Director will maintain communication with the police department in order to remain informed on the progress of the investigation. The PREA Coordinator discussed trying to remain informed of the progress of the allegation that was referred for a criminal investigation. She states that she was not given any information from the department, but has documented her attempts to remain informed.

When questioned about document retention, the PREA Coordinator states that at the conclusion of the investigation, all documents, notes, and any other materials collected relevant to the investigation will be turned over to the PREA Coordinator who will retain the information for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years. All information is stored on the Agency's intranet in a secure file only assessable to authorized staff.

The auditor was given documentation of staff administrative investigation training certificates. The training is appropriate to meet standard 115.231.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Administrative investigator training certificates

Investigation form

Administrative investigator interviews

## Standard 115.272: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

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

### 115.272 (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

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Policy P100:14 states that the administrative investigator will impose a standard of preponderance of evidence or a lower standard of proof when determining whether an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment can be substantiated. Preponderance of evidence is measured at 51%.

The auditor interviewed the facility’s administrative investigators on the standard of proof used when making allegation determinations. All report using 51% as the measure to substantiate an allegation.

The auditor reviewed the three allegations from the past twelve months to verify the standard of proof used. All allegations were determined with that standard.

Review:  
 Policy and procedure  
 Investigation reports  
 Interview with PREA administrative investigators

**Standard 115.273: Reporting to residents**

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

**115.273 (a)**

- Following an investigation into a resident’s allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?  Yes  No

**115.273 (b)**

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

#### 115.273 (c)

- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit?  Yes  No
- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility?  Yes  No
- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility?  Yes  No
- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?  Yes  No

#### 115.273 (d)

- Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, 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 a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, 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

#### 115.273 (e)

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

#### 115.273 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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Agency policy P100:14 requires the assigned PREA investigator to inform residents of the outcome of the investigation, and document all notification or attempts to notify via the Resident Notification Form. If there was a criminal investigation, policy requires the facility to request all relevant information from the local police department and any other investigatory agency, and provide the information to the investigator so that the resident may be informed of the investigation outcome. The obligation to report investigation outcomes ends when the alleged victim is released from the agency's custody.

Policy states that the notification for substantiated and unsubstantiated allegations will include:

- If the alleged staff member is no longer posted in the resident's facility
- If the alleged staff member is no longer employed with the agency
- If the agency learns that the alleged staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility
- If the agency learns that the alleged staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility
- If the alleged resident abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility
- If the alleged resident abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility

The facility provided the auditor with the Resident Notification Form that was used to inform the residents of the outcome of the investigation. The form included all required elements of this standard. The form provides the disposition of the investigation and if substantiated, the outcome of the abuser. The auditor was able to view the notifications

sent to the residents after the completion of the investigation. Notifications were signed and dated by the residents in all three of the investigations. Residents receive a copy of their signed and dated notification.

The Assistant Program Director reports she would be the person collecting all relevant information to complete the form and have the resident sign the notification.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Resident Notification Forms

Interview with Assistant Program Director

## DISCIPLINE

### Standard 115.276: Disciplinary sanctions for staff

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

#### 115.276 (a)

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

#### 115.276 (b)

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

#### 115.276 (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

#### 115.276 (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

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Policy P100:13 states that staff who violate the agency policies against sexual abuse and sexual harassment are subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination, and that termination is the presumptive disciplinary sanctions for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse. Disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than engaging in sexual abuse) are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the act committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories. 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, are reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies.

The agency outlines the disciplinary procedure in the employee handbook. The auditor was given a copy of the handbook for review. The handbook language mimics the language found in policy. All staff are given a copy of the handbook during onboarding training and sign an acknowledgement form. The auditor reviewed acknowledgement form and signatures during the employee file review. Staff members are required to annually sign acknowledgement of personnel policies and procedures.

During staff interviews, staff acknowledged they received a copy of the employee handbook and agency zero tolerance policy during staff orientation. They understood that termination would likely result for substantiated allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment.

The auditor was able to discuss the agency's disciplinary policy, procedure, and practice as it related to violation of the agency's zero tolerance policy with an agency Human Resources Manager. The HR Manager states that its agency practice to place staff on administrative leave during the course of an investigation. Should the investigation determine that the staff member substantially committed an act of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, the agency will terminate employment or contract service.

The facility had three allegations against staff during the past twelve months. One sexual harassment allegation was determined to be unsubstantiated and two sexual abuse allegations were determined to be substantiated. The staff member in the unsubstantiated allegation was given extra training and the two staff members in the substantiated sexual abuse allegations were terminated.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Employee handbook

Employee files

Investigation reports

Employee interviews

Interview with Human Resource Manager

Interview with PREA Coordinator

## Standard 115.277: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

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

#### 115.277 (a)

- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with residents?  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

#### 115.277 (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 residents?  Yes  No

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Policy P100:13 states that VOA OHIN has disciplinary sanctions in place for staff, contractors, volunteers, and residents for violating agency sexual abuse and harassment policies. The policy prohibits contractors/volunteers who engaged in sexual abuse from contact with residents and will report behavior to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies. The agency will prohibit further contact with resident, in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.

The PREA Coordinator reports that the facility has not received an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment against a contractor or volunteer during this audit cycle.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Interview with PREA Coordinator

## Standard 115.278: Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents

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

### 115.278 (a)



- Following an administrative finding that a resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse, are residents subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?  Yes  No

#### 115.278 (b)

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

#### 115.278 (c)

- When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether a resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior?  Yes  No

#### 115.278 (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 resident to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits?  Yes  No

#### 115.278 (e)

- Does the agency discipline a resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact?  Yes  No

#### 115.278 (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

#### 115.278 (g)

- If the agency prohibits all sexual activity between residents, does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between residents to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between residents.)  Yes  No  NA

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Policy P100:13 states residents will be subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that the resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse or harassment or following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse. The policy states:

- Sanctions will be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse or harassment committed, the resident's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories
- The disciplinary process will consider whether a resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed. If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motives for the abuse, the facility will consider whether to require the offending resident to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits
- The agency may discipline a resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact
- For the purpose of disciplinary action, a report of sexual abuse or harassment made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred will not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if the investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate an allegation
- Consensual sexual activity between residents, while prohibited by agency rules, does not constitute sexual abuse, unless coercion was used

The PREA Coordinator states that the facility does not offer therapy or counseling for residents who commit sexual abuse. Residents found to have substantially sexually abused another resident will be terminated from the program and returned to their parent agency. All other types of violations would be subject to discipline according to the progressive disciplinary policy laid out in the resident handbook.

The auditor interviewed twenty residents during the onsite visit. The interviewed residents stated that upon intake they received a resident handbook and the resident rules and responsibilities were reviewed with them during orientation group.

The auditor interviewed RSS staff as well as the Supportive Services Manager who is the orientation group facilitator. The RSS staff are the first to interact with a resident upon arrival to the facility. The RSS staff will read the handbook and ensure understanding with the resident should there be any issues with reading or comprehension. The RSS state that they stress the rule violations and possible sanctions during this review. The SSM states that she also reviews the disciplinary policy concerning violations to the agency's zero tolerance policy. She states that she informs residents that sexual abuse violations will result in termination from the program. She also informs the residents that patently false reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment could also result in disciplinary action.

During the onsite visit, the auditor noted that the resident handbook is posted in the male and female housing unit.

The auditor also reviewed ten (10) resident files and reviewed signed acknowledgements from residents concerning the facility's zero tolerance policies and receiving a copy of the resident handbook.

The facility has not had an allegation against a resident during the past twelve months. The facility has not disciplined a resident for filing a false allegation.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Orientation group

Resident handbook

Investigation reports

Interview with residents

Interview with Supportive Services Manager

Interview with RSS staff

## **MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE**

### **Standard 115.282: Access to emergency medical and mental health services**

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

### 115.282 (a)

- Do resident 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

### 115.282 (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 § 115.262?  Yes  No
- Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?  Yes  No

### 115.282 (c)

- Are resident 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

### 115.282 (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 P100:05 requires all VOAHOIN residential reentry facilities ensure that resident victims of sexual abuse will receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment, crisis intervention services, and ongoing medical and mental health care. VOAHOIN ensures that the medical treatment services are provided to resident victims of sexual abuse without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

The services required to be provided include:

- Emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services
- Information about and access to sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis and emergency contraception
- Medical and mental health evaluation and treatment
- Evaluation, treatment and follow-up services
- Treatment plans and referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in other facilities, or their release from custody
- Case and services consistent with the community level of care
- Test for sexually transmitted infectious disease
- Pregnancy testing and comprehensive access to pregnancy related medical services (for VOAHOIN facilities that house female offenders)

The PREA Coordinator states that all medical and mental health services will be provided for by community providers. She states the scope of services, length of services, and types of services will be at the discretion of the medical or mental health provider and is at no cost to the resident.

The Senior Program Director reports that clients needing mental health services will be directed to community organizations. The Director reports that the residents are referred to Empowered for Excellence for mental health; all medical services are provided by University of Cincinnati Hospital providers unless the resident has a personal medical provider in the area they wish to attend; and SANE of Butler County will provide rape crisis services.

The auditor has made contact with all community agencies and have verified the service type and cost. All services related to sexual abuse are free of charge.

The facility has not made a referral to a medical or mental health provider for services due to a sexual abuse incident during this audit cycle.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Interview with Assistant Program Director

Interview with Supportive Services Manager

## Standard 115.283: 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

### 115.283 (a)

- Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?  Yes  No

### 115.283 (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

### 115.283 (c)

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

### 115.283 (d)

- Are resident 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 residents 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

### 115.283 (e)

- If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.283(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 residents 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

### 115.283 (f)

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

#### 115.283 (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

#### 115.283 (h)

- Does the facility attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners?  Yes  No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The agency provides community medical and mental health counseling services for residents who have been sexual abused in a jail, lockup, or juvenile facility. The evaluation and treatment of such victims will include follow-up services, treatment plans, and continued care following their release from the facility as outlined in policy P100:05. All services provided to residents are from community providers (Empowered for excellence, University of Cincinnati Hospital, and SANE of Butler County).

Should a resident be a victim of vaginal penetration while incarcerated, the policy requires the facility to offer pregnancy test, and if pregnant, provide timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy related medical services. Males that are sexually abused while in the facility will receive

appropriate medical attention. All resident victims of sexual abuse will be offered test for sexual transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

Policy also requires the Program Director or designee to obtain a mental health evaluation for all known resident-on-resident abusers as soon as possible upon learning of such abuse history. Should treatment be recommended, the Program Director or designee ensures the abuser is referred to an appropriate community provider.

The Program Director reports that the facility has not housed a known resident-on-resident abuser.

The facility has not had an allegation of sexual abuse during this audit cycle where the resident victim required or requested medical, mental health or rape crisis services. There was one resident victim who received the services of the staff emotional support person.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Investigation reports

Interview with Supportive Services Manager

Interview with the Assistant Program Director



## DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW

### Standard 115.286: Sexual abuse incident reviews

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

#### 115.286 (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

#### 115.286 (b)

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

#### 115.286 (c)

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

#### 115.286 (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 §§ 115.286(d)(1) - (d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?  Yes  No

## 115.286 (e)

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

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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VOAOHIN policy P100:14 states a Sexual Abuse Review Team (SART) will conduct an incident review after every sexual abuse investigation, unless the allegations are determined to be unfounded. The review is required to take place within 30-days of the conclusion of the investigation. The SART members include the PREA Coordinator, Program Director, investigator(s), medical or mental health practitioners (when applicable), and any other staff member as needed.

The responsibilities of the SART include:

- Consider where the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse
- Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility
- Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse
- Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in the area during different shifts
- Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff

The team will prepare a report of its findings and any recommendations for improvement. The report and recommendations will be forwarded to the Vice President of Residential Reentry Programs. The Program Director will insure that the facility implements recommendations within thirty days after the SART publishes its findings.

The facility did provide the auditor with a copy of the SART review form. The report documents:

- Team members present for review
- Evidence collected
- Summary of incident
- Related past incidents
- Motivation for allegation
- Victim care
- Staff deficiencies
- Monitoring technology deficiencies
- Physical plan review
- Risk level re-screening
- Recommendations

The facility conducted two SART reviews during the past twelve months. The team reviewed previous reports, allegation motivation, victim care, policy and procedure review, staffing, facility vulnerabilities, and screening. The team made recommendations to continue training on PREA and associated agency policies and procedures and to no longer allow cross-gender transports.

During SART interviews, the team stated that during sexual harassment allegations, an informal meeting may take place to determine if policies, procedures, practices, or training needs to be augmented. The Senior Program Director states that it is her responsibility to ensure all recommendations are implemented after approval from senior administrative leadership. The PREA Coordinator would address needs that would require policy and procedure changes, supplementing electronic monitoring, and staffing levels. The facility documented its implementation of the team's recommendations.

The auditor interviewed the Vice President of Residential Reentry Programs during the onsite visit. When questioned on his role in the SART, he states that his main responsibility is to remove any barriers to implementing recommendations made by the

SART. His goal is to ensure the facility has everything it needs in order to prevent, detect, and respond to incident of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Review:

Policy and procedure

SART review form

Interview with Program Director

Interview with PREA Coordinator

Interview with Assistant Program Director

Interview with Supportive Services Manager

Interview with Vice President of Residential Reentry Programs

## Standard 115.287: Data collection

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

### 115.287 (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

### 115.287 (b)

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

### 115.287 (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

### 115.287 (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

### 115.287 (e)

- Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its residents? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.287 (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

- 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 P100:09 requires VOAHOIN to collect and maintain accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. The facility's PREA Compliance Manager is responsible for collecting the data for every allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for each calendar year and report these numbers to the PREA Coordinator.

The facility provided the auditor with the agency's data collection instrument. The information on the form is enough to complete the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice. The tool includes data on:

- Resident-to-Resident sexual abuse
- Resident-to-Resident sexual harassment
- Staff-to-Resident sexual abuse
- Staff-to-Resident sexual harassment
- Administrative investigations
- Criminal investigations
- Retaliation
- Staff training
- Resident education
- Initial and 30-day risk screening

The information on the form is aggregated and listed in the agency's annual PREA report. The report is posted on the agency's website, [https://www.voahin.org/pdf\\_files/prea-outcomes-report](https://www.voahin.org/pdf_files/prea-outcomes-report). The auditor accessed the agency's website and reviewed the 2019 annual report. The report contains the aggregated sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegation data from all VOAHOIN operated facilities.

The PREA Coordinator reports that the agency has not had a request from the Department of Justice to provide this information.

Review:

Policy and procedure

Residential Reentry Programs allegation report (2017, 2018, & 2019)

Agency website

2019 PREA annual report

## Standard 115.288: Data review for corrective action

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

#### 115.288 (a)

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.287 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 § 115.287 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 § 115.287 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

#### 115.288 (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

#### 115.288 (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

#### 115.288 (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

- 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 P100:09 requires the PREA Coordinator and Senior Vice President of Program Operations, and Directors of Program Operations will review annual data collected and aggregated in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training to include:

- Identifying problem areas
- Tacking action on an ongoing basis
- Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole

The policy also requires the PREA Coordinator to include in the report a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provides an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse. The agency may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted. The annual report is not allowed to include personal identifiers of anyone

involved in a PREA related incident. The report will be sent to the Chief Executive Officer for approval and published on the agency's website.

The auditor accessed the website and reviewed the agency's annual report. The report contains aggregated data on the number of reported allegations (facility specific and as a whole), identifying problem areas, and corrective actions, and the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

The report identifies staff from across programs would benefit from additional training related to interpersonal communication and boundaries with residents. The training will include all staff, and target specifically the staff who have the most consistent contact with the residents. Additional staff guidance is available and annual required trainings are assigned through Relias for all staff. The report also details facility's complying with recommendations made by the PREA auditor during their last audit. The agency has trained additional staff as facility administrative investigators and also staff who do not work at the facility level to conduct administrative investigations involving staff members.

The report did not contain any personal identifying information that would need to be redacted in order to protect the safety of the residents, staff, or facility. The report can be found at [https://www.voahin.org/pdf\\_files/prea-outcomes-report](https://www.voahin.org/pdf_files/prea-outcomes-report).

Review:

Policy and procedure

Agency website

2019 Annual PREA report

## Standard 115.289: Data storage, publication, and destruction

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

### 115.289 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.287 are securely retained?  
 Yes  No

### 115.289 (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

#### 115.289 (c)

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

#### 115.289 (d)

- Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.287 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise?  Yes  No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

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Policy P100:09 requires the agency ensures that data collected pursuant to standard 115.287 is to be securely retained for at least ten years after the date of the initial collection unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise. This includes electronic copies of all investigation reports and related documentation, annual report data, and tracking documents and outcome measures. The policy identifies the PREA Coordinator as the person responsible for ensuring the documentation is retained for at least ten years.

The PREA Coordinator states that each facility's Program Director will provided the required information to the auditor, and she collects and retains control of the information. She states that she is required to keep the information for ten years. The Coordinator states that the information is digitally stored on an encrypted database that only specific, qualified executive staff members have access. She develops an annual

report based on the information and make the information available to the public through the agency website. The report contains aggregated data on all VOAOHIN sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigations.

The auditor did not view any information in the report that could jeopardize the safety and security of the facility, nor was there any personal identifying information contained in the report. The report can be found at [https://www.voahin.org/pdf\\_files/prea-outcomes-report](https://www.voahin.org/pdf_files/prea-outcomes-report).

Review:

Policy and procedure

Agency website

2019 PREA annual report

Interview with PREA Coordinator

## AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits

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

##### 115.401 (a)

- During the prior three-year audit period, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (*Note: The response here is purely informational. A "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.*)  Yes  No

##### 115.401 (b)

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

##### 115.401 (h)

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

##### 115.401 (i)

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

##### 115.401 (m)

- Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with residents?  Yes  No

##### 115.401 (n)

- Were residents permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel?  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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The agency post all final audit reports of each of its facilities on the agency website, <https://www.voahin.org/residential-reentry>. The auditor reviewed the agency's website to confirm that the agency conducts audits one-third (1/3) of its facility each year during a three-year audit cycle. The agency has already conducted an audit for the Mansfield Residential Reentry Program. The final audit report for that facility is posted on the agency's website. This is the agency's second facility to be audited during this audit year. This audit will conclude the first 1/3 of the required audits for year one.

The auditor was given full access to the facility during the onsite visit. The PREA Coordinator, Program Manager, and Assistant Program Manager escorted the auditor around the facility and opened every door for the auditor. The auditor viewed all housing units, dorm rooms, classrooms, group rooms, recreation areas, dining hall, kitchen, staff offices, control center, administrative areas, bathrooms, and maintenance areas. The facility provided the auditor with a private room in order to conduct staff and resident interviews. The PREA Coordinator provided the auditor with agency and facility documentation prior to the onsite visit through a flash drive mailed to the auditor. The auditor was also provided additional information as requested during the onsite visit.

The auditor was able to review additional documentation, including electronic documentation during the onsite visit. The auditor review ten resident files and seven staff files for additional information and confirmation of reported information.

Appropriate notices were posted in conspicuous areas throughout the facility. These areas include high traffic areas for resident, staff, and visitors. The PREA Coordinator sent photographic proof of the notices being posted approximately six weeks prior to the

onsite visit. No staff or resident sent confidential correspondence to the auditor prior to the onsite visit or during the onsite visit.

## 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. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AGENCY 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

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The agency has published on its agency website, <https://www.voahin.org/residential-reentry>, the final audit report for all VOA operated facilities in both Ohio and Indiana. The final report for Cincinnati Residential Reentry Program is currently posted. The auditor reviewed the agency's website and verified that the final audit report for all facilities were posted.

This is year one of the current audit cycle. The agency has already completed a facility audit for this audit year. This audit will fulfill the agency's responsibility to conduct 1/3

of facility audits yearly. The facility has a total of six facility and will have two audits conducted each audit year.

The PREA Coordinator states that she understands the audit requirements of having 1/3 of its facilities during each year of the three-year audit cycle. She also understands the requirement of posting all final audit reports on the agency's website. In the state of Ohio, all final audit reports are also posted on the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections website, <https://www.drc.ohio.gov/prea>.

Review:

Agency website

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction website

Interview with PREA Coordinator

## AUDITOR CERTIFICATION

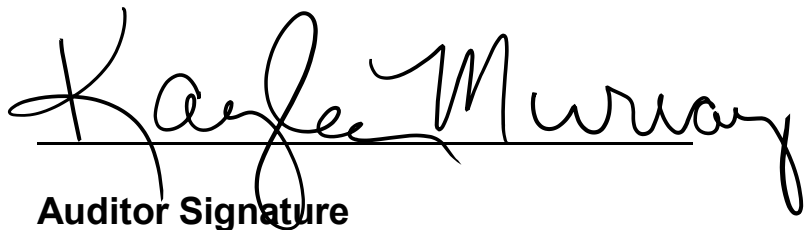
I certify that:

- 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 resident or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

### Auditor Instructions:

Type your full name in the text box below for Auditor Signature. This will function as your official electronic signature. Auditors must deliver their final report to the PREA Resource Center as a searchable PDF format to ensure accessibility to people with disabilities. Save this report document

into a PDF format prior to submission.<sup>1</sup> Auditors are not permitted to submit audit reports that have been scanned.<sup>2</sup> See the PREA Auditor Handbook for a full discussion of audit report formatting requirements.

  
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**Auditor Signature**

February 22, 2020  
**Date**

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<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.