# **PREA Facility Audit Report: Final**

Name of Facility: Cheyenne Transitional Center

Facility Type: Community Confinement

**Date Interim Report Submitted:** 05/23/2024 **Date Final Report Submitted:** 11/12/2024

Auditor Certification		
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.		
I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate/resident/detainee or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.		
Auditor Full Name as Signed: Kendra Prisk Date of Signature: 11,		12/2024

AUDITOR INFORMATION	
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Start Date of On- Site Audit:	04/24/2024
End Date of On-Site Audit:	04/25/2024

FACILITY INFORMATION		
Facility name:	Cheyenne Transitional Center	
Facility physical address:	322 West 17th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming - 82001	
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Facility Characteristics	
Designed facility capacity:	126
Current population of facility:	92
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	90
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	No
Which population(s) does the facility hold?	Both females and males
Age range of population:	21-73
Facility security levels/resident custody levels:	Minimum
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with	24

residents:	
Number of individual contractors who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	10
Number of volunteers who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	0

AGENCY INFORMATION		
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#### **Facility AUDIT FINDINGS**

#### **Summary of Audit Findings**

The OAS automatically populates the number and list of Standards exceeded, the number of Standards met, and the number and list of Standards not met.

POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORM	ATION
GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION	
On-site Audit Dates	
1. Start date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2024-04-24
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2024-04-25
Outreach	
10. Did you attempt to communicate with community-based organization(s) or victim advocates who provide services to this facility and/or who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
a. Identify the community-based organization(s) or victim advocates with whom you communicated:	JDI and Wyoming Safehouse Services
AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION	
14. Designated facility capacity:	126
15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	90
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	3
17. Does the facility ever hold youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees?	Yes  No  Not Applicable for the facility type audited (i.e., Community Confinement Facility or Juvenile Facility)

#### **Audited Facility Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit** Inmates/Residents/Detainees Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit 90 **36.** Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit: 0 38. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees with a physical disability in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 39. Enter the total number of inmates/ 0 residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 40. Enter the total number of inmates/ 0 residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (visually impaired) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 41. Enter the total number of inmates/ 1 residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 42. Enter the total number of inmates/ 1 residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 43. Enter the total number of inmates/ 4 residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:

44. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
45. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	1
46. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
47. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
48. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit (e.g., groups not tracked, issues with identifying certain populations):	No text provided.
Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Portion of the Audit	Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite
49. Enter the total number of STAFF, including both full- and part-time staff, employed by the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	23
50. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	0

51. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	10
52. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of staff, volunteers, and contractors who were in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	No text provided.
INTERVIEWS	
Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
53. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	9
54. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees: (select all that apply)	<ul> <li>Age</li> <li>Race</li> <li>Ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic, Non-Hispanic)</li> <li>Length of time in the facility</li> <li>Housing assignment</li> <li>Gender</li> <li>Other</li> <li>None</li> </ul>
55. How did you ensure your sample of RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees was geographically diverse?	The auditor ensured a geographically diverse sample among interviewees by selecting residents across different rooms.
56. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/ resident/detainee interviews?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>

57. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):

Eleven of the residents interviewed were male and five were female. Eleven residents were white, three were Hispanic and two were another race. With regard to age, one was between eighteen and 25; seven were 26-35; five were 36-45; two were 46-55 and one was 56 or older. Due to the program type, all residents were at the facility a year or less.

#### **Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews**

# 58. Enter the total number of TARGETED INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:

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As stated in the PREA Auditor Handbook, the breakdown of targeted interviews is intended to guide auditors in interviewing the appropriate cross-section of inmates/residents/detainees who are the most vulnerable to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. When completing questions regarding targeted inmate/resident/detainee interviews below, remember that an interview with one inmate/resident/detainee may satisfy multiple targeted interview requirements. These questions are asking about the number of interviews conducted using the targeted inmate/resident/detainee protocols. For example, if an auditor interviews an inmate who has a physical disability, is being held in segregated housing due to risk of sexual victimization, and disclosed prior sexual victimization, that interview would be included in the totals for each of those questions. Therefore, in most cases, the sum of all the following responses to the targeted inmate/resident/detainee interview categories will exceed the total number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees who were interviewed. If a particular targeted population is not applicable in the audited facility, enter "0".

60. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees with a physical disability using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:

0

a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:

Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.

☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.

b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The auditor reviewed classification documents and spoke to facility staff and residents.
61. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The auditor reviewed classification documents and spoke to facility staff and residents.
62. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Blind or have low vision (i.e., visually impaired) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0

a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The auditor reviewed classification documents and spoke to facility staff and residents.
63. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
64. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
65. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	4
66. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who identify as transgender or intersex using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	0

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a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The auditor reviewed classification documents and spoke to facility staff and residents.
67. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who reported sexual abuse in this facility using the "Inmates who Reported a Sexual Abuse" protocol:	1
68. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening using the "Inmates who Disclosed Sexual Victimization during Risk Screening" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	■ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  ■ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	PREA Standard 115.281 does not exist for community confinement.

69. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are or were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization using the "Inmates Placed in Segregated Housing (for Risk of Sexual Victimization/Who Allege to have Suffered Sexual Abuse)" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	■ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  ■ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	PREA Standards 115.243 and 115.268 do not exist for community confinement.
70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):	No text provided.
Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interv	views
Random Staff Interviews	
71. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:	11

72. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that apply)	<ul> <li>Length of tenure in the facility</li> <li>Shift assignment</li> <li>Work assignment</li> <li>Rank (or equivalent)</li> <li>Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken)</li> <li>None</li> </ul>
If "Other," describe:	Race, gender and ethnicity
73. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?	Yes  No
a. Select the reason(s) why you were unable to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews: (select all that apply)	<ul> <li>■ Too many staff declined to participate in interviews.</li> <li>■ Not enough staff employed by the facility to meet the minimum number of random staff interviews (Note: select this option if there were not enough staff employed by the facility or not enough staff employed by the facility to interview for both random and specialized staff roles).</li> <li>■ Not enough staff available in the facility during the onsite portion of the audit to meet the minimum number of random staff interviews.</li> <li>■ Other</li> </ul>

74. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random staff (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):

Due to the low number of total staff, the auditor was only able to interview eleven staff. These were all the staff working during the two days of the on-site portion of the audit. Seven staff interviewed were Monitors, two were Case Managers and two were administrative staff. Four staff were interviewed from first shift, two were from second shift, two were from third shift and three were administrative staff. Nine of the staff interviewed were white, one was black and one was Hispanic. Seven staff were male and four were female staff.

#### **Specialized Staff, Volunteers, and Contractor Interviews**

Staff in some facilities may be responsible for more than one of the specialized staff duties. Therefore, more than one interview protocol may apply to an interview with a single staff member and that information would satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.

75. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):	14
76. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?	Yes
	No
77. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent	Yes
or their designee?	○ No
78. Were you able to interview the PREA	● Yes
Coordinator?	○ No

79. Were you able to interview the PREA Compliance Manager?	Yes
	○ No
	NA (NA if the agency is a single facility agency or is otherwise not required to have a PREA Compliance Manager per the Standards)

80. Select which SPECIALIZED STAFF	Agency contract administrator
roles were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	Intermediate or higher-level facility staff responsible for conducting and documenting unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment
	Line staff who supervise youthful inmates (if applicable)
	Education and program staff who work with youthful inmates (if applicable)
	☐ Medical staff
	☐ Mental health staff
	Non-medical staff involved in cross-gender strip or visual searches
	Administrative (human resources) staff
	■ Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) staff
	Investigative staff responsible for conducting administrative investigations
	Investigative staff responsible for conducting criminal investigations
	Staff who perform screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness
	Staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing/residents in isolation
	Staff on the sexual abuse incident review team
	Designated staff member charged with monitoring retaliation
	First responders, both security and non- security staff
	■ Intake staff

	Other
If "Other," provide additional specialized staff roles interviewed:	Mailroom
81. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	Yes  No
82. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	Yes  No
83. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.	There were zero contractors at the facility during the on-site portion of the audit.
SITE REVIEW AND DOCUMENTATI	ON SAMPLING
Site Review	
PREA Standard 115.401 (h) states, "The auditor shall have access to, and shall observe, all areas of the audited facilities." In order to meet the requirements in this Standard, the site review portion of the onsite audit must include a thorough examination of the entire facility. The site review is not a casual tour of the facility. It is an active, inquiring process that includes talking with staff and inmates to determine whether, and the extent to which, the audited facility's practices demonstrate compliance with the Standards. Note: As you are conducting the site review, you must document your tests of critical functions, important information gathered through observations, and any issues identified with facility practices. The information you collect through the site review is a crucial part of the evidence you will analyze as part of your compliance determinations and will be needed to complete your audit report, including the Post-Audit Reporting Information.	
84. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?	Yes

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Was the site review an active, inquiring process that included the following:	
85. Observations of all facility practices in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., signage, supervision practices, crossgender viewing and searches)?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
86. Tests of all critical functions in the facility in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., risk screening process, access to outside emotional support services, interpretation services)?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
87. Informal conversations with inmates/ residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
88. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>

89. Provide any additional comments regarding the site review (e.g., access to areas in the facility, observations, tests of critical functions, or informal conversations).

The on-site portion of the audit was conducted on April 24-25, 2024. The auditor had an initial briefing with facility leadership and discussed the audit logistics. After the initial briefing, the auditor selected residents and staff for interview as well as documentation to review. The auditor conducted a tour of the facility on April 24, 2024. The tour included all areas associated with the facility including; living areas (rooms), warehouse, intake, visitation, food service, and administration. During the tour the auditor was cognizant of staffing levels, video monitoring placement, blind spots, posted PREA information, privacy for residents and other factors as indicated in the appropriate standard findings.

The auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Reporting information was observed via the PREA Brochure, WDOC PREA Poster, the Reporting Allegations Poster and the I Have a Right Poster. The PREA Brochure was observed in English on letter size paper. The I Have a Right Poster was observed in English and Spanish on poster size paper. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. The WDOC PREA Poster was in English on poster size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While information was observed, the WDOC PREA Poster was the older version and the information was not accurate. In addition to the reporting information, the auditor observed victim advocacy information posted via the Reporting Allegations Poster. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While the contact information was provided for emotional support services, the way it was

organized made it appear as if it were a reporting mechanism. Additionally, the font size appeared to be a little small.

The auditor observed third party reporting information via the Ethics Line Poster in the visitation/front entrance area. The Ethics Line Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. The visitation/front entrance area also had the WDOC PREA Poster and the I Have a Responsibility Poster. The WDOC PREA Poster was observed in English on poster size paper while the I Have a Responsibility Poster was observed in English and Spanish on poster size paper.

During the tour the auditor confirmed the facility follows a staffing plan. At least three staff are assigned to the building on each shift. When fully staff, additional administrative and case management staff are also on-site during administrative hours. The auditor observed that staff had adequate lines of sight when walking the hallways and making rounds. The auditor did not observe any overcrowding and all resident rooms provided adequate space. Most residents are off-site at work during the day and as such the resident to staff ratio is adequate. The auditor did observe areas of the facility where additional cameras are recommended, including in the basement. Further, one camera was observed to be blocked by newly installed washers and dryers. The facility indicated they were in the process of moving the camera.

A review of video monitoring technology confirmed that cameras are utilized to supplement supervision and monitoring. Cameras were observed in common areas, hallways and outside the building. Cameras are monitored at the front reception area as well as remotely by administrative staff.

With regard to cross gender viewing, the auditor confirmed that residents have

adequate privacy when showering, using the restroom and changing their clothes.
Restrooms are in each room or shared among two rooms. They include a solid entrance door as well as a curtain for the shower. The facility does not ordinarily conduct strip searches. If there was an exigent circumstance where a strip search was required it would be conducted in the first floor restroom. With regard to the opposite gender announcement, the auditor observed that staff knocked on each living room door and announced prior to entry. Additionally, prior to entry into the bathroom, the staff knocked and made an announcement.

The facility does not maintain medical or mental health records and as such there were no issues with storage. Sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigative files are maintained electronically. Access is only available for administrative staff and the individual conducting the investigation. Resident risk assessments are completed on paper and then scanned electronically into the system. The paper forms are shredded. All staff have access to the resident's risk assessment information. The facility indicated this was due to the size of the facility, the limited number of staff and the many duties (including risk assessments) that all staff perform.

During the tour the auditor observed the resident mail process. All outgoing mail is sealed and taken up to the front for staff to mail out via US mail. Outgoing mail is not opened, scanned or monitored unless it looks suspicious. Incoming mail is received by the facility and reviewed by night shift staff. The staff open the mail and inspect it. Legal mail is not opened or inspected. The staff confirmed mail to and from the local rape crisis center is treated like legal mail. Residents can also send mail out via any U.S. post office box outside the facility.

The auditor observed the intake process through a demonstration. Intake is completed in the conference room. Education is provided within 72 hours. All residents are provided the PREA Brochure and the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout. The staff show the residents the new PREA Resource Center video in English (with subtitles). The video is shown on a 52 inch television. The staff verbally advise the residents how to report and where the PREA information is located around the facility. The intake staff also provide the residents the Handbook (English only).

The auditor was provided a demonstration of the initial risk assessment. The risk screening is completed one-on-one in a private room. The staff complete the risk screening electronically. Staff ask the resident about violent offenses, prior sexual victimization, whether they were approached for sex, gender identity, sexual preference and perception of vulnerability. The staff receive the resident biography prior to arrival to compare the information provided by the resident. Staff confirmed they utilize information from the file if responses differ. The reassessment is completed one-on-one in a private setting. Staff ask the questions from the risk screening form and then complete the observation section of the risk screening. Staff ask about prior sexual victimization, sex offenses, gender identity, sexual preference, etc. Staff review criminal history and other file information. The staff note any discrepancies and staff indicated if there was a difference, they would go off the resident's response. During documentation review the auditor observed inconsistencies on the initial risk screening and the 30 day reassessment on criteria that would not changes, including prior violent offenses and number of incarcerations. This indicated noncompliance with the risk assessment process.

The auditor tested the internal reporting

mechanisms during the on-site portion of the audit. The auditor filled out a resident grievance and placed it in the grievance box on April 24, 2024. At the issuance of the interim report the auditor had not yet received confirmation that the written request was received. The auditor also called the PREA reporting hotline on April 24, 2024. There were two numbers posted, an 877 number and 307 number. The auditor called the 307 number and was unable to connect to the hotline. The number appeared to not be working as it stated "the wireless number you called it not available at this time". The auditor called the 877 number and reached the WDOC PREA reporting line. The auditor left a message on April 24, 2024. On the same date the facility provided an email confirming the WDOC Duty Office received the test call and contacted the facility Director related to the test.

The auditor tested the external reporting mechanism via the WDOC Form #542. On April 24, 2024 the auditor was provided the WDOC Form and an envelope. The auditor completed the form and sent it via US mail. An email was received from the WDOC PC on April 26, 2024 that included the information that was sent to her via DVS regarding receipt of the form. The DVS staff member indicated the form was sent by the auditor. The email advised that the information would be provided to the WDOC investigators as well as the facility. She confirmed the resident is able to remain anonymous. In August 2023 the WDOC implemented the issuance of the DVS envelope upon intake across all WDOC facilities as such all residents are provided a WDOC Form and envelope. Additionally, WDOC Form #542 is available at the front entrance of the facility with the rest of the forms.

Additionally during the tour, the auditor asked staff to advise how they submit a written report. Staff provided a demonstration of how

to submit an incident report. The staff complete the 5-1C (incident report) by hand or electronically. The form can be submitted electronically to the supervisor or it can be handwritten and provided to the supervisor. The staff indicated the incident report is not saved on the share drive as it is confidential.

The auditor tested the victim advocacy hotline during the tour. The auditor utilized a cell phone and called the 307 number. The auditor reached a live person at Safehouse who confirmed that they can provide residents emotional support services over the phone 24 hours a day. The staff confirmed they can provide accommodations for LEP and disabled residents.

The auditor completed a report through the ethics line website. The auditor immediately received an email from the Director of Ethics and Compliance indicating that the report was received. The auditor was copied on an email to the facility leadership related to the test. The facility leadership responded indicating they received the test report. The Director of PREA Compliance and Investigations also responded and indicated that she would track the case and schedule a call to discuss the investigation.

The auditor did not require use of language translation, however at prior CoreCivic audits the auditor utilized the language translation service and LanguageLine Insite Video Interpreting. The auditor called the language translation service number to confirm services were still accessible. The auditor was provided the number and pin and confirmed the services were still available to staff at the facility.

#### **Documentation Sampling**

Where there is a collection of records to review-such as staff, contractor, and volunteer training records; background check records; supervisory rounds logs; risk screening and intake processing records; inmate education records; medical files; and investigative files-auditors must self-select for review a representative sample of each type of record.

90. In addition to the proof documentation selected by the agency or facility and provided to you, did you also conduct an auditor-selected sampling of documentation?



91. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting additional documentation (e.g., any documentation you oversampled, barriers to selecting additional documentation, etc.).

During the audit the auditor requested personnel and training files of staff, resident files, grievances, incident reports and investigative files for review. A more detailed description of the documentation review is as follows:

Personnel and Training Files. The auditor reviewed a random sample of fifteen personnel and/or training files that included three staff hired within the previous twelve months, two contractors hired in the previous twelve months, two staff promoted in the previous twelve months and two staff that were employed over five years. The sample included three total contractors.

Resident Files. A total of sixteen resident files were reviewed. All sixteen files were of those that arrived within the previous twelve months, one was an LEP resident and one was a disabled resident.

Medical and Mental Health Records. The facility does not provide medical and mental health services on-site. The facility does maintain documentation showing when residents are transported to outside medical and mental health services and documentation was reviewed for the one allegation reported during the previous twelve months.

Grievances. The facility did not have any sexual abuse grievances filed. The auditor reviewed the grievance log as confirmation.

Incident Reports. The auditor reviewed the incident report for the investigation completed related to the one allegation reported during the previous twelve months.

Investigation Files. There was one allegation reported at the facility during the previous twelve months. The auditor reviewed the investigation, which was an administrative investigation.

# SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS FACILITY

#### Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations and Investigations Overview

Remember the number of allegations should be based on a review of all sources of allegations (e.g., hotline, third-party, grievances) and should not be based solely on the number of investigations conducted. Note: For question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, or detainee sexual abuse allegations and investigations, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

## 92. Total number of SEXUAL ABUSE allegations and investigations overview during the 12 months preceding the audit, by incident type:

	# of sexual abuse allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate- on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff- on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

# 93. Total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT allegations and investigations overview during the 12 months preceding the audit, by incident type:

	# of sexual harassment allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate-on- inmate sexual harassment	1	0	1	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	0

#### Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

#### **Sexual Abuse Investigation Outcomes**

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently (i.e., if a criminal investigation was referred for prosecution and resulted in a conviction, that investigation outcome should only appear in the count for "convicted.") Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detainee sexual abuse investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

### 94. Criminal SEXUAL ABUSE investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/ Court Case Filed	Convicted/ Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

# 95. Administrative SEXUAL ABUSE investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

#### **Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes**

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently. Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detained sexual harassment investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

# 96. Criminal SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/ Court Case Filed	Convicted/ Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

## 97. Administrative SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	1	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0

# Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review

# Sexual Abuse Investigation Files Selected for Review 98. Enter the total number of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/ sampled: a. Explain why you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files: Only one allegation was reported during the previous twelve months.

99. Did your selection of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation	files
100. Enter the total number of INMATE- ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
101. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
102. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation fil	es
103. Enter the total number of STAFF- ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
104. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	Yes  No  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)

105. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Select	ed for Review
106. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	1
107. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investig	gation files
108. Enter the total number of INMATE- ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	1
109. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT files include criminal investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
110. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</li> </ul>

Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files			
111. Enter the total number of STAFF- ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0		
112. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?	No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)		
113. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)		
114. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.	No text provided.		
SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION			
DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support S	taff		
115. Did you receive assistance from any DOJ-CERTIFIED PREA AUDITORS at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the preonsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	Yes  No		

Non-certified Support Staff	
116. Did you receive assistance from any NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the preonsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	Yes  No
AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND	COMPENSATION
121. Who paid you to conduct this audit?	<ul> <li>The audited facility or its parent agency</li> <li>My state/territory or county government employer (if you audit as part of a consortium or circular auditing arrangement, select this option)</li> <li>A third-party auditing entity (e.g., accreditation body, consulting firm)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>

#### **Standards**

#### **Auditor Overall Determination Definitions**

- Exceeds Standard (Substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the stand for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective actions)

#### **Auditor Discussion Instructions**

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

115.211	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator			
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard			
	Auditor Discussion			
	Documents:			
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire			
	2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 - Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders			
	3. Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution Operational Procedure: 3.402 – Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders (OP 3.402)			
	4. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #1.211 - Staffing and Work Schedules			
	5. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.013 - Searches			
	6. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.307 – Management of Transgender or Intersex Inmates			

- 7. Wyoming Department of Correction Policy and Procedure #4.106 Management of Youthful Inmates
- 8. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #4.104 Youthful Offender Transition Program
- 9. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.009 Evidence Handling and Storage
- 10. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #1.014 Investigations
- 11. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #5.401 Inmate Mail
- 12. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.100 Inmate Communication and Grievance Procedure
- 13. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #5.402 Inmate Telephone Access
- 14. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.102 Inmate Disciplinary Procedures
- 15. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 16. PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment (14-2J-CC)
- 17. PREA Coordinator Position Description
- 18. Agency Organizational Chart
- 19. November PREA Month Documents

Interviews:

1. Interview with the PREA Coordinator

Findings (By Provision):

115.211 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency has a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in facilities it operates directly or under contract. The PAQ also stated that the facility has a written policy outlining how it will implement the agency's approach to preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy includes definitions of prohibited behaviors and sanctions for those found to have participated in prohibited behaviors. Further the PAQ indicated that the policy

includes a description of agency strategies and response to reduce and prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents. The agency is required per contract to follow all Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) Policies and Procedures. As such WDOC policies and procedures are primary for the facility and CoreCivic policies and procedures are supplemental when WDOC policies and procedures do not address facility specific protocols. WDOC has a comprehensive PREA policy, #3.402. Additionally, the WDOC has policies that incorporate other procedures related to specific provisions/standards including: #1.211, #3.013, #3.307, #4.106, #4.104, #3.009, #1.014, #5.401, #3.100, #5.402 and #3.102. The WDOC has a zero-tolerance policy towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment which is outlined on page 2 of the policy. The definitions of prohibited behavior are found on pages 6-12 of the WDOC policy. Pages 23-26 of the WDOC policy outline disciplinary actions for engaging in the prohibited behaviors. The agency (CoreCivic) also has a comprehensive PREA policy 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response. Page 1 of the policy states CoreCivic has zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Page 4 further states CoreCivic has mandated zero-tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Such conduct as defined in this policy is prohibited. This includes resident-on- resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment, and employeeon-resident sexual abuse or harassment. All employees and contractors are required to sign the 14-2J-CC PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment form to acknowledge the CoreCivic Zero Tolerance Policy. This from shall be retained in the employee personnel file. Pages 2-3 include definitions of prohibited behaviors while pages 28-29 outline sanctions for prohibited behaviors. The PREA policies address "preventing" sexual abuse and sexual harassment through the designation of a PC, criminal history background checks (staff, volunteers and contractors), training (staff, volunteers and contractors), staffing, intake/risk screening, resident education and posting of signage (PREA posters, etc.). The policies address "detecting" sexual abuse and sexual harassment through training (staff, volunteers, and contractors), and intake/risk screening. The policies address "responding" to allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment through reporting, investigations, victim services, medical and mental health services, disciplinary sanctions for staff and residents, incident reviews and data collection. A review of 14-2J-CC confirms staff are advised of the zero tolerance policy as well as definitions and reporting requirements and sign the form indicating they reviewed and understand the content of the policy statement. The policies and supporting documentation are consistent with the PREA standards and outlines the agency's approach to sexual safety.

115.211(b): The PAQ indicated that the agency employs or designates an upper-level, agency-wide PREA Coordinator. The PAQ further stated that the PREA Coordinator has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards and all of its community confinement facilities. The PAQ also indicated that the position of the PC in the organizational structure is Senior Director. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and

Response, page 4 states CoreCivic has designated a Senior Director for PREA Compliance and Programs to be the agency PREA Coordinator. This upper-level management Facility Support Center (FSC) employee is responsible for the development, implementation, and oversight of CoreCivic efforts to comply with PREA Standards and the agency Sexual Abuse Response and Prevention Program. He/she provides supervisory oversight to all CoreCivic facilities ensuring coordination in the prevention, detection, intervention, investigation, and discipline/ prosecution of sexual abuse as outlined in this policy. In addition to the PC, each Community Corrections facility also has a designated PREA Compliance Manager. Page 4 of the policy states each CoreCivic Community Corrections facility has a designated PREA Compliance Manager to coordinate efforts at the facility level to comply with PREA Standards. This position is a manager appointed by the Facility Director who maintains responsibility for the facility Sexual Abuse Response and Prevention Program. The agency's organizational chart reflects that the PC position is an upper-level position and is agency-wide. The PC is the Senior Director of PREA Programs and Compliance. The PC reports to the Vice President of Operations Administration. The PC's position description states that the Senior Director develops, implements and oversees company policies and procedures in complying with the standards of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Additionally, it states that the Senior Director manages the company's compliance efforts, reporting requirements and audit processes related to PREA. In addition to the PC, the facility has a staff member (Director) that serves as the PREA Compliance Manager. The facility Director was extremely knowledgeable and organized and did an excellent job ensuring PREA compliance at the facility level. The interview with the PC indicated that he has enough time to manage all of his PREA related responsibilities. He stated that at any given time there are approximately 57 PCM including those from Community Corrections and in all CoreCivic Community Corrections facilities the Facility Director selects a PREA Compliance Manager. He stated that the PREA Office at the Facility Support Center (FSC) in Nashville consists of two individuals, himself and a Director that coordinates PREA investigations. The PC indicated that they have quarterly training sessions with the PCMs via skype and that he travels to facilities for audits and training sessions. He further stated that the PREA staff are in contact with facilities daily on investigations and audit issues. He indicated that the agency has a comprehensive PREA Program that includes a PREA Policy for Community Corrections and that the policy is reviewed and revised on a regular basis to ensure that facility procedures and practice meet the PREA standards and best practices. The PC further stated that if he identifies an issue complying with a PREA standard he works closely with the auditor and assist the facility in developing corrective action plans. He stated if it is a policy issue he makes the appropriate revisions. Further he stated that they can provide technical on-site assistance for training that can correct improper practices that may have developed due to a misunderstanding of PREA Standards. Additionally, during the month of November the PC and staff conducted a webinar related to staff on inmate/resident relationships and the impact on facilities. Staff were also provided links to videos to share with facility staff related to this topic. Additionally, during the month of November the PC and staff sent out messaging, PREA Refreshers from the PRC and virtual training opportunities for everyone in the company. A few of the resources

sent out included a safety PREA refresher on the effects of sexual abuse and a training on responding to incarcerated victim of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The designation of a "PREA Month" and ongoing trainings, seminars and refresher documents provided by the PC and staff illustrate the PC's commitment to sexual safety and the ability to oversee PREA compliance at all levels.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, #1.211, #3.013, #3.307, #4.106, #4.104, #3.009, #1.014, #5.401, #3.100, #5.402 and #3.102, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment, the agency's organization chart and information from the interview with the PC, the agency/facility appears to exceed this standard. The agency/facility has a comprehensive PREA policy that specifically details all procedures. The agency has a PC and the facility also has a PREA Compliance Manager. The PC provides refresher training and virtual training opportunities for company staff on PREA. Information is also sent to the field related to PREA topics. The facility Director was extremely knowledgeable and organized and did an excellent job ensuring PREA compliance at the facility level. The PC and the agency go above the minimum requirements for the standard and attempt to implement best practices.

115.212	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents
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**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

### **Auditor Discussion**

Documents:

1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire

Findings (By Provision):

115.212 (a): The agency is a private for profit corrections and detention management company. The agency contracts with other entities to house that agency's residents and does not contract with other entities for the confinement of residents in their care. The PAQ was incorrect but further communication with the PC indicated that this standard is not applicable as the agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents. The agency does not have a Contract Administrator because it does not contract with other agencies for the confinement of its residents and as such an interview was not conducted.

115.212 (b): The agency is a private for profit corrections and detention management company. The agency contracts with other entities to house that agency's residents and does not contract with other entities for the confinement of residents in their care. The PAQ The PAQ was incorrect but further communication with the PC indicated that this standard is not applicable as the agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents. The agency does not have a Contract Administrator because it does not contract with other agencies for the confinement of its residents and as such an interview was not conducted.

115.212 (c): The agency is a private for profit corrections and detention management company. The agency contracts with other entities to house that agency's residents and does not contract with other entities for the confinement of residents in their care. The PAQ The PAQ was incorrect but further communication with the PC indicated that this standard is not applicable as the agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents. The agency does not have a Contract Administrator because it does not contract with other agencies for the confinement of its residents and as such an interview was not conducted.

Based on the review of the PAQ this standard appears to be not applicable and as such compliant.

# 115.213 Supervision and monitoring

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #1.211 Staffing and Work Schedules
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. The Staffing Plan
- 5. Deviations from Staffing Plan Memorandum
- 6. Annual PREA Staffing Plan Assessment

### Interviews:

- 1. Interview with the Director
- 2. Interview with the PREA Coordinator

Site Review Observations:

- 1. Staffing Levels
- 2. Video Monitoring Technology or Other Monitoring Devices

Findings (By Provision):

115.213 (a): The PAQ indicated that for each facility, the agency develops and documents a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing, and where applicable, video monitoring to protect residents against sexual abuse. #1.211, pages 10-11 state using Attachment D: Building a Staffing Plan Guide, each facility shall establish mandatory minimum staffing levels by security post for each shift to ensure adequate staffing levels are maintained. In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, facilities shall take into consideration: generally accepted detention practices; any judicial findings of inadequacy, any finding of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies, any finding of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies; all components of the facility's physical plant; the composition of the inmate population; the number and placement of supervisory staff; the institutional programs occurring on a particular shift; any applicable State or local laws; the prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of abuse and any other relevant factors.14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 7 states CoreCivic shall develop an annual staffing plan for each facility that provides for adequate levels of staffing to protect residents against sexual abuse. The location of video monitoring systems shall be considered when determining adequate levels of staffing. In calculating staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, the following factors shall be take into consideration: the physical layout of each facility; the composition of the resident population; the prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse; and any other relevant factors. The PAQ indicated that the current staffing plan is based on 90 residents which is the average daily population. The facility employs 24 staff. The facility provided their allotted staff and schedule, but did not provide their staffing plan as required under this provision. During the tour the auditor confirmed the facility follows a staffing plan. At least three staff are assigned to the building on each shift. When fully staff, additional administrative and case management staff are also on-site during administrative hours. The auditor observed that staff had adequate lines of sight when walking the hallways and making rounds. The auditor did not observe any overcrowding and all resident rooms provided adequate space. Most residents are off-site at work during

the day and as such the resident to staff ratio is adequate. The auditor did observe areas of the facility where additional cameras are recommended, including in the basement. Further, one camera was observed to be blocked by newly installed washers and dryers. The facility indicated they were in the process of moving the camera. A review of video monitoring technology confirmed that cameras are utilized to supplement supervision and monitoring. Cameras were observed in common areas, hallways and outside the building. Cameras are monitored at the front reception area as well as remotely by administrative staff. The interview with the Director confirmed that the facility has a staffing plan that provides adequate staffing levels to protect residents from sexual abuse. She stated they ensure there is enough staff per shift to conduct wellness round, to conduct count and to do other activities. She advised they also make sure they have male and female staff available for searches. The Director confirmed video monitoring is part of the staffing plan and the staffing plan is documented. Further she confirmed the elements under this provision are included in the staffing plan. She advised they look at historical incidents, they review areas for cameras and mirrors and they look to determine if staff on the floor is adequate. The Director stated they conduct an annual review of the staffing plan and they also have a staffing schedule they monitor. The PC confirmed that the facility has a staffing plan that considers the required components under this provision. He stated that video cameras are placed throughout all CoreCivic facilities to supplement direct supervision and eliminate identified blind spots. He also stated that often in Community Corrections, the composition of the population includes both male and female residents. Staff rounds and presence is adjusted accordingly. Each facility uses Incident Reviews to identify any contributing factors related to staffing.

115.213 (b): The PAQ indicated that this provision is not applicable as there have been no deviations from the staffing plan. #1.211, page 11 states in circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, the facility shall document on the Daily Managements Report (DMR) and justify all deviations from the plan. Documentation for the deviation shall include: which post were affected; actions taken to ensure staff and inmate safety. All deviations are documented on WDOC Form #131. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 8 states the facility shall make its best effort to comply, on a regular basis, with the approved PREA Staffing Plan and shall document and justify all deviations. The facility Operations Supervisor is responsible for reviewing the PREA Staffing Plan in conjunction with the daily shift roster. Deviations shall be reported in accordance with CoreCivic Policy 5-1 CC Incident Reporting. If a position identified on the Staffing Plan is vacated for a shift, the Operations Supervisor shall notify the facility PREA Compliance Manager of the deviation. The PREA Compliance Manager shall document and describe the deviation along with a thorough justification for the deviation and description of any corrective actions that were taken to resolve the deviation. The Deviations from the Staffing Plan memo advised the facility has not had any deviations from the staffing plan. The interview with the Director confirmed that any deviations from the staffing plan would be documented however they do not deviate from the staffing plan. She

stated they never go below the minimum and they utilize overtime or she administrative level staff will come in to meet the requirements.

115.213 (c): The PAQ indicated that at least once every year the facility does not review the staffing plan to see whether adjustments are needed in: the staffing plan, prevailing staffing patterns, the deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies, or the allocation of facility/agency resources to commit to the staffing plan to ensure compliance with the staffing plan. Further communication with the PC indicated this was incorrectly selected and it should have indicated the staffing plan is reviewed annually. #1.211, page 11 states once a year each facility shall, in consultation with the agency wide PREA coordinator, assess, determine, and document whether adjustments are needed to the facility's staffing plan, the facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies, and the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan. Annual staffing reviews shall be documented using WDOC Form #190, PREA Annual Staffing Review. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 7 states whenever necessary, but no less frequently than once each year, the facility shall assess, determine, and document whether adjustments are needed to the staffing plan established pursuant to section (D1). The following shall be considered as part of the assessment: prevailing staffing patterns; the facility deployment of video monitoring systems/ other monitoring technologies; and the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adequate staffing levels. The staffing plan was most recently reviewed on August 23, 2023 by the PREA Compliance Manager, Facility Director and PC (via the CoreCivic form). The annual review included facility composition such as gender, age, custody level, etc. It also included information related to the staffing plan and considerations of the physical layout, resident population, substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse and other relevant factors. The review also include information related to video. Monitoring and whether there have been any changes since the last PREA Staffing Assessment. The PC's review indicated that he reviewed the staffing plan for adjustment to the following: prevailing staffing patterns; deployment of video monitoring technology and other technologies and facility resources to ensure adherence to the plan. The staffing plan was previously reviewed on December 16, 2022 (via the CoreCivic form). The PC confirmed he is consulted regarding any assessments of, or adjustment to the staffing plan. He confirmed he is consulted annually or when there has been a significant change that would require re-evaluation of the plan.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #1.211, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, the staffing plan, the annual staffing plan reviews, observations made during the tour and interviews with the Director and PC, indicate that this standard appears to require corrective action. The facility provided their allotted staff and schedule, but did not provide their staffing plan as required under this provision.

**Corrective Action** 

The facility will need to provide their staffing plan.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

### Additional Documents:

1. Staffing Plan Memorandum

The facility provided a memorandum from CoreCivic Corporate Office that outlined that the current staffing plan at the facility was established utilizing the elements under provision (a).

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

Recommendation

The auditor highly recommends that additional cameras be added to the basement. The auditor also recommends that the facility develop a staffing narrative that outlines the considered elements under provision (a) to accompany their allotted staff and schedule.

115.215	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard	
	Auditor Discussion	

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 3. PREA Resource Center's Guidance in Cross Gender and Transgender Searches Video
- 4. Staff Training Records

### Interviews:

- 1. Interviews with Random Staff
- 2. Interviews with Random Residents

### Site Review Observations:

- 1. Observations of Privacy
- 2. Observation of Cross Gender Announcement

### Findings (By Provision):

115.215 (a): The PAQ indicated that the facility does not conduct cross gender strip and cross gender visual body cavity searches of residents and that there have been zero searches of this kind in the previous twelve months. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 13 states strip searches of any resident may be conducted only if authorized by partner agency policy. Cross-gender resident strip searches (male staff on female residents or, female staff on male residents) shall not be conducted except in exigent circumstances.

115.215 (b): The PAQ indicated that the facility does not permit cross gender pat searches of female residents, absent exigent circumstances. It further stated that the facility restricts female access to regularly available programming and other out-of-cell activities to comply with this provision. Further communication with the PC indicated this was incorrectly marked and they do not restrict female access. The PAQ also stated there were zero pat-down searches of female residents that were conducted by male staff. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 13 states pat searches of female residents by male staff are prohibited except in exigent circumstances (that is, temporary unforeseen circumstances that require

immediate action in order to combat a threat to security or institutional order). The facility shall not restrict female resident access to regularly available programming or other out-of-cell opportunities in order to comply with this provision. Interviews with staff indicated none were aware of a time where female residents were restricted access to regularly available programming and other out of cell activities to comply with this provision. Interviews with female resident confirmed none had been restricted access in order to comply with this provision.

115.215 (c): The PAQ indicated that facility policy requires all cross gender strip searches and all cross gender visual body cavity searches be documented. It also confirms that all cross gender pat searches of female residents are required to be documented as well. #3.013, page 16 states in any case where a staff member(s) of a different gender than the inmate being skin searched is allowed to view the search, the time, date, location, authorizing official and circumstances for allowing such a search to take place shall be fully documented on a WDOC Form #102, Staff Report, to include, by name and gender, the persons conducting and observing the skin search, what their functions were, and why these functions were important enough to either the search itself or to other prison functions to allow the search to proceed without the delay that would have been required to ensure all observers were of the same gender as the inmate being skin searched. The facility shall maintain documentation of all skin searches in which a staff member(s) of a different gender than the inmate being skin searched is allowed to view the search. Additionally, page 15, states cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates shall be documented on a WDOC Form #102, Staff Report, by the person conducting the pat-down search(es), along with the circumstances requiring the cross-gender search. The facility shall maintain documentation of all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates. #3.307 page 7 states pat-down/skin searches may be conducted by the inmate's current gender status, unless there has been approval for a search accommodation where an employee of the gender the inmate identifies with; inmates must provide their ID at the time a search is requested. The search will be conducted by the employee of the gender the inmate identifies with is available and willing to conduct the search, unless exigent circumstances dictate the need for an immediate search by available personnel. Exigent circumstances resulting in an opposite-gender search by non-medical staff shall be documented in an incident report. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 14 whenever a cross-gender pat search of a female resident or a cross-gender strip search of any resident does occur, the search shall be documented. Documentation shall be in a log maintained by the facility and in an incident report in accordance with CoreCivic Policy 5-1 CC Incident Reporting. Details of the exigent circumstances must be included in all log entries and incident reports.

115.215 (d): The PAQ indicated that the facility has implemented policies and procedures that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical 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. The PAQ further indicated that policies and procedures require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering a resident housing unit. #3.013, page 8 states that the facility shall implement policies and procedures that enable inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttock, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. Additionally, it states that such policies and procedures shall require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 14 states residents may shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine living quarter checks. Staff of the opposite gender are required to announce their presence when entering a resident housing unit. Where a larger housing unit is broken into several individual smaller units such as pods, dorms, etc. the staff member must announce as he/she enters each of smaller individual units. A verbal announcement upon arrival is required only when the status quo of the gender- supervision on the housing unit changes from exclusively same gender, to mixed- or cross-gender supervision. For example, a female Security Monitor entering a male housing unit or dormitory is not required to announce if there is already a female Security Monitor in the unit or dormitory. In the event multiple opposite gender staff enter a housing unit simultaneously, only one of the opposite gender staff need make the announcement. Announcements are required for both security and non-security staff. Staff roving from one pod/dormitory to another inside of a larger unit must re-announce each time they enter. Staff are not required to make announcements when responding to temporary and unforeseen circumstances that require immediate action in order to combat a threat to safety or security (e.g. fire alarms, or contraband detection). The facility shall post notices/ rules that advise residents against disrobing or being unclothed in common areas. Residents shall be advised of locations such as restrooms and/or shower areas where they may undress without being monitored by opposite gender staff. Notices shall include the advisement that male and female staff routinely work and visit resident housing areas, and that cameras focused on common areas, including dormitory sleeping units, may be monitored by staff of either gender. Cameras that capture areas in which residents are permitted to be undressed or toileting, such as showers, bathrooms, or inside cells, should only be monitored by officers or nonmedical administrators of the same gender as the residents being viewed through the camera. These areas may be digitally obscured and monitored by either gender. A review of supplemental documentation in the Online Audit System (OAS) illustrated that showers and toilets were equipped with curtains for privacy. With regard to cross gender viewing, the auditor confirmed that residents have adequate privacy when showering, using the restroom and changing their clothes. Restrooms are in each room or shared among two rooms. They include a solid entrance door as well as a curtain for the shower. The facility does not ordinarily conduct strip searches. If there was an exigent circumstance where a strip search was required it would be conducted in the first floor restroom. With regard to the opposite gender

announcement, the auditor observed that staff knocked on each living room door and announced prior to entry. Additionally, prior to entry into the bathroom, the staff knocked and made an announcement. Interviews with sixteen residents indicated that none had ever been naked in front of an opposite gender staff member and as such have privacy when showering, using the restroom and changing their clothes. All eleven of the staff interviewed confirmed that residents have privacy when showering, using the restroom and changing their clothes. Additionally, all eleven staff indicated that staff of the opposite gender announce prior to entering living areas. All sixteen residents interviewed confirmed that staff of the opposite gender announce prior to entering living and bathroom areas.

115.215 (e): The PAQ indicated that the facility has a policy prohibiting staff from searching or physically examining a transgender or intersex resident for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status and that no searches of this nature have occurred within the previous twelve months. #3.307, page 6 states all searches shall be conducted in accordance with Policy and Procedure #3.013, Searches. WDOC shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. If the inmate's genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 14 states the facility shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex resident for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status. If the resident's genital status is unknown, it may be determined 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. Interviews with eleven staff indicated ten were aware of a policy prohibiting searching a transgender or intersex resident for the sole purpose of determining the residents' genital status. There were zero transgender residents during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.215 (f): #3.013, page 14 and #3.307, page 6 state the agency shall train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches, and searches of transgender and intersex inmates, in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 14-15 state all searches of transgender and intersex residents shall be conducted in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs. Procedures shall not require two staff to search a transgender resident, as this would be more intrusive than necessary. "Dual searches" where two different gendered staff search different parts of a resident's body are not acceptable. Searches of breasts shall be conducted using the back of the hand. Requests for transgender residents to

remove appearance related items such as prosthetics, clothing that may convey gender identity, wigs, and cosmetics shall be consistent with requirements for the removal of similar items for other non-transgender/intersex residents. Strip searches (if authorized by partner agency policy) of transgender/intersex residents shall be made in a manner designed to ensure as much privacy to the resident as practical. Staff should consider the physical layout of the institution, and the characteristics of a transgender/intersex resident to adjust conditions of the visual search as needed for the resident's privacy. The PAQ indicated that 100% of staff had received training on conducting cross gender pat down searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents. A review of the PRC's guidance in cross gender and transgender searches curriculum confirms that staff are trained on how to conduct searches through the trauma informed searches. The training covers professionalism, definitions, prohibited actions, body position, non-verbal cues and other consideration. This training is included during the annual staff PREA training. A review of nine staff training records indicated that nine had received the search training. Nine of the eleven staff interviewed stated that they had received training on how to conduct cross gender pat down searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.013, #3.307, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, the PRC training curriculum, staff training records, observations made during the tour as well as information from interviews with random staff and random residents indicates this standard appears to be complaint.

# 115.216

# Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. LanguageLine Services, Inc. Contract
- 5. LanguageLine Insight Video Interpreting
- 6. CoreCivic 14-2AA PREA Prevent, Detect, Respond Brochure (PREA Brochure)

- 7. Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) Understanding PREA Brochure (WDOC Brochure)
- 8. Resident Residential Rules and Regulations (Handbook)
- 9. Wyoming Department of Corrections PREA Poster (WDOC PREA Poster)
- 10. I Have a Right Poster
- 11. I Have a Responsibility Poster
- 12. Reporting Sexual Violence Handout
- 13. Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster

### Interviews:

- 1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
- 2. Interview with LEP and Disabled Residents
- 3. Interview with Random Staff

Site Review Observations:

1. Observations of PREA Posters

Findings (By Provision):

115.216 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency has established procedures to provide disabled residents 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. #3.402, pages 5 states WDOC shall take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who are blind or have low vision, or those who have intellectual, psychiatric, or speech disabilities), have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of WDOC's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Such steps shall include, when necessary to ensure effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary unless doing so would result in a fundamental altercation in the nature of a service, program, or activity, or in undue financial and administrative burdens, as those terms are used in regulations promulgated under Title II of the American With

Disabilities Act, 28 CFR 35.164. In addition, the agency shall ensure that written materials are provided in formats and through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities, including inmates who have intellectual disabilities, limited reading skills, or who are blind or have low vision. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 11 states the facility shall take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the facility and agency efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Residents who are deaf or hard of hearing shall have access to information through simple written communication. Sign language interpreters, or auxiliary aids such as a TTY that are reasonable, effective, and appropriate to the needs of the resident shall be provided when simple written communication is not effective. The facility will ensure that information is effectively communicated orally, on an individual basis, to residents with limited reading skills, residents who are blind or have low vision, and those who may have difficulty understanding provided information due to intellectual deficiencies, mental health concerns, or speech disabilities. Additionally, policy states that at this facility the following is provided to assist residents with disabilities: LanguageLine to assist with LEP, all PREA materials available in writing, visual aids are posted around the facility and staff are able to assist residents that are cognitively disabled. The agency has a contract with LanguageLine Solutions to provide translation services for residents who are LEP. This is a service the facility can call that will translate information between the staff member and LEP resident. The contract was most recently signed on March 19, 2019. Part of the LanguageLine Services, Inc. contract includes video interpreting that is done via the computer and can be utilized for deaf and/or heard of hearing residents. Additionally, American Sign Language is a language option under the LanguageLine Solutions contract. A review of the PREA Brochure, WDOC Brochure and Resident Handbook confirmed that PREA information is available in in large font, bright colors. The PREA Brochure and WDOC Brochure are available in Spanish, however the Handbook is only available in English. A review of the PREA Posters (CoreCivic and WDOC) indicated that information is provided in adequate font size and posters had a color scheme that was visible. Additionally, the PREA Posters, with the exception of the Reporting Allegations Poster, are available in English and Spanish. A review of the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout indicated it can be provided in larger font but is only available in English. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated the agency has established procedures to provide residents with disabilities and residents who are LEP 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. He stated that the CoreCivic corporate office provides assistance to the facilities that enable them to locate potential vendors and/or agencies that would provide support services for residents with disabilities. He stated that the agency maintains a comprehensive contract with LanguageLine and some facilities even have an MOU with organizations in the local communities to provide translation services when needed. He stated that TTY phones are provided and arrangements are made to assist those residents who are blind. The auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Reporting information was observed via the PREA Brochure, WDOC PREA Poster, the

Reporting Allegations Poster and the I Have a Right Poster. The PREA Brochure was observed in English on letter size paper. The I Have a Right Poster was observed in English and Spanish on poster size paper. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. The WDOC PREA Poster was in English on poster size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While information was observed, the WDOC PREA Poster was the older version and the information was not accurate. In addition to the reporting information, the auditor observed victim advocacy information posted via the Reporting Allegations Poster. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While the contact information was provided for emotional support services, the way it was organized made it appear as if it were a reporting mechanism. Additionally, the font size appeared to be a little small. The auditor did not require use of language translation, however at prior CoreCivic audits the auditor utilized the language translation service and LanguageLine Insite Video Interpreting. The auditor also called the language translation service number to confirm services were still accessible. The auditor was provided the number and pin and confirmed the services were still available to staff at the facility. Interviews with one disabled resident and one LEP resident confirmed that both received information on sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a format that they could understand.

115.216 (b): The PAQ stated that the agency has established procedures to provide residents with limited English proficiency 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. 3.402, page 5 states WDOC shall take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of WDOC's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient, including steps to provide interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 11-12 state the facility shall take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the facility and agency efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to residents who are Limited English Proficient (LEP). Interpreters shall be provided who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary. Additionally, policy states that at this facility, the following is provided to assist residents who are Limited English Proficient: LanguageLine to assist with LEP, all PREA materials available in writing, visual aids are posted around the facility and staff are able to assist residents that are cognitively disabled. Additionally, the agency has a contract with LanguageLine Services, Inc. to provide translation services for residents who are LEP. This is a service the facility can call that will translate information between the staff member and LEP resident. The contract was most recently signed on March 19, 2019. A

review of the PREA Brochure, WDOC Brochure and Resident Handbook confirmed that PREA information is available in in large font, bright colors. The PREA Brochure and WDOC Brochure are available in Spanish, however the Handbook is only available in English. A review of the PREA Posters (CoreCivic and WDOC) indicated that information is provided in adequate font size and posters had a color scheme that was visible. Additionally, the PREA Posters, with the exception of the Reporting Allegations Poster, are available in English and Spanish. A review of the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout indicated it can be provided in larger font but is only available in English. The auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Reporting information was observed via the PREA Brochure, WDOC PREA Poster, the Reporting Allegations Poster and the I Have a Right Poster. The PREA Brochure was observed in English on letter size paper. The I Have a Right Poster was observed in English and Spanish on poster size paper. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. The WDOC PREA Poster was in English on poster size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While information was observed, the WDOC PREA Poster was the older version and the information was not accurate. In addition to the reporting information, the auditor observed victim advocacy information posted via the Reporting Allegations Poster. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While the contact information was provided for emotional support services, the way it was organized made it appear as if it were a reporting mechanism. Additionally, the font size appeared to be a little small. The auditor did not require use of language translation, however at prior CoreCivic audits the auditor utilized the language translation service and LanguageLine Insite Video Interpreting. The auditor also called the language translation service number to confirm services were still accessible. The auditor was provided the number and pin and confirmed the services were still available to staff at the facility. Interviews with one disabled resident and one LEP resident confirmed that both received information on sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a format that they could understand.

115.216 (c): The PAQ stated that agency policy prohibits the use of resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could comprise the resident's safety, the performance of first responder duties under 115.264, or the investigation of the resident's allegations. The PAQ further stated that the facility documents the limited circumstances in individual cases where resident interpreters, readers or other types of resident assistants are used. #3.402, page 6 states WDOC shall not rely on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistants, except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the offender's safety, the performance of first-response duties, or the investigation of the inmate's

allegations. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 12 states the facility will not rely on residents to provide interpretation services, act as readers, or provide other types of communication 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 PAQ expressed that there were zero instances where a resident was utilized to interpret, read or provide other type of assistance. Interviews with eleven staff indicated ten were aware of a policy that prohibits the use of resident interpreters, translator, readers or other types of resident assistants for sexual abuse allegations. Interviews with one disabled resident and one LEP resident confirmed that both received information on sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a format that they could understand.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, LanguageLine Solutions Contract, LanguageLine Insight Video Interpreting, 14-2AA PREA Brochure, Resident Residential Rules and Regulations, the PREA Brochure, the Blue Bench Brochure, PREA Posters, observations made during the tour to include the PREA signage as well as interviews with the Agency Head Designee and random staff indicates that this standard appears to require corrective action. A review of the PREA Brochure and Resident Handbook confirmed that PREA information is available in in large font, bright colors. The PREA Brochure is available in Spanish, however the Handbook is only available in English. A review of the PREA Posters (CoreCivic and WDOC) indicated that information is provided in adequate font size and posters had a color scheme that was visible. Additionally, the PREA Posters, with the exception of the Reporting Allegations Poster, are available in English and Spanish. A review of the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout indicated it can be provided in larger font but is only available in English. Additionally, the font size appeared to be a little small.

### Corrective Action

The facility will need to update the Handbook and Reporting Allegations Poster to be accessible for LEP residents. A copy of the documents as well as confirmation of distribution (i.e. photos) will need to be provided. Further the facility will need to review all currently posted information to ensure it is all accurate, consistent and visible for vision impaired residents. Photos of the posted information around the facility will need to be provided.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

### Additional Documents:

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- 1. Resident Handbook in Spanish
- 2. Updated Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster
- 3. Photos of Updated Posted Information

The facility provided the Handbook, which was translated in Spanish. The facility also provided the updated Reporting Allegations Poster in English and Spanish. Photos were provided of the updated Reporting Allegations Poster in English and Spanish posted around the facility. The Posters were on letter size paper and appeared to have adequate size font. It should be noted the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout is not a CoreCivic document and as such the facility was unable to update this document in Spanish. Numerous other documents are in Spanish with the same information.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

# Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion Documents: 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 - Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders

Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment (14-2H-CC)

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Questionnaire for Prior Institutional

14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response

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6. Personnel Files for Staff and Contractors

### Interviews:

1. Interview with Human Resource Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.217 (a): The PAQ indicated that agency policy prohibits hiring or promoting anyone who may have contact with residents and prohibits enlisting the 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; 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 when the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above. #3.402, page 12 states WDOC shall not hire or promote anyone who may come in contact with inmates, and shall not enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates/offenders who: has engaged in sexual abuse in prison, jail, lockup community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution as defined in 42 U.S.C 1197; has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt, or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in paragraph (b) of[MOU1] this section. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 4 states to the extent permitted by law, CoreCivic will decline to hire or promote any individuals, and decline to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with residents and 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); been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity as outlined above in B.1.a., b. A review of the Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment form indicates that applicants, employees and contractors are asked to complete the form which includes the following questions; "Have you ever engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution?", "Have you ever 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 when the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?",

"Have you even been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above?", and "Has a substantiated allegation of sexual harassment ever been made against you?". A review of personnel files for three staff hired in the previous twelve months indicated that all three had a criminal background records check completed prior to hire. All three staff were also documented with completing the Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment form prior to hire. A review of documentation for two newly hired contractors confirmed both had a criminal background records check completed prior to enlisting their services.

115.217 (b): The PAQ indicated that agency policy requires the consideration of any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents. #3.402, page 12 states the agency shall consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with inmates/offenders. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 4 states any incident of sexual harassment shall be considered in determining whether to hire or pro mote any individual, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with residents. The Human Resource staff member confirmed that sexual harassment is considered when hiring or promoting staff or enlisting services of any contractors.

115.217 (c): The PAQ stated that agency policy requires that before it hires any new employees who may have contact with residents, it conducts criminal background record checks and makes its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignations during a pending investigation. #3.402, pages 12-13 state before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates/offenders, the agency shall: perform a criminal background records check and consistent with federal, state and local laws, 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 sexual abuse. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 5 states before hiring new employees or enlisting the service of any contractor who may have contact with residents, CoreCivic shall ensure that a criminal history record check has been conducted. In addition, CoreCivic shall ensure that criminal history record checks are conducted at least every five years for current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents, or, have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information. Consistent with federal, state, and local law, the facility shall make 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 as defined by this policy. The CoreCivic 3-20-2B PREA Questionnaire for Prior Institutional Employers form, or contracting agency equivalent form, shall be used to obtain such prior institutional employment information. The PAQ indicated that twelve people were hired in the

previous twelve months that had a criminal background records check. A review of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Questionnaire for Prior Institutional Employers indicates the form is sent to prior institutional employers and ask the following questions: Did the employee have any substantiated allegations of sexual abuse? (as defined in 42 U.S.C.§ 1997); Did candidate resign during any pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse?; Did the employee have any substantiated allegations of sexual harassment? (as defined in 42 U.S.C.§ 1997); and Did candidate resign during any pending investigation of an allegation of sexual harassment? A review of personnel files for three staff hired in the previous twelve months indicated that all three had a criminal background records check completed prior to hire. None of the three had prior institutional employers, however the auditor reviewed examples of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Questionnaire for Prior Institutional Employers. The Human Resource staff member indicated that criminal background record checks are completed for all newly hired employees and that they attempt to contact any prior institutional employers.

115.217 (d): The PAQ stated that agency policy requires that a criminal background record check be completed before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents. The PAO indicated that there were thirteen contracts for service where criminal background records checks were conducted. #3.402, page 13 indicates that the agency shall also perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor or volunteer who may have contact with inmates/offenders. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 5 states before hiring new employees or enlisting the service of any contractor who may have contact with residents, CoreCivic shall ensure that a criminal history record check has been conducted. In addition, CoreCivic shall ensure that criminal history record checks are conducted at least every five years for current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents, or, have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information. Consistent with federal, state, and local law, the facility shall make 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 as defined by this policy. The CoreCivic 3-20-2B PREA Questionnaire for Prior Institutional Employers form, or contracting agency equivalent form, shall be used to obtain such prior institutional employment information. A review of documentation for two newly hired contractors confirmed both had a criminal background records check completed prior to enlisting their services. The interview with the Human Resource staff member confirmed that any contractors would have a criminal background records check completed prior to enlisting their services.

115.217 (e): The PAQ indicated that agency policy requires either criminal background record checks be conducted at least every five years for current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents or that a system is in place for otherwise capturing such information for current employees. #3.402,

page 13 states that the agency shall either conduct criminal background checks at least every five years of current employees, contractors, and volunteers who have contact with inmates/offenders or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 5 states before hiring new employees or enlisting the service of any contractor who may have contact with residents, CoreCivic shall ensure that a criminal history record check has been conducted. In addition, CoreCivic shall ensure that criminal history record checks are conducted at least every five years for current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents, or, have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information. A review of two staff that were hired prior to 2017 indicated that one had a five year criminal background check completed. The interview with the Human Resource staff member indicated that criminal background record checks are completed through the Wyoming Department of Corrections. She stated that the background check includes gueries of national and state criminal history, via the NCIC system. The staff confirmed that criminal background record checks are completed at least every five years.

115.217 (f): #3.402, page 13 indicates that the agency shall ask all applicants and employees who have contact with inmates/offenders directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (i) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions and in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees. Employees shall have a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 4-5 state all applicants, employees, and contractors who may have direct contact with residents shall be asked about previous misconduct, as outlined above in section B.1. The CoreCivic 14-2H-CC Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment form, or equivalent contracting agency form, will be completed as part of the hiring process. The CoreCivic online application form section that requires disclosure of misconduct as described in B.1. may be utilized in lieu of the 14-2H- CC for new applicants. Employees shall complete the 14-2 H-CC Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment form as part of the promotional process including both inter-facility promotions and intrafacility promotions. The 14-2H-CC Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment form shall be completed by current employees and contractors on an annual basis to serve as verification of the fulfillment of his/her continuing affirmative duty to disclose any sexual misconduct as described in this policy. The annual signature shall be in lieu of having the form completed as part of an annual review process. The completed 14-2H-CC form shall be retained in each employee's personnel file. A review of the Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment form indicates that applicants, employees and contractors are asked to complete the form which includes the following questions; "Have you ever engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution?", "Have you ever 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 when the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?", "Have you even been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above?", and "Has a substantiated allegation of sexual harassment ever been made against you?". The auditor reviewed three newly hired staff and confirmed all three had competed the Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment form prior to hire. A review of two staff promoted in the previous twelve months indicated they had not completed the Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment prior to promotion, however they had completed it six to eight months prior as all staff are required to complete the form annually. The interview with the Human Resource staff confirmed that questions under this provision are asked during the hiring and promotion process. Additionally, she confirmed that employees have a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any previous such misconduct.

115.217 (g): The PAQ indicated that agency policy states that material omissions regarding such misconduct or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 5 states to the extent permitted by law, CoreCivic may decline to hire or promote, and may terminate employment, based on material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information.

115.217 (h): #3.402, page 13 states that unless otherwise prohibited by law, the agency shall provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee to institutional employers upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for who such employee has applied to work. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 5 states unless prohibited by law, CoreCivic shall provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such former employee has applied to work. The Human Resource staff member confirmed that they provide information on sexual abuse and sexual harassment to other institutional employers.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, the Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment (14-2H-CC), the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Questionnaire for Prior Institutional Employers, a review of personnel files for staff and information obtained from the Human Resource staff interview indicates this standard appears to require corrective action. A review of two staff that were hired prior to 2017 indicated that one had a five year criminal background check completed. A review of two staff promoted in the previous twelve months indicated they had not completed the Self-Declaration of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment prior to promotion, however they had completed it six to eight months prior as all staff are required to complete the form annually.

### Corrective Action

The facility will need to ensure all staff have a current five year criminal background records check completed. The facility will need to provide a signed process memo indicating how the five year requirement will be met in the future. A list of staff employed longer than five years as well as confirmation of the updated/recent criminal background records check will need to be provided. The facility will also need to ensure all staff complete the form prior to promotion. A list of staff promoted during the corrective action period and associated forms will need to be provided.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

### Additional Documents:

- 1. Training Memorandum
- 2. List of Current Staff with Hire Date and Current Criminal Background Records Check

The facility provided a training memorandum that outlined the five year criminal background records check process. The memo noted that Human Resource staff will review the list of current staff monthly to determine if a five year criminal background records check is needed. Additionally, the training noted that the 14-2H is required to be completed prior to staff being promoted. Staff signatures were provided confirming the training.

The facility provided a list of current staff, with hire date, current criminal background records check date and due date for the next five year criminal backgrounds records check. The auditor confirmed all current staff had a completed criminal background records check in 2023 or 2024.

There were zero staff promoted during the corrective action period and as such no 14-2H documents were required.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

115.218	Upgrades to facilities and technology		
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard		
	Auditor Discussion  Documents:		
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire		
	2. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response		
	3. PREA Physical Plant Considerations (7-1B)		
	Interviews:		
	1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee		
	2. Interview with the Director		
	Site Review Observations:		
	1. Observations of Absence of Modification to the Physical Plant		
	2. Observations of Video Monitoring Technology		
	Findings (By Provision):		
	115.218 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made substantial expansion or modifications to existing facilities since the		

last PREA audit. 14-2-CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 8 states when designing or acquiring any new facility and in planning any substantial

expansion or modification of existing facilities, CoreCivic will consider the effect of

the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification on the ability of the facility and company to protect residents from sexual abuse. Considerations for modifications and renovations shall be documented on form 7-1B PREA Physical Plant Considerations. During the tour, the auditor did not observe any renovations, modifications or expansions. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated that CoreCivic employs architects and other professionals who through experience, research and consulting have knowledge of the issues and needs presented by PREA. He said new builds and renovations, the design staff will consult with the PREA Coordinator for recommendations and work to ensure that PREA is addressed. Real estate and design staff receive information from the field on privacy concerns in areas such as showers, restrooms and any other areas where residents may be in a state of undress. He indicated that blind spots are identified that can be corrected through video surveillance coverage. During acquisition, the staff making the site visit develop a preliminary assessment and the PREA Coordinator is involved in the review of physical plan issues. At existing facilities, a form 7-1B is used to ensure PREA is considered when initiating a renovation/new construction. The interview with the Director confirmed that there have not been any substantial expansions or modifications since the last PREA audit.

115.218 (b): The PAQ indicated that the agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system or other monitoring technology since the last PREA audit. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 8 states when installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, CoreCivic will consider how such technology may enhance the ability to protect residents from sexual abuse. Such considerations shall be documented on form 7-1B PREA Physical Plant Considerations. A review of video monitoring technology confirmed that cameras are utilized to supplement supervision and monitoring. Cameras were observed in common areas, hallways and outside the building. Cameras are monitored at the front reception area as well as remotely by administrative staff. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated that cameras are used to support direct/indirect staff supervision. Better quality systems have been installed and consideration to optimal coverage is addressed at the time of these upgrades. He said that camera placement also takes into consideration the privacy needs for cross gender viewing in areas like restroom and showers areas. Technology is also discussed with the facility during the PREA Staffing Plan assessment that is reviewed each year by facility staff and the PREA Coordinator. The Director confirmed that when installing or updating video monitoring technology they consider how that technology will enhance their ability to protect residents from sexual abuse. She advised they look at previous incidents and they do walk throughs to identify any areas that may need additional cameras. Further, she stated they review cameras consistently to ensure they are functional.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, Physical Plant Considerations (7-1B), observations made during the tour and

information from interviews with the Agency Head Designee and Director indicate that this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.221 **Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion** Documents: 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.009 - Evidence Handling and Storage Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 - Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders 4. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response 5. Memorandum of Understanding with the Cheyenne Police Department 6. Memorandum of Understanding with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center 7. Memorandum of Understanding with Wyoming Safehouse Services 8. Investigative Reports Interviews: 1. Interviews with Random Staff 2. Interview with the PREA Coordinator 3. Interview with Residents who Reported Sexual Abuse 4. Interview with SAFE/SANE Staff Findings (By Provision): 115.221 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative investigations while the Cheyenne Police Department is responsible

for conducting criminal investigations. Additionally, the PAQ stated that when

conducting sexual abuse investigations, the agency investigators follow a uniform

evidence protocol. #3.402, page 32 states to the extent the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse the agency shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions. #3.009 outlines the uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for investigations. The policy covers general guidelines for the collective of evidence, collection of criminal evidence, collection of administrative evidence, crime scene security, custody of evidence/chain of custody, storage of evidence, disposal of evidence, evidence numbering and evidence packaging. Additionally, #3.402 outlines the requirement for forensic medical examinations. All sexual assault kits are collected by SANE/SAFE at the hospital and then turned over as evidence. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response page 25 states the investigating entity shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions. A review of policy confirms that it instructs staff on first responder duties and then indicates that local law enforcement would be responsible for collecting evidence. A review of the MOU with the Cheyenne Police Department confirms that CPD will be called to investigate alleged crimes, including but not limited to sexual abuse and/or sexual assault. It further states that CPD agrees to use uniform practices for conducting investigations and obtaining physical evidence for criminal proceedings, when appropriate. Additionally, it indicates that CPD agrees to utilize its current forensic examination procedures for alleged victims of sexual assault or sexual abuse. Inherent in those procedures is a method to provide access to a medical examination for an alleged victim, at no cost, where such examination is appropriate. The MOU was executed July 22, 2015. Interviews with eleven staff indicated all eleven were aware of and understood the agency's protocol on obtaining usable physical evidence. All eleven also stated they were aware who was responsible for conducting sexual abuse investigations.

115.221 (b): The PAQ indicated that the protocol is not developmentally appropriate for youth as they do not house youthful residents. The PAQ stated that the protocol was adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the DOJ's Office of Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adult/Adolescents" or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response page 25 states The protocol shall be developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable, and, as appropriate, shall be adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice'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. #3.009 outlines the uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for investigations. The policy covers general guidelines for the collective of evidence, collection of criminal evidence, collection of administrative evidence, crime scene security, custody of evidence/chain of custody, storage of evidence, disposal of

evidence, evidence numbering and evidence packaging. Additionally, #3.402 outlines the requirement for forensic medical examinations. All sexual assault kits are collected by SANE/SAFE at the hospital and then turned over as evidence. A review of agency policy confirms that it instructs staff on first responder duties and then indicates that local law enforcement would be responsible for collecting evidence. A review of the MOU with the Cheyenne Police Department confirms that CPD will be called to investigate alleged crimes, including but not limited to sexual abuse and/or sexual assault. It further states that CPD agrees to use uniform practices for conducting investigations and obtaining physical evidence for criminal proceedings, when appropriate. Additionally, it indicates that CPD agrees to utilize its current forensic examination procedures for alleged victims of sexual assault or sexual abuse. Inherent in those procedures is a method to provide access to a medical examination for an alleged victim, at no cost, where such examination is appropriate. The MOU was executed July 22, 2015.

115.221 (c): The PAQ indicated that the facility offers residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examination without financial cost to the victim. The PAQ stated that when possible, examinations are conducted by SAFE or SANE and when SAFE or SANE are not available a qualified medical practitioner performs forensic examinations. It further stated that the facility documents efforts to provide SANEs or SAFEs. #3.402, page 32 states the agency shall offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations at an outside facility, under appropriate security provisions, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate. Such examinations shall be performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible. If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, the examination can be performed by other qualified medical practitioners. The agency shall document its efforts to provide SAFE or SANE. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response pages 25-26 state The investigating agency shall offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, without financial cost, where medically appropriate or necessary for gathering evidence. Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) shall perform such examinations where possible. Page 20 further states the facility shall offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical exams, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate. The PREA Compliance Manager, Facility Investigator or ADO shall consult with law enforcement prior to transporting a resident for an examination to be performed by a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). If it is determined that an examination is necessary for the collection of evidence, then the facility shall transport the alleged victim. If a SAFE / SANE provider is not available, other qualified medical practitioners may perform the examination. At this facility, SAFE/SANE exam are provided by Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse. A review of documentation indicated that the agency has an MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center to fulfill requirements under PREA standards 115.221, 115.282 and 115.283. The MOU stated that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center agrees to provide

residents who are victims of sexual abuse with forensic medical examinations where medically necessary or necessary to collect evidence. Such examinations shall be performed by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) or other qualified medical practitioners The MOU further states that services shall be provided at no cost to the facility or resident. The MOU was executed in February 2018. The PAQ stated that there were zero forensic exams conducted in the previous twelve months. The auditor contacted Cheyenne Regional Medical Center related to forensic medical examinations. The staff confirmed they perform forensic medical examinations via SAFE/SANE five days of the week. The staff indicated if it was one of the days they don't have coverage they partner with UC Health in Colorado to perform forensic medical examinations. The auditor contacted UC Health Longs Peak related to forensic medical examinations. Hospital staff indicated that they provide forensic medical examinations and they have SANE/SAFE on call 24 hours to provide services.

115.221 (d): The PAQ indicated that the facility attempts to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center, wither in person or by other means and that these efforts are documented. The PAQ further indicated that if and when a rape crisis center Is not available to provide victim advocate services, the facility provides a qualified staff member from a community-based organization or a qualified agency staff member. #3.402, page 33 states the agency shall attempt to make available to the victim a victim's advocate from a rape crisis center. If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the agency shall make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member. The agency shall document efforts to secure services from a rape crisis center. For the purposes of this standard, a rape crisis center refers to an entity that provides intervention and related assistance, such as the services specified in 42 U.S.C. 14043g(b)(2)(C), to victims of sexual assault of all ages. The agency may utilize a rape crisis center that is part of a governmental unit as long as the center is not part of the criminal justice system (such as a law enforcement agency) and offers a comparable level of confidentiality as a nongovernmental entity that provides similar victim services. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response page 26 states the investigating entity shall attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center. A review of documentation indicated that the facility has an MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services. The MOU states that Safehouse Services will provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault upon request of the victim. The MOU also states Wyoming Safehouse Services will inform the resident population of the right to have a victim advocate present during the forensic exam, investigative interviews and any possible court hearing and provide said accompaniment if desired by the resident. The MOU was executed with signatures but did not have a date. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse reported during the previous twelve months. There was one sexual harassment allegation reported and the victim was afforded access to a victim advocate. It was documented he declined the services. The

interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated the facility offered him outside emotional support services, however he declined them. The interview with the PC confirmed that each community corrections facility attempts to enter into an MOU with a local rape crisis center or other community agency to provide victim advocates. He stated in addition to the MOU, victim advocacy is also included in the MOU with local law enforcement to ensure that rape crisis centers or hospital advocate have access to residents. The PC further stated that they ensure through research and dialogue with the agency that advocates meet the qualifications required under this standard.

115.221 (e): The PAQ indicated that as requested by the victim, a victim advocate, qualified agency staff member or qualified community-based organization staff member accompanies and supports the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information and referrals. #3.402, page 33 states as requested by the victim, the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews, and shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information and referrals. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response page 26 states as requested by the victim, a victim advocate shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals. Page 21 further states As requested by the victim, either a victim advocate from a Rape Crisis Center, or a qualified community-based organization staff member, shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews. Available victim advocacy services offered by a hospital conducting the exam may be used for this purpose. Efforts to identify and utilize a victim advocate shall be documented on the 14-2C-CC Sexual Abuse Incident Check Sheet. At this facility, victim advocates for SAFE/SANE exams are provided by Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse. A review of documentation indicated that the facility has an MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services. The MOU states that Safehouse Services will provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault upon request of the victim. The MOU also states Wyoming Safehouse Services will inform the resident population of the right to have a victim advocate present during the forensic exam, investigative interviews and any possible court hearing and provide said accompaniment if desired by the resident. The MOU was executed with signatures but did not have a date. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse reported during the previous twelve months. There was one sexual harassment allegation reported and the victim was afforded access to a victim advocate. It was documented he declined the services. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated the facility offered him outside emotional support services, however he declined them. The interview with the PC confirmed that each community corrections facility attempts to enter into an MOU

with a local rape crisis center or other community agency to provide victim advocates. He stated in addition to the MOU, victim advocacy is also included in the MOU with local law enforcement to ensure that rape crisis centers or hospital advocate have access to residents. The PC further stated that they ensure through research and dialogue with the agency that advocates meet the qualifications required under this standard.

115.221 (f): The PAQ indicated that if the agency is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse and relies on another agency to conduct these investigations, the agency has requested that the responsible agency follow the requirements under this standard. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response page 25 states The facility shall request through an MOU that the investigating entity follow the requirements of sections O.4.a. through O.4.e. below. A review of the MOU with the Cheyenne Police Department confirms that CPD will be called to investigate alleged crimes, including but not limited to sexual abuse and/or sexual assault. It further states that CPD agrees to use uniform practices for conducting investigations and obtaining physical evidence for criminal proceedings, when appropriate. Additionally, it indicates that CPD agrees to utilize its current forensic examination procedures for alleged victims of sexual assault or sexual abuse. Inherent in those procedures is a method to provide access to a medical examination for an alleged victim, at no cost, where such examination is appropriate. It also states that CPD acknowledges the facility has an MOU with Safehouse to provide qualified community-based organization staff member to assist alleged sexual victims of sexual assault or sexual abuse for emotional support, crisis intervention, information and referrals. The MOU was executed July 22, 2015.

115.221 (g): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.221 (h): 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response page 21 states if unable to secure the services of a victim advocate to accompany the alleged victim to the SAFE/SANE exam, and if requested by the victim, the facility may use a qualified facility staff member for this purpose. The staff member must have been screened by SART and the Facility Director for appropriateness to serve in this role and must have received documented education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues. A review of documentation indicated that the facility has an MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services. The MOU states that Safehouse Services will provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault upon request of the victim.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.009, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, Memorandum of Understanding with the Cheyenne Police

Department, Memorandum of Understanding with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, Memorandum of Understanding with Wyoming Safehouse Services, Investigative Reports and information from interviews with random staff, the PREA Coordinator, the resident who reported sexual abuse (harassment) and the SANE/ SAFE indicates that this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.222 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Memorandum of Understanding with the Cheyenne Police Department
- 5. Investigative Reports

### Interviews:

- 1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
- 2. Interview with Investigative Staff

### Findings (By Provision):

115.222 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. #3.402, page 31 states the agency shall ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 24 states the Facility Director shall ensure that an administrative investigation and/or a referral for a criminal investigation, is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The PAQ noted there was one allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that was received and the allegation resulted in an administrative investigation. The PAQ stated there were zero allegations referred for

criminal investigations in the previous twelve months. The PAQ further stated that allegations received in the previous twelve months all had a completed investigation. A review of documentation indicated there was one allegation reported during the previous twelve months and it was investigated at the facility level. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated it is CoreCivic policy to refer all allegations of sexual abuse that are criminal in nature to law enforcement agencies with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations. He stated that all administrative investigations are conducted by CoreCivic investigators who have received the specialized PREA training and/or law enforcement officials. The Agency Head Designee indicated that all allegations are reported in the CoreCivic Incident Reporting Database (IRD) system which triggers an investigation. This system requires multiple levels of administrative oversight and review. All allegations that could result, if substantiated, in criminal violations and referral to the appropriate law enforcement officials (or by contracted partner investigative entity). He stated that the staff work with outside law enforcement, upon request.

115.222 (b): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy that requires that all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment be referred for investigations to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. The PAQ stated that such policy is published on the agency website or made publicly available via other means and that the agency documents all referrals of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation. #3.402, pages 2-3 state it is the policy and practice of the WDOC 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, and to document all such referrals. A copy of this policy and procedure shall be published on WDOC's website and available to inmates in the law library at each institution. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 19 states Administrative Duty Officer (ADO) staff, the PREA Compliance Manager, Facility Director or designated on-site supervisory staff shall immediately report all allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a law enforcement agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior or the allegation would be not be considered a criminal act under federal, state, or local law. At this facility, allegations of sexual abuse involving potentially criminal behavior are reported to the Cheyenne Police Department and Wyoming Department of Corrections. Page 25 further states CoreCivic facilities do not conduct criminal investigations into allegations of sexual abuse. All allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment shall be referred for investigation to an agency or entity with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. A review of the MOU with the Cheyenne Police Department confirms that CPD will be called to investigate alleged crimes, including but not limited to sexual abuse and/or sexual assault. It further states that CPD

agrees to use uniform practices for conducting investigations and obtaining physical evidence for criminal proceedings, when appropriate. A review of CoreCivic's website confirmed that information related to referrals to the appropriate law enforcement agency to conduct investigations is available at https://www.corecivic.com/the-prison-rape-elimination-act-of-2003-prea. A review of documentation indicated there was one allegation reported during the previous twelve months and it was investigated at the facility level. The interview with the facility investigator confirmed that agency has a policy that requires all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to be referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigation. She stated investigations are conducted by the Cheyenne Police Department and/or the Wyoming Department of Corrections.

115.222 (c): #3.402, page 31 states the appropriate CEO shall contact local law enforcement immediately when appropriate. All verified incidents of sexual abuse of an inmate/offender by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer and sexual abuse between inmates sexual misconduct shall be referred to the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction for investigation and consideration of criminal prosecution. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 25 states each CoreCivic facility shall enter, or attempt to enter, into a written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with an outside law enforcement agency or investigating entity, outlining the roles and responsibilities of both the facility and the investigating entity in conducting sexual abuse investigations. Policy further states if the contracting governmental agency utilizes an internal investigative process (e.g. a Department of Corrections Office of Inspector General) required by contract, statute, or regulation, that agency investigative process and policy will be followed for allegations of sexual abuse. A review of the MOU with the Cheyenne Police Department confirms that CPD will be called to investigate alleged crimes, including but not limited to sexual abuse and/or sexual assault. It further states that CPD agrees to use uniform practices for conducting investigations and obtaining physical evidence for criminal proceedings, when appropriate. A review of CoreCivic's website confirmed that information related to referrals to the appropriate law enforcement agency to conduct investigations is available at https://www.corecivic.com/the-prison-rape-elimination-act-of-2003-prea.

115.222 (d): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.222 (e): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, the MOU with Cheyenne Police Department, investigative reports, the agency's website and information obtained via interviews with the Agency Head

Designee and the facility investigator, this standard appears to be compliant.

115.231	Employee training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Documents:
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
	2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 - Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
	3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
	4. PREA Overview Facilitator Guide
	5. PREA Overview
	6. Supervising Female Inmates – PREA
	7. PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment (14-2J-CC)
	8. PREA Refresher Training
	9. PREA Training Acknowledgment Preservice and Inservice (14-2A-CC)
	10. Training Records
	Interviews:
	1. Interviews with Random Staff
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.231 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency trains all employees who may have contact with residents on the following matters: the agency's zero tolerance policy, how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures, the residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, the right of the resident to be free from retaliation for
	reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment, the dynamics of sexual abuse and

sexual harassment in a confinement setting, the common reactions of sexual abuse

and sexual harassment victims, how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse, how to avoid inappropriate relationship with residents, how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex residents and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting. #3.402, pages 13-14 state all WDOC staff that may have contact with inmates/offenders shall be provided mandatory Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) training which will focus on the prevention, detection, reporting and response to sexual assault or misconduct against inmates/offenders. This training will include: Instruction on this policy and procedure, including WDOC's zerotolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment; How to fulfill their responsibilities under WDOC sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting and response policies and procedures; Inmates'/Offenders' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment; The right of inmates/offenders and employees to be free of retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement; The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims; How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse; How to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates/offenders; How to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates/offenders, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates/offenders; How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities; Methods for the prevention of sexual misconduct; Identifying how sexual assault and misconduct affects the community, WDOC inmates/offenders, and staff; Identifying actual and at-risk victims and predators; Identifying means of medical treatment; and Instruction on record keeping and confidentiality. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 5-6 state all CoreCivic facility employees shall receive comprehensive training on preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Such training shall be tailored to the gender of the residents at the facility. Employees who have transferred or have been reassigned from a facility housing only one gender of resident (i.e. male facility to a female facility or vice versa) shall receive additional training. At a minimum, all employees shall receive pre-service and annual in-service training on the following: the CoreCivic zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment; how to fulfill employee responsibilities for sexual abuse/sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response in accordance with this policy; the right of residents to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment; the right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement, including locations, situations, and circumstances in which sexual abuse may occur; signs of victimization and the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims; how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse; how to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents; how to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including LGBTI and gender non-conforming residents; and how to comply with laws relevant to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities. A review of the PREA Overview Facilitator Guide confirmed that the staff training includes information on: the agency's zero tolerance policy (page 3), how to fulfill their responsibilities under

the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures (pages 4-19), the inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (pages 19-20), the right of the inmate to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (pages 19-20), the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (pages 21-23), the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims (page 24-26), how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse, how to avoid inappropriate relationship with inmates (page 26-27), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex inmates (pages 28-30) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting (page 30). Additionally, a review of the new 2022 PREA training tiled "PREA Overview" confirms that all required topics under this provision are also included in the new training including: the agency's zero tolerance policy (sections 1.7-1.10), how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures (sections 1.14-1.19), the residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (sections 1.24-1.26), the right of the resident and employee to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (sections 1.35-1.39), the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (sections 1.40-1.45), the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims (section 1.51), how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse (sections 1.47-1.56), how to avoid inappropriate relationship with residents (sections 1.59-1.62), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex residents (sections 1.64-1.65) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting (sections 1.81-1.84). The new training curriculum includes scenarios and guiz guestions at the end of each section. A review of nine staff training records indicated that 100% received PREA training. Interviews with eleven random staff confirmed that all eleven have received PREA training. Staff confirmed all the required elements under this provision were included in the training.

115.231 (b): The PAQ indicated that training is tailored to the gender of the resident at the facility and that employees who are reassigned to facilities with opposite gender are given additional training. #3.402, page 15 states PREA training shall be tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employees' facility. Any employee who is reassigned from a male only facility to a female only facility, or vice versa, shall receive additional training relative to the gender of the inmates at their new facility. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 5-6 state all CoreCivic facility employees shall receive comprehensive training on preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Such training shall be tailored to the gender of the residents at the facility. Employees who have transferred or have been reassigned from a facility housing only one gender of resident (i.e. male facility to a female facility or vice versa) shall receive additional training. A review of the PREA Overview Facilitator Guide indicated that the training has information on dynamics in male facilities and female facilities as well as common reactions of males and common reactions of females. Additionally, the agency has a training curriculum titled Supervising Female Inmates - PREA, which

outlines information specific to female facility, such as searches and the cross gender announcement.

115.231 (c): The PAQ indicated that between trainings the agency provides employees who may have contact with residents with refresher information about current policies regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The PAQ stated that staff receive training at least twice a year on PREA. #3.402, page 15 states refresher training shall be provided to all staff at least once every two years to ensure that all employees know WDOC's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures. In years in which refresher training is not delivered, refresher information shall be provided on WDOC's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 5-6 state all CoreCivic facility employees shall receive comprehensive training on preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Such training shall be tailored to the gender of the residents at the facility. Employees who have transferred or have been reassigned from a facility housing only one gender of resident (i.e. male facility to a female facility or vice versa) shall receive additional training. At a minimum, all employees shall receive pre-service and annual in-service training on the following: the CoreCivic zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment; how to fulfill employee responsibilities for sexual abuse/sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response in accordance with this policy; the right of residents to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment; the right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement, including locations, situations, and circumstances in which sexual abuse may occur; signs of victimization and the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims; how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse; how to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents; how to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including LGBTI and gender non-conforming residents; and how to comply with laws relevant to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities. A review of the PREA Overview Facilitator Guide confirmed that the staff training includes information on: the agency's zero tolerance policy (page 3), how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures (pages 4-19), the inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (pages 19-20), the right of the inmate to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (pages 19-20), the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (pages 21-23), the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims (page 24-26), how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse, how to avoid inappropriate relationship with inmates (page 26-27), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex inmates (pages 28-30) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting (page 30). Additionally, a review of the new 2022 PREA training tiled "PREA Overview"

confirms that all required topics under this provision are also included in the new training including: the agency's zero tolerance policy (sections 1.7-1.10), how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures (sections 1.14-1.19), the residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (sections 1.24-1.26), the right of the resident and employee to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (sections 1.35-1.39), the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (sections 1.40-1.45), the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims (section 1.51), how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse (sections 1.47-1.56), how to avoid inappropriate relationship with residents (sections 1.59-1.62), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex residents (sections 1.64-1.65) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting (sections 1.81-1.84). The new training curriculum includes scenarios and guiz guestions at the end of each section. The facility also provided numerous PREA Refresher documents which were provided as training on specific PREA standard topics. A review of documentation indicated five of the nine staff received PREA training the previous two years. Four staff had been hired within the year and did not have the second training yet.

115.231 (d): The PAQ stated that the agency documents that employees who may have contact with residents understand the training they have received through employee signature or electronic verification. #3.402, page 15 states the agency shall document, through employee signature or electronic verification, on WDOC Form #363, Staff PREA Training Verification, that employees understand the training they have received. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 6 states employees shall be required to confirm, by either electronic or manual signature, their understanding of the training that they have received. At pre-service training and annual in-service training, each employee and contractor shall be required to sign a 14-2A-CC PREA Training Acknowledgment form. Signed documentation shall be maintained in the employee's training file. A review of 14-2A-CC confirms staff sign the form which outlines the training components under provision (a). The form includes the following statement prior to signature: "I have listened to the instructors, viewed all video presentations, read all handouts, and I understand the training that I have received. I understand that as an employee/volunteer/ contractor, it is my responsibility to abide by policy and procedures as directed in the training. If I have questions about the training material presented, or policy/ procedures, I am aware that it is my responsibility to seek clarification from the class instructor, my supervisor, the Learning and Development Manager, or the PREA Compliance Manager." Additionally, the agency has a second training signature form. A review of 14-2J-CC indicates staff sign the form under the following language "I have reviewed the statement above on the CoreCivic Zero Tolerance Policy Statement for Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment of Residents. I fully understand the content of this policy statement." A review of the electronic signature further confirms staff are required to click a button confirming they

received and understood the training. A review of nine staff training records indicated that all nine manually or electronically signed that they received and understood the training (via the CoreCivic training verification).

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, the PREA Overview Facilitator Guide, the PREA Overview, Supervising Female Inmates – PREA, PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment (14-2J-CC), PREA Training Acknowledgment Preservice and Inservice (14-2A-CC), staff training records as well as interviews with random staff, indicates this standard appears to be compliant.

115.232	Volunteer and contractor training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Documents:
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
	2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 - Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
	3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
	4. PREA Overview: Training for Contractors and Volunteers (14-2K-CC)
	5. PREA Overview Facilitator Guide
	6. PREA Overview
	7. PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment (14-2J-CC)
	8. PREA Training Acknowledgment Preservice and Inservice (14-2A-CC)
	9. Contractor Training Records
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.232 (a): The PAQ indicated that all volunteers and contractors who have contact

with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse/sexual harassment prevention, detection and response. #3.402, page 15 states WDOC shall ensure that all

volunteers and contractors who have contact with offenders have been trained on their responsibilities under WDOC's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures. Contractors are required to complete the same PREA training as staff. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 6-7 state all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents shall receive training on their responsibilities pertaining to sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response as outlined in this policy. The PAQ indicated that eleven volunteers and contractors had received PREA training. A review of the PREA Overview Facilitator Guide confirmed that the staff training includes information on: the agency's zero tolerance policy (page 3), how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures (pages 4-19), the inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (pages 19-20), the right of the inmate to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (pages 19-20), the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (pages 21-23), the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims (page 24-26), how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse, how to avoid inappropriate relationship with inmates (page 26-27), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex inmates (pages 28-30) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting (page 30). Additionally, a review of the new 2022 PREA training tiled "PREA Overview" confirms that all required topics under this provision are also included in the new training including: the agency's zero tolerance policy (sections 1.7-1.10), how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures (sections 1.14-1.19), the residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (sections 1.24-1.26), the right of the resident and employee to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (sections 1.35-1.39), the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (sections 1.40-1.45), the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims (section 1.51), how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse (sections 1.47-1.56), how to avoid inappropriate relationship with residents (sections 1.59-1.62), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex residents (sections 1.64-1.65) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting (sections 1.81-1.84). The new training curriculum includes scenarios and quiz questions at the end of each section. A review of the PREA Overview: Training for Contractors and Volunteers (14-2K-CC) confirms that it includes information on prevention, detection and response. The training has definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, outlines the agency's zero tolerance policy, describes how contractors and volunteers fulfill their role in the PREA policy (including reporting immediately) and how to comply with the law. A review of two contractor training records confirmed that both received PREA training. There were zero contractors during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.232 (b): The PAQ indicated that the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors is not based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with residents. Additionally, the PAQ indicated that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents have been notified of the agency's zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed on how to report such incidents. #3.402, pages 15-16 state the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and the level of contact they have with offenders, but all volunteers and contractors who have contact with offenders shall be notified of the agency's zerotolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 7 states 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. All volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents shall receive information on how to report allegations and incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. All volunteers and contractors shall be required to sign the 14-2J-CC PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment form. Contractors, including but not limited to, medical, mental health, education and food service shall receive the same PREA training required of all CoreCivic employees who have contact with residents. These contractors shall be required to sign the 14-2A-CC PREA Training Acknowledgment and the 14-2J-CC PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment form. Contractors who may have contact with residents, including but not limited to, vendors, delivery truck drivers, or service personnel repairing equipment in the facility, are required to sign the 14-2J-CC PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment form, which provides basic training on the zero tolerance policy and incident reporting. The 14-2K-CC PREA Overview: Training for Contractors and Volunteers may be required should their duties develop into recurring contact with residents. Volunteers, who will have contact with residents, shall complete the CoreCivic PREA training provided in the 14-2K-CC PREA Overview: Training for Contractors and Volunteers administered by the facility Chaplain or Volunteer Coordinator/designee. A review of the PREA Overview Facilitator Guide confirmed that the staff training includes information on: the agency's zero tolerance policy (page 3), how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures (pages 4-19), the inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (pages 19-20), the right of the inmate to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (pages 19-20), the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (pages 21-23), the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims (page 24-26), how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse, how to avoid inappropriate relationship with inmates (page 26-27), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex inmates (pages 28-30) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting (page 30). Additionally, a review of the new 2022 PREA training tiled "PREA Overview" confirms that all required topics under this provision are also included in the new training including: the agency's zero tolerance policy (sections 1.7-1.10), how to fulfill their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies

and procedures (sections 1.14-1.19), the residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (sections 1.24-1.26), the right of the resident and employee to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment (sections 1.35-1.39), the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting (sections 1.40-1.45), the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims (section 1.51), how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse (sections 1.47-1.56), how to avoid inappropriate relationship with residents (sections 1.59-1.62), how to communicate effectively and professionally with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex residents (sections 1.64-1.65) and how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting (sections 1.81-1.84). The new training curriculum includes scenarios and quiz questions at the end of each section. A review of the PREA Overview: Training for Contractors and Volunteers (14-2K-CC) confirms that it includes information on prevention, detection and response. The training has definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, outlines the agency's zero tolerance policy, describes how contractors and volunteers fulfill their role in the PREA policy (including reporting immediately) and how to comply with the law. A review of two contractor training records confirmed that both received PREA training. There were zero contractors during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.232 (c): The PAQ stated that the agency maintains documentation confirming that volunteers/contractors understand the training they have received. #3.402 page 16 states WDOC shall maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they received. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 7 states all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents shall receive information on how to report allegations and incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. All volunteers and contractors shall be required to sign the 14-2J-CC PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment form. The agency has three possible acknowledgment forms 14-2K-CC, 14-2A-CC and 14-2J-CC. A review of 14-2K-CC indicates that volunteers and contractors sign the form under the following: "I have read the above handout and I fully understand the content. I have had an opportunity to ask questions about the training material presented, and I am aware that it is my responsibility to seek clarification from the class instructor, my supervisor, the Learning and Development Manager, or the PREA Compliance Manager." A review of 14-2A-CC confirms contractors sign the form which outlines the training components under provision (a) of PREA standard 115.231. The form includes the following statement prior to signature: "I have listened to the instructors, viewed all video presentations, read all handouts, and I understand the training that I have received. I understand that as an employee/ volunteer/contractor, it is my responsibility to abide by policy and procedures as directed in the training. If I have questions about the training material presented, or policy/procedures, I am aware that it is my responsibility to seek clarification from the class instructor, my supervisor, the Learning and Development Manager, or the PREA Compliance Manager." Additionally, a review of 14-2J-CC indicates contractors

and volunteers sign the form under the following language "I have reviewed the statement above on the CoreCivic Zero Tolerance Policy Statement for Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment of Residents. I fully understand the content of this policy statement. A review of two contractor training records confirmed that both received PREA training and signed that they received the training.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, PREA Overview: Training for Contractors and Volunteers (14-2K-CC, PREA Overview Facilitator Guide, PREA Overview, PREA Zero Tolerance Policy Acknowledgment (14-2J-CC), PREA Training Acknowledgment Preservice and Inservice (14-2A-CC), and contractor training records indicates that this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.233 Resident education

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

# **Auditor Discussion**

#### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. PREA Resource Center PREA Video (PREA Video)
- 5. CoreCivic 14-2AA PREA Prevent, Detect, Respond Brochure (PREA Brochure)
- 6. Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) Understanding PREA Brochure (WDOC Brochure)
- 7. Resident Residential Rules and Regulations (Handbook)
- 8. Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) PREA Poster (WDOC PREA Poster)
- 9. I Have a Right Poster
- 10. I Have a Responsibility Poster
- 11. Reporting Sexual Violence Handout
- 12. Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster (Reporting Allegations Poster)
- 13. LanguageLine Services, Inc. Contract

- 14. LanguageLine Insight Video Interpreting
- 15. Resident Education Records

## Interviews:

- 1. Interview with Intake Staff
- 2. Interviews with Random Residents

## Site Review Observations:

- Observations of Intake Area
- 2. Observations of PREA Posters

Findings (By Provision):

115.233 (a): The PAQ stated that during the intake process, residents shall receive information explaining the 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. #3.402, page 17 states during the initial intake process, inmates shall receive information explaining WDOC's zerotolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Additionally it states, it is mandatory that during initial intake processing upon arrival at a WDOC correctional facility or field service office, offenders will be provided with clear and understandable information pertaining to PREA, both orally and in writing, in a language clearly understood by the offender. This shall include information about sexual misconduct, including background information on PREA, prevention, intervention, self- protection, reporting, treatment and counseling, and confidentiality. #3.402, page 17 states during intake and orientation, and within thirty (30) days of the inmate's initial receipt, WDOC shall provide comprehensive education to inmates, either in person or through video, regarding their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and regarding WDOC policies and procedures for responding to such incidents. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 10-11 state upon arrival at the facility for intake, each resident shall be provided with information regarding sexual abuse prevention and reporting (e.g. resident handbook, CoreCivic 14-2AA PREA Prevent, Detect, Respond Brochure, contracting agency brochure, handout etc.). Information shall include but is not

limited to: explanation of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment; how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment; rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment; right to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents; and agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents. Policy further states that "at this facility the following information is provided at intake: WDOC PREA Pamphlet, CoreCivic PREA Pamphlet, WDOC 801 PREA Acknowledgment, CTC Resident Handbook, how to report a PREA incident is provided during the PREA assessment prior to the resident's housing assignment and PREA video at orientation within five days." A review of the PREA video confirmed that it discusses: zero tolerance, definitions, resident rights and response after an allegation of sexual abuse. The video is available in English and Spanish with subtitles. A review of the PREA Brochure noted that it contains information on the zero tolerance policy, right to be free from retaliation, definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, tips for avoiding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, ways to report, confidentiality and what to do if you've been abused. A review of the WDOC Brochure noted that it includes information on: how PREA applies to the resident, reporting mechanisms (verbal, written, hotline) and what to expect following an incident of sexual violence. A review of the Resident Handbook confirmed that it includes information on the zero tolerance policy, definitions, actions that will be taken after an allegation/ incident of sexual abuse, reporting mechanisms and contact information for Safehouse. A review of the WDOC Poster indicated it outlines reporting mechanisms and information on victim advocacy services. A review of the CoreCivic Posters indicate they have information on the zero tolerance policy and the reporting hotline. A review of the Reporting Allegations Poster confirmed that it included information on reporting and victim advocacy. A review of the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout notes that it includes definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and reporting methods (including the hotline, to staff verbally and to staff in writing). The PAQ indicated that 185 residents received information on the zero tolerance policy and how to report at intake. The is equivalent to 100% of residents that arrived in the previous twelve months. The auditor observed the intake process through a demonstration. Intake is completed in the conference room. Education is provided within 72 hours. All residents are provided the PREA Brochure and the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout. The staff show the residents the new PREA Resource Center video in English (with subtitles). The video is shown on a 52 inch television. The staff verbally advise the residents how to report and where the PREA information is located around the facility. The intake staff also provide the residents the Handbook (English only). A review of sixteen resident files of those received within the previous twelve months indicated that all sixteen were documented with receiving PREA education. The interview with the intake staff confirmed that residents receive information explaining the 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. She advised education is completed through the PREA video as well as distribution of a brochure. The intake staff indicated she verbally tells residents how

to report and that the posters are round the facility with information. All residents receive the education within 72 hours of arrival. All sixteen residents interviewed indicated that they had received information on the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and all sixteen stated that they were provided information about the zero-tolerance, how to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment and their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and retaliation from reporting such incidents. Most residents stated they received the information in person and via video when they first arrived.

115.233 (b): The PAQ indicated that the facility provides residents who are transferred from a different community confinement facility with refresher information referenced in 115.233(a). The PAQ further indicated there were zero residents who transferred from a different community confinement facility over the previous twelve months. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 11 states residents who have been transferred from another facility shall receive intake material from the receiving facility to serve as refresher training. A review of the PREA video confirmed that it discusses: zero tolerance, definitions, resident rights and response after an allegation of sexual abuse. The video is available in English and Spanish with subtitles. A review of the PREA Brochure noted that it contains information on the zero tolerance policy, right to be free from retaliation, definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, tips for avoiding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, ways to report, confidentiality and what to do if you've been abused. A review of the WDOC Brochure noted that it includes information on: how PREA applies to the resident, reporting mechanisms (verbal, written, hotline) and what to expect following an incident of sexual violence. A review of the Resident Handbook confirmed that it includes information on the zero tolerance policy, definitions, actions that will be taken after an allegation/incident of sexual abuse, reporting mechanisms and contact information for Safehouse. A review of the WDOC Poster indicated it outlines reporting mechanisms and information on victim advocacy services. A review of the CoreCivic Posters indicate they have information on the zero tolerance policy and the reporting hotline. A review of the Reporting Allegations Poster confirmed that it included information on reporting and victim advocacy. A review of the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout notes that it includes definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and reporting methods (including the hotline, to staff verbally and to staff in writing). The auditor observed the intake process through a demonstration. Intake is completed in the conference room. Education is provided within 72 hours. All residents are provided the PREA Brochure and the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout. The staff show the residents the new PREA Resource Center video in English (with subtitles). The video is shown on a 52 inch television. The staff verbally advise the residents how to report and where the PREA information is located around the facility. The intake staff also provide the residents the Handbook (English only). A review of sixteen resident files of those received within the previous twelve months indicated that all sixteen were documented with receiving PREA education. The interview with the intake staff confirmed that residents receive information explaining the 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. She advised education is completed through the PREA video as well as distribution of a brochure. The intake staff indicated she verbally tells residents how to report and that the posters are round the facility with information. All residents receive the education within 72 hours of arrival. All sixteen residents interviewed indicated that they had received information on the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and all sixteen stated that they were provided information about the zero-tolerance, how to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment and their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and retaliation from reporting such incidents. Most residents stated they received the information in person and via video when they first arrived.

115.233 (c): The PAQ stated that resident PREA education is available in formats accessible to all residents, including those who are limited English proficient. Additionally, the PAQ stated that resident PREA education is available in formats accessible to all residents, including those who are deaf, visually impaired, have limited reading skills, or are otherwise disabled. #3.402, page 18 indicates that WDOC shall provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates, including those who are limited English proficient, deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as to inmates who have limited reading skills. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 11 states the facility shall take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the facility and agency efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Residents who are deaf or hard of hearing shall have access to information through simple written communication. Sign language interpreters, or auxiliary aids such as a TTY that are reasonable, effective, and appropriate to the needs of the resident shall be provided when simple written communication is not effective. The facility will ensure that information is effectively communicated orally, on an individual basis, to residents with limited reading skills, residents who are blind or have low vision, and those who may have difficulty understanding provided information due to intellectual deficiencies, mental health concerns, or speech disabilities. Additionally, policy states that at this facility the following is provided to assist residents with disabilities: PREA Video (with audio), PREA Brochure, LanguageLine, TTY for Hearing Impaired, Google Translate and Assistant Readers. The agency has a contract with LanguageLine Services, Inc. to provide translation services for residents who are LEP. This is a service the facility can call that will translate information between the staff member and LEP resident. The contract was most recently signed on March 19, 2019. Part of the LanguageLine Solutions contract includes video interpreting that is done via the computer and can be utilized for deaf and/or heard of hearing residents. Additionally, American Sign Language is a language option under the LanguageLine Solutions contract. A review of the PREA video confirmed that it

discusses: zero tolerance, definitions, resident rights and response after an allegation of sexual abuse. The video is available in English and Spanish with subtitles. A review of the PREA Brochure, WDOC Brochure and Resident Handbook confirmed that PREA information is available in in large font, bright colors. The PREA Brochure and WDOC Brochure are available in Spanish, however the Handbook is only available in English. A review of the PREA Posters (CoreCivic and WDOC) indicated that information is provided in adequate font size and posters had a color scheme that was visible. Additionally, the PREA Posters, with the exception of the Reporting Allegations Poster, are available in English and Spanish. A review of the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout indicated it can be provided in larger font but is only available in English. A review of documentation for one disabled resident and one LEP resident confirmed both signed they received and understood PREA education. The one LEP resident signed an English form, however during the interview the LEP resident he confirmed he was provided information in an accessible format.

115.233 (d): The PAQ indicated that the agency maintains documentation of resident participation in PREA education sessions. #3.402, page 18 indicates that WDOC shall maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions. Inmates sign the Inmate PREA Education form upon completion of orientation. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 11states residents shall sign indicating acknowledgment that they have received Intake information and this documentation shall be maintained by the facility in the resident file. A review of PREA Education Acknowledgement form confirms residents sign that they received the PREA Brochure, Facility Handbook and watched the PREA Video. A review of sixteen resident files of those that arrived in the previous twelve months indicate that all sixteen signed an acknowledgement form indicating that they had received PREA education.

115.233 (e): The PAQ indicated that the agency ensures that key information about the agency's PREA policies is continuously and readily available or visible through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats. #3.402, page 18 states in addition to providing such education, the agency shall ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters or other postings, inmate handbooks, or other written formats. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 11 states in addition to providing information at Intake, the facility shall ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to residents through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats. A review of the PREA Brochure noted that it contains information on the zero tolerance policy, right to be free from retaliation, definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, tips for avoiding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, ways to report, confidentiality and what to do if you've been abused. A review of the WDOC Brochure noted that it includes information on: how PREA applies to the resident, reporting mechanisms (verbal, written, hotline) and what to

expect following an incident of sexual violence. A review of the Resident Handbook confirmed that it includes information on the zero tolerance policy, definitions, actions that will be taken after an allegation/incident of sexual abuse, reporting mechanisms and contact information for Safehouse. A review of the WDOC Poster indicated it outlines reporting mechanisms and information on victim advocacy services. A review of the CoreCivic Posters indicate they have information on the zero tolerance policy and the reporting hotline. A review of the Reporting Allegations Poster confirmed that it included information on reporting and victim advocacy. A review of the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout notes that it includes definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and reporting methods (including the hotline, to staff verbally and to staff in writing). The auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Reporting information was observed via the PREA Brochure, WDOC PREA Poster, the Reporting Allegations Poster and the I Have a Right Poster. The PREA Brochure was observed in English on letter size paper. The I Have a Right Poster was observed in English and Spanish on poster size paper. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. The WDOC PREA Poster was in English on poster size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While information was observed, the WDOC PREA Poster was the older version and the information was not accurate. In addition to the reporting information, the auditor observed victim advocacy information posted via the Reporting Allegations Poster. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While the contact information was provided for emotional support services, the way it was organized made it appear as if it were a reporting mechanism. Additionally, the font size appeared to be a little small.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, PREA What You Need to Know Video, CoreCivic 14-2AA PREA Prevent, Detect, Respond Brochure (PREA Brochure), Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) Understanding PREA Brochure (WDOC Brochure, Resident Residential Rules and Regulations (Handbook), Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) PREA Poster (WDOC PREA Poster), I Have a Right Poster, I Have a Responsibility Poster, Reporting Sexual Violence Handout, Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster, LanguageLine Services, Inc. Contract, LanguageLine Insight Video Interpreting, observations made during the tour as well information obtained during interviews with intake staff and random residents indicate that this standard appears to require corrective action. While information was observed, the WDOC PREA Poster was the older version and the information was not accurate. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some of resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While the contact information was provided, the way it was organized made it appear as if it were a reporting mechanism. Additionally, the font size appeared to be a little small. A review of the

PREA Brochure, WDOC Brochure and Resident Handbook confirmed that PREA information is available in in large font, bright colors. The PREA Brochure and WDOC Brochure are available in Spanish, however the Handbook is only available in English. A review of the PREA Posters (CoreCivic and WDOC) indicated that information is provided in adequate font size and posters had a color scheme that was visible. Additionally, the PREA Posters, with the exception of the Reporting Allegations Poster, are available in English and Spanish. A review of the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout indicated it can be provided in larger font but is only available in English.

# Corrective Action

The facility will need to update the Handbook and Reporting Allegations Poster to be accessible for LEP residents. A copy of the documents as well as confirmation of distribution (i.e. photos) will need to be provided. Further the facility will need to review all currently posted information to ensure it is all accurate, consistent and visible for vision impaired residents. Photos of the posted information around the facility will need to be provided as well as any updated documents that were posted.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

#### Additional Documents:

- 1. Resident Handbook in Spanish
- 2. Updated Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster
- 3. Photos of Updated Posted Information

The facility provided the Handbook, which was translated in Spanish. The facility also provided the updated Reporting Allegations Poster in English and Spanish. The Reporting Allegations Poster was updated to differentiate between reporting entities and emotional support services. Photos were provided of the updated Reporting Allegations Poster in English and Spanish posted around the facility. The Posters

were on letter size paper and appeared to have adequate size font. It should be noted the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout is not a CoreCivic document and as such the facility was unable to update this document in Spanish. Numerous other documents are in Spanish with the same information.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

## Recommendation

The auditor highly recommends that the Handbook also be updated to include the same information and format as the Reporting Allegations Poster.

# 115.234 **Specialized training: Investigations** Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** Documents: 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 - Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #1.014 -Investigations 4. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting CoreCivic PREA Training Acknowledgment Specialized Training (14-2A1-CC) 6. 7. **Investigator Training Records** Interviews:

Interviews with Investigative Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.234 (a): The PAQ indicated that agency policy requires that investigators are trained in conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings. #3.402, page 16 states in addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to this policy, the agency shall ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings, as outlined in WDOC Policy and Procedure #1.014, Investigations. #1.014, pages 9 states in addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to WDOC Policy and Procedure #3.402, Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders, the agency shall ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 4 states in addition to the general training provided to all employees, and to the extent that CoreCivic conducts sexual abuse investigations, investigators shall receive training in conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings. The facility PREA Compliance Manager shall ensure that more than one person at the facility receives training as a sexual abuse investigator. This will ensure that a trained investigator is available as a backup during employee absences (e.g. leave, paid time off, sickness, offsite training, etc.). The specialized training is completed through the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting. A review of documentation indicated that three facility staff were documented with the specialized training. A review of one investigation indicated that the investigator was documented with the specialized training. The interviews with the investigators confirmed they received specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigation in a confinement setting. The WDOC investigator advised training was via the NIC course while the facility investigator advised they received training through WDOC.

115.234 (b): #1.014, page 9 states specialized training shall include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 4 states specialized training for investigators shall include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral. The specialized training is completed through the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting. A

review of the training indicates Chapter 2 discusses Miranda and Garrity warnings, evidence collection and criteria to substantiate a case while Chapter 3 discusses interviewing sexual abuse victims. A review of documentation indicated that three facility staff are documented with the specialized training. A review of one investigation indicated that the investigator was documented with the specialized training. Interviews with investigators confirmed that the required topics were covered in the training.

115.234 (c): #1.014, page 9 states the agency shall maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 4 states employees who conduct sexual abuse and sexual harassment administrative investigations are required to document completion of this training by signing the 14-2A1- CC PREA Training Acknowledgment for Specialty Training. This documentation shall be maintained in the employee training file. A review of 14-2A1-CC indicates staff and/or contractors sign that they completed either the specialized investigator training or the specialized training for medical and mental health. The staff sign below the following statement: "I have listened to the instructors, viewed all video presentations, read all handouts, and I understand the training that I have received. I understand that as an employee/volunteer/ contractor, it is my responsibility to abide by policy and procedures as directed in the training. If I have questions about the training material presented, or policy/ procedures, I am aware that it is my responsibility to seek clarification from the class instructor, my supervisor, the Learning and Development Manager, or the PREA Compliance Manager." The PAQ indicated that the agency maintains documentation showing that investigators have completed the required training and that three facility investigators has completed the required training. A review of documentation indicated that three facility staff are documented with the specialized training via a training certificate. A review of one investigation indicated that the investigator was documented with the specialized training.

115.234(d): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, #1.014, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting, CoreCivic PREA Training Acknowledgment Specialized Training (14-2A1-CC), investigator training records as well as the interview with the facility investigator, indicates that this standard appears to be compliant.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

## **Auditor Discussion**

#### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Memorandum of Understanding with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

Findings (By Provision):

115.235 (a): The PAQ stated that this standards is not applicable and that the agency does not have medical and mental health practitioners who work regularly in its facilities. Further communication with the PC indicated the agency has medical and mental health care staff, however this specific facility does not have medical or mental health care staff. All services are provided in the community. #3.402, page 16, states that the agency shall ensure 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; How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse; How to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse; and How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 6 states in addition to the general training provided to all employees to comply with PREA Standard 115.231, all full and part-time Qualified Health Care Professionals and Qualified Mental Health Professionals, working at the facility shall receive specialized medical/mental health training as outlined below: how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse; how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and how and to whom to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was executed in February 2018. The PAQ indicated that zero medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly at the facility received the required training. The facility does not have medical or mental health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.235 (b): The PAQ indicated that agency medical staff do not perform forensic

exams and as such this provision does not apply. #3.402, pages 16-17 state if medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, such medical staff shall receive the appropriate training to conduct such examinations. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 6 states CoreCivic staff do not conduct forensic examinations. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was executed in February 2018. The facility does not have medical or mental health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.235 (c): The PAQ indicated that this standard is not applicable and that the agency does not have medical and mental health practitioners who work regularly in its facilities. Further communication with the PC indicated the agency has medical and mental health care staff, however this specific facility does not have medical or mental health care staff. All services are provided in the community. #3.402, page 17 states the agency shall maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere.14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 6 states Medical and Mental Health Staff are required to document completion of this training by signing the 14-2A1-CC PREA Training Acknowledgment for Specialty Training. This documentation shall be maintained in the employee training file. A review of 14-2A1-CC indicates staff and/or contractors sign that they completed either the specialized investigator training or the specialized training for medical and mental health. The staff sign below the following statement: "I have listened to the instructors, viewed all video presentations, read all handouts, and I understand the training that I have received. I understand that as an employee/volunteer/ contractor, it is my responsibility to abide by policy and procedures as directed in the training. If I have questions about the training material presented, or policy/ procedures, I am aware that it is my responsibility to seek clarification from the class instructor, my supervisor, the Learning and Development Manager, or the PREA Compliance Manager".

115.235 (d): #3.402, page 17 states medical and mental health practitioners shall also receive the training mandated for contractors and volunteers under paragraph (xiii) of this section. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 5-6 state all CoreCivic facility employees shall receive comprehensive training on preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Such training shall be tailored to the gender of the residents at the facility. Employees who have transferred or have been reassigned from a facility housing only one gender of resident (i.e. male facility to a female facility or vice versa) shall receive additional training. At a minimum, all employees shall receive pre-service and annual in-service training on the following: the CoreCivic zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment; how to fulfill employee responsibilities for sexual abuse/sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response in

accordance with this policy; the right of residents to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment; the right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement, including locations, situations, and circumstances in which sexual abuse may occur; signs of victimization and the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims; how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse; how to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents; how to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including LGBTI and gender non-conforming residents; and how to comply with laws relevant to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 6-7 state all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents shall receive training on their responsibilities pertaining to sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response as outlined in this policy.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response and the Memorandum of Understanding with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center this standard appears to be not applicable and as such compliant.

# 115.241 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

# **Auditor Discussion**

# Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Sexual Abuse Screening Tool (14-2B-CC)
- 5. Resident Risk Assessment and Reassessment Documents

# Interviews:

- 1. Interview with Staff Responsible for Risk Screening
- 2. Interviews with Random Residents
- 3. Interview with the PREA Coordinator

Site Review Observations:

- 1. Observations of Risk Screening Area
- 2. Observations of Where Resident Files are Located

Findings (By Provision):

115.241 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency has a policy that requires screening upon admission to a facility or transfer to another facility for risk of sexual abuse victimization or sexual abusiveness toward other residents. #3.402, page 18 indicates that all inmates shall be assessed during an intake screening and upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexual abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates. It further states that as part of the intake process each inmate will undergo a review of any history of sexual abuse/ victimization and/or predatory behavior. This review may include a self-report questionnaire for the inmate to provide information and it may also include a review by case management staff of all available reports in the inmate's base file. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 9 states all residents shall be assessed during an intake screening in order to obtain information relevant to housing, work, education, and program assignments. The goal is to keep separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexual abusive. The auditor was provided a demonstration of the initial risk assessment. The risk screening is completed one-on-one in a private room. The staff complete the risk screening electronically. Staff ask the resident about violent offenses, prior sexual victimization, whether they were approached for sex, gender identity, sexual preference and perception of vulnerability. The staff receive the resident biography prior to arrival to compare the information provided by the resident. Staff confirmed they utilize information from the file if responses differ. Interviews with sixteen residents that arrived within the previous twelve months confirmed that thirteen were asked the risk screening questions on the first day they arrived. Interviews with staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that residents are screened for their risk of victimization and abusiveness upon admission to the facility.

115.241 (b): The PAQ indicated that the policy requires that residents be screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other residents within 72 hours of their intake. #3.402, page 18 states within 24 hours of arrival at the facility, inmates will be screened for potential vulnerabilities or tendencies to act out with sexually aggressive predatory behavior using an objective screening instrument and housing assignments will be made accordingly. 14-2 CC Sexual

Abuse Prevention and Response, page 9 states residents shall be assessed, within 24 hours of arrival at the facility, unless contracting agency policy authorizes 72 hours following arrival. This includes residents who have been transferred from another facility, have been received from a reception center where an assessment may already have been completed as part of reception, and residents who have been returned from court, or other leave status. The PAQ stated that 182 residents were screened for their risk of sexual victimization and risk of sexually abusing other residents. This was 100% of those reported to have arrived in the previous twelve months that stayed over 72 hours. A review of sixteen resident files of those that arrived within the previous twelve months confirmed that all sixteen had an initial risk screening within 72 hours of arrival. Interviews with sixteen residents that arrived within the previous twelve months confirmed that thirteen were asked the risk screening questions on the first day they arrived. Interviews with staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that residents are screened for their risk of victimization and abusiveness within 72 hours.

115.241 (c): The PAQ indicated that the risk assessment is conducted using an objective screening instrument. #3.402, page 18 states such assessment shall be conducted using an objective screening instrument. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 9 states screenings will be completed and documented using an objective screening instrument. The CoreCivic 14-2B-CC Sexual Abuse Screening Tool shall be utilized for this purpose unless the contracting agency requires usage of another form or computerized screening and assessment process. Screenings shall also include a review of the resident's available institutional file (or other documentation provided by the contracting agency or transferring facility). A review of Sexual Abuse Screening Tool confirmed that the assessment includes seven questions that are asked to the resident and seven questions that are completed by staff through a file review or through observation for the victimization section. The yes responses are tallied and determine whether the individual is a victim, potential victim or if it is not applicable (no risk). The abusiveness section of the form has five questions that staff ask the resident. The yes responses are tallied to determine if the individual is a predator, potential predator or not applicable (no risk). There is also a section to indicate any discrepancies from the interview and the file review. Directions for the form indicate that any discrepancies from the file review and the answers, such as if the resident states they do not have violent offenses but the file review indicates they do, the response should be a "yes".

115.241 (d): #3.402, page 19 states the intake screening shall consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability; the age of the inmate; the physical build of the inmate; whether the inmate has been previously incarcerated; whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent; whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an

adult or child; whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming; whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization; and the inmate's own perception of vulnerability. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 9 states the intake screening shall 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; 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 nonconforming; whether the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization; and the resident's own perception of vulnerability. A review of the Sexual Abuse Screening Tool confirmed that it contains fourteen criteria related to victimization factors. These questions include: prior victimization; threats of sexual abuse by another inmate/resident while incarcerated; approached by another inmate/resident for sex; vulnerability to sexual abuse or assault; sexual orientation or status as LGBTI or gender non-conforming or if individual believes they are perceived as LGBTI or gender non-conforming; physical, mental or developmental disability; current or prior conviction of sexual offense/abuse against a child or adult; stature; age; first incarceration; only nonviolent offenses; appearance of disability; appearance of LGBTI; and appearance of loner, introvert, or naïve. The staff responsible for the risk screening stated the risk assessment is completed electronically via a form. The risk screening includes observations and verbally asking questions. The staff advised they ask about violent offenses, prior sexual abuse against an adult or child, non-violent offenses, gender identity, sexual preference, prior sexual victimization and perception of vulnerability. The staff stated they use the biography on the resident as well to confirm responses and information. Staff confirmed all elements under this provision are considered in the risk assessment.

115.241 (e): #3.402, page 20 states the initial screening shall consider prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse, as known to the agency, in assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 9 states the initial intake screening shall consider prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse. A review of the Sexual Abuse Screening Tool confirmed it contains five questions related to predatory factors. These questions include: previous convictions for sexual assault/abuse in prison/jail; disciplinary sanctions for sexual abuse while incarcerated; current or prior conviction of sexual offense/abuse against an adult or child; prior conviction of violent offense against child or adult; and any disciplinary sanctions for violence while incarcerated. The staff responsible for the risk screening stated the risk assessment is completed electronically via a form. The risk screening includes observations and verbally asking questions. The staff advised they ask about violent offenses, prior sexual abuse against an adult or child, non-violent offenses, gender identity, sexual preference, prior sexual victimization and perception of vulnerability. The staff stated they use the biography

on the resident as well to confirm responses and information. Staff confirmed all elements under this provision are considered in the risk assessment.

115.241 (f): The PAQ indicated that policy requires that the facility reassess each resident's risk of victimization or abusiveness within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days after the resident's arrival at the facility, based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening. #3.402, page 21 indicates that within a time period, not to exceed 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, the facility will reassess the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 10 states within a set period not to exceed 30 days from the resident's arrival at the facility, a reassessment of the resident's risk level for victimization or abusiveness, will be completed utilizing the 14-2B- CC Sexual Abuse Screening Tool, or contracting agency equivalent instrument. The 30-day reassessment will include any additional relevant information received by the facility since the initial intake screening. The facility will maintain a tracking system to ensure that reassessments are not completed beyond 30 days. Policy further states at this facility, the set period for conducting the reassessment is 20-25 days not to exceed the 30 days. The PAQ indicated that 133, or 100% of residents entering the facility that stayed over 30 days were reassessed for their risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness within 30 days of their arrival. The reassessment is completed one-on-one in a private setting. Staff ask the questions from the risk screening form and then complete the observation section of the risk screening. Staff ask about prior sexual victimization, sex offenses, gender identity, sexual preference, etc. Staff review criminal history and other file information. The staff note any discrepancies and staff indicated if there was a difference, they would go off the resident's response. During documentation review the auditor observed inconsistencies on the initial risk screening and the 30 day reassessment on criteria that would not changes, including prior violent offenses and number of incarcerations. This indicated noncompliance with the risk assessment process. Interviews with the staff responsible for the risk screening confirmed that residents are reassessed within 30 days. Interviews with sixteen residents that arrived within the previous twelve months indicated nine were asked the risk screening questions on more than one occasion. Most of the residents stated they were asked these questions a few weeks after arrival. A review of sixteen resident files of those arrived within the previous twelve months indicated twelve residents had a reassessment within 30 days. Those without a reassessment had been at the facility less than 30 days.

115.241 (g): The PAQ indicated that policy requires that a resident's risk level be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the resident's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. #3.402, pages 21-22 state that an inmate's risk level

shall also be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 10 states a reassessment shall also be completed when warranted, due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that may impact the resident's risk of victimization or abusiveness. Additionally, it states following an incident of sexual abuse, a reassessment shall be completed on both the alleged victim and alleged perpetrator. There were zero substantiated sexual abuse allegations and as such there were no resident reassessment required related to a sexual abuse allegation. A review of sixteen resident files of those arrived within the previous twelve months indicated twelve residents had a reassessment within 30 days. Those without a reassessment had been at the facility less than 30 days. Interviews with sixteen residents that arrived within the previous twelve months indicated nine were asked the risk screening questions on more than one occasion. The staff responsible for the risk screening confirmed that residents are reassessed when warranted due to request, referral or receipt of additional information.

115.241 (h): The PAQ indicated that policy prohibits disciplining residents for refusing to answer whether or not the resident has mental, physical or developmental disability; whether or not the resident is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex or gender non-conforming; whether or not the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization; and the residents own perception of vulnerability. #3.402, page 19 indicates that inmates may not be disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to questions asked pursuant to paragraphs 1, 7, 8 or 9 (whether or not the inmate has a mental, physical or developmental disability; whether or not the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex or gender nonconforming; whether the inmate previously experienced sexual victimization and the inmate's own perception of vulnerability). 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 10 states residents shall not be disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information, in response to questions G.4.a., G.4.g., G.4.h., and G.4. (i). Interviews with staff who conduct the risk screening confirmed that residents are not disciplined for refusing to answer risk screening questions.

115.241 (i): #3.402, page 20 states that the agency shall implement appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this section in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 10 states the facility shall control the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions on the screening forms in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the resident's detriment by staff or other residents. Measures taken shall include, but are not limited to: sexual abuse

screening interviews with residents at intake shall be conducted with as much privacy as is reasonable given security and safety concerns; a resident shall not be permitted to complete his/her own 14-2B-CC form (or contracting agency assessment form) or utilize assistance from other residents to complete the form, staff shall complete all 14-2B-CC forms; residents shall not be permitted to have access to files containing assessment forms belonging to other residents; and where assessments are conducted electronically, access is granted only to those staff involved in the assessment process, those making housing and program decisions, and staff with a need to know for the safe and secure operation of the facility. Resident risk assessments are completed on paper and then scanned electronically into the system. The paper forms are shredded. All staff have access to the resident's risk assessment information. The facility indicated this was due to the size of the facility, the limited number of staff and the many duties (including risk assessments) that all staff perform. The PREA Coordinator stated that access to the 14-2B and/or partner agency risk assessments are secured in the resident's files in record offices where access is controlled to only those who need access such as Case Managers, and treatment personnel. Those assessments on computers are protected by passwords and are not accessible by all staff. The staff who conduct the risk screening stated that only certain people have access, such as Case Managers, Quality Assurance staff, administrative staff, etc. Further communication indicated that all staff have access due to the low number of staff at the facility and their need to perform all duties, including housing assignments.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, Sexual Abuse Screening Tool (14-2B-CC), a review of resident files and information from interviews with the PREA Coordinator, staff responsible for conducting the risk screenings and random residents indicate that this standard appears to require corrective action. During documentation review the auditor observed inconsistencies on the initial risk screening and the 30 day reassessment on criteria that would not changes, including prior violent offenses and number of incarcerations. This indicated noncompliance with the risk assessment process.

# Corrective Action

The facility will need to train staff on the process for initial risk assessments and reassessment. A copy of the training will need to be completed. A list of residents during the corrective action period as well as a systematic sample of initial risk assessments and risk reassessments will need to be provided.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

#### Additional Documents:

- 1. Staff Training
- 2. List of Residents that Arrived During the Corrective Action Period
- 3. Resident Risk Assessments

The facility provided training that was conducted with staff on the risk screening process. Training went over the guidelines for proper risk assessments, including to be done in-person, to be done in a private setting, to be completed in 72 hours and 30 days and to include verbal response as well as a file review to confirm information. Staff signatures were provided confirming they received and understood the training.

A list of residents that arrived during the corrective action period and a systematic sample of risk assessments were provided. Five of the nine risk assessments had conflicting information on the initial and reassessment. The conflicting information was categories that should not change (i.e. stature, number of incarcerations, violent vs. nonviolent criminal history). As such the auditor advised additional training with risk screening staff was necessary.

The facility conducted training with the agency PC on the risk assessment process. The training included an email that went over the proper risk assessment process, the PREA Resource Center's Standards in Focus for 115.41 and 115.42 and a document that included supplemental guidelines for the risk assessment process.

Another list of residents that arrived during the corrective action period and associated risk assessments were provided. Five of the ten did not stay at the facility longer than 30 days, however a review of the other five noted no issues between the initial risk assessment and the reassessment.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

# 115.242 Use of screening information Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** Documents: Pre-Audit Questionnaire 1. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 - Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.307 -3. Management of Transgender or Intersex Inmates 4. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response 5. Sample of High Risk Resident Housing Determination Documents 6. LGB Resident Housing Interviews: 1. Interviews with Staff Responsible for Risk Screening 2. Interview with PREA Coordinator 3. Interviews with Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Residents Site Review Observations: 1. Location of Resident Records 2. Housing Assignments of LGBTI Residents 3. Shower Area in Housing Units Findings (By Provision): 115.242 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency/facility uses information from the risk screening 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. #3.402, page 22 indicates that the agency shall use the information from the risk screening to inform

housing, bed, work, education and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate, or under direct staff supervision of staff, those inmates at high risk of being sexual victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 10 states all residents shall be assessed during an intake screening in order to obtain information relevant to housing, work, education, and program assignments. The goal is to keep separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexual abusive. Page 12 further states The facility shall use the information from the 14-2B-CC Sexual Abuse Screening Tool, or equivalent contracting agency form, completed at initial screening and all subsequent reassessments, in the consideration of housing, recreation, work program and other activities. Screening of residents should only be used as a guideline for determining appropriate housing and services, and should never be used as the sole reason for the deprivation of a program or privilege. The facility shall make individualized case-by-case determinations about how to ensure the safety of each resident. The interview with the PREA Coordinator indicated the goal of the risk screening information is to separate actual and potential victims and abusers. Each facility uses the 14-2B CC Risk Screening instrument to identify victims and abusers and separate them accordingly in housing placement. He further stated that to the extent possible in community corrections, this is also considered in job placement and programming. Interviews with staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that the risk screening information is utilized for housing. They advised they would not house victims with predators. A review of resident housing assignments indicated there was one high risk abuser and numerous high risk victims. The high risk abuser was not housed in the same room as high risk victims. The high risk abuser was a female resident and as such had to be on the same floor as a high risk victim due to the limited location of female residents. Residents did not have job or program assignments at the facility and as such this did not apply.

115.242 (b): The PAQ indicated that the agency/facility makes individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each resident. #3.402, page 22 states that the agency makes individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 12 states the facility shall make individualized case-by-case determinations about how to ensure the safety of each resident. Interviews with staff responsible for the risk screening indicated that the risk screening information is utilized for housing. They advised they would not house victims with predators.

115.242 (c): The PAQ stated that the agency/facility makes housing and program assignments for transgender or intersex residents in the facility on a case by case basis. #3.402, page 6 and #3.307. page 4 indicate that in deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, and in making other housing and programming assignments, the agency shall consider on a case by case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and

safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems. #3.307, page 4 further states if during the intake process an inmate identifies as transgender or intersex the TRC will determine the housing assignments. The facility housing manager shall ensure the TRC is developed within three (3) working days from the inmate's arrival and/or identification as transgender or intersex. The committee shall document the review and determination for housing. The TRC shall review all of the inmate's records; this includes the inmate's PSI, records received from the county jail the inmate was housed at, necessary medical and mental health records and assessments, and any other pertinent records to assist in determining housing. An interview with the inmate to include asking the inmate on his or her own opinion of his or her vulnerability in male or female units. At no time shall identification as transgender or intersex be the sole factor in determining housing. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 12 states in deciding whether to house a transgender/intersex resident in a male or female unit, pod, or dormitory within the facility subsequent to arrival, or, when making other housing and programming assignments for such residents, the facility shall consider whether the placement would ensure the resident's health and safety and whether the placement would present management or security problems. The interview with the PC indicated that CoreCivic is a private company and the initial assignment of residents to each community facility is made by a partner agency. Once at a facility, a housing assignment for a transgender and/or intersex resident is made on an individual basis. Through the partner agency, and following discussion with the resident, the best facility, dorm or room assignment is selected. There were zero transgender or intersex residents during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were completed.

115.242 (d): #3.307, page 4 further states if during the intake process an inmate identifies as transgender or intersex the TRC will determine the housing assignments. The facility housing manager shall ensure the TRC is developed within three (3) working days from the inmate's arrival and/or identification as transgender or intersex. The committee shall document the review and determination for housing. The TRC shall review all of the inmate's records; this includes the inmate's PSI, records received from the county jail the inmate was housed at, necessary medical and mental health records and assessments, and any other pertinent records to assist in determining housing. An interview with the inmate to include asking the inmate on his or her own opinion of his or her vulnerability in male or female units. At no time shall identification as transgender or intersex be the sole factor in determining housing. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 12 states Transgender or intersex resident gender self-identification and selfassessment of safety needs shall be given serious consideration in all housing and program assignments. Interviews with the PC and the staff responsible for risk screening confirmed that the residents' own views with respect to his/her safety would be given serious consideration. There were zero transgender or intersex residents during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were completed.

115.242 (e): #3.402, page 6 indicates that transgender and intersex inmates shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates (i.e., in individual single person showers or at a time separate from other inmates in larger shower areas, if such exist). #3.307, page 5 states special shower times may be authorized by the TRC on a case-by- case basis upon inmate requests. Facilities shall develop facility operational procedures to allow transgender and intersex offenders the opportunity to shower and dress/undress separately from other offenders. This may include shower stalls, separate shower times, or other procedures based on facility design. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 15 states transgender and intersex residents shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents. The degree of separation required is dependent on the layout of the facility, and may be accomplished either through physical separation (e.g. separate shower stalls) or by time phasing or scheduling (e.g. allowing a resident to shower before or after others). The number of separate showers per day and the time of day for showering separately may be limited due to facility physical plant and/or institutional need. Staff shall use discretion in determining whether to grant requests to shower separately made by newly arrived residents who have not been identified as Transgender or Intersex, or have this review pending. Policy further states that at this facility transgender and intersex residents are provided the opportunity to shower separately in the second and third floor common bathrooms. During the tour it was observed that showers were single person and had curtains and an entrance door. Interviews with the PC and the staff responsible for risk screening confirmed that transgender and intersex residents are provided the opportunity to shower separately. The PC stated that each facility has a plan for this based on the physical layout of the facility and shower areas. He stated that most community facilities have individual shower stalls with curtains to ensure privacy. There were zero transgender or intersex residents during the on-site portion of the audit and as such no interviews were completed.

115.242 (f): #3.402, page 6 indicates that the agency shall not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless such placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting such inmates. #3.307, page 2 further states the WDOC does not place lesbian, bisexual, transgender, gender-variant, or intersex offenders in dedicated facilities, or units solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless such placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or pod established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting such offenders. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 12 states the facility shall not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex residents in dedicated units, wings or dormitories solely on the basis of gender identification or status. The interview with the PC confirmed that the agency is not under a consent decree. He stated that it is contrary to CoreCivic Policy to place LGBTI residents together in to

one dedicated Unit. solely on the basis of their sexual orientation, genital status, or gender identity. Housing decisions are made individually at the facility level using the screening forms to assess risk. Transgender residents are reviewed individually with consideration made for their own safety concerns. Interviews with four LGB residents confirmed none of the four felt that LGBTI residents were placed in any specific facility, unit or wing based on their sexual preference and/or gender identity. A review of housing assignments for the LGB residents indicated they were not placed in one area of the facility.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, #3.307, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, high risk resident housing documentation, LGB resident housing documents and information from interviews with the PC, staff responsible for the risk screenings and LGB residents indicates that this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.251 Resident reporting

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

## **Auditor Discussion**

# Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #5.401 Inmate Mail
- 4. Wyoming Department Of Corrections Form #542 DVS 3rd Party Reporting Form
- 5. Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Wyoming Attorney General Division of Victim Services (DVS)
- 6. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 7. CoreCivic 14-2AA PREA Prevent, Detect, Respond Brochure (PREA Brochure)
- 8. Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) Understanding PREA Brochure (WDOC Brochure)
- 9. Resident Residential Rules and Regulations (Handbook)
- 10. Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) PREA Poster (WDOC PREA Poster)

- 11. I Have a Right Poster
- 12. I Have a Responsibility Poster
- 13. Reporting Sexual Violence Handout
- 14. Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster (Reporting Allegations Poster)
- 15. Ethics Line Poster

## Interviews:

- 1. Interview with the PREA Coordinator
- 2. Interviews with Random Staff
- 3. Interviews with Random Residents

## Site Review Observations:

Observation of PREA Reporting Information in all Housings Units

Findings (By Provision):

115.251 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency has established procedures for allowing for multiple internal ways for residents to report privately to agency official abuse sexual abuse or sexual harassment; retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment; and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. #3.402, page 26 indicates that the agency shall provide multiple ways for offenders to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other offenders or staff for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Initial reporting by inmates, offenders, or their families of alleged instances of sexual misconduct may be made by any of the following means: Verbal reports to any staff member, including but not limited to medical, mental health, treatment or religious staff; Reports in writing to any staff member, including but not limited to medical, mental health, treatment or religious staff; Inmates may correspond directly with the WDOC Investigations Unit; or Inmates may call the designated toll free number and leave a voice message. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 16 states residents shall be encouraged to immediately report pressure, threats, or instances of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, as well as possible retaliation by other residents or employees for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of

responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Residents who are victims of sexual abuse or sexual harassment have multiple internal and external methods to report an incident or allegation: verbally reporting to any employee; forwarding a letter, sealed and marked "confidential", to the Facility Director or other facility supervisory staff; and contacting the facility PREA Compliance Manager. Policy further states at this facility residents may report sexual abuse and sexual harassment through: the Cheyenne Police Department, Safehouse, PREA hotline, WDOC hotline, third party reporting, any staff member, CTC PREA Coordinator and CoreCivic Ethics Line. A review of the PREA Brochure noted that it contains information on the zero tolerance policy, right to be free from retaliation, definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, tips for avoiding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, ways to report, confidentiality and what to do if you've been abused. A review of the WDOC Brochure noted that it includes information on: how PREA applies to the resident, reporting mechanisms (verbal, written, hotline) and what to expect following an incident of sexual violence. A review of the Resident Handbook confirmed that it includes reporting mechanisms including to the WDOC hotline, in writing to the Director and verbally to staff. It also included information for the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse, which appeared under the reporting mechanisms and did not clearly outline they were for advocacy services, and not reporting. A review of the WDOC Poster confirmed it outlined reporting mechanism including: verbally, in writing and through a third party. It noted reports can be made through the WDOC hotline, in writing to the Wyoming Division of Victim Services (can report anonymously) and verbally to any staff member. A review of the CoreCivic Posters indicate they have information on the zero tolerance policy and the reporting hotline. A review of the Reporting Allegations Poster confirmed that it included information on reporting and victim advocacy. Reporting methods outlined include the National Sexual Assault Hotline, the WDOC hotline, verbally to staff and in writing. It also included information for the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse, which appeared under the reporting mechanisms and did not clearly outline they were for advocacy services, and not reporting. A review of the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout notes that it includes definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and reporting methods (including the hotline, to staff verbally and to staff in writing). Most residents have cell phones and are able to contact any and all posted numbers. Additionally, a phone is available for any resident that does not have a cell phone at the reception desk. The auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Reporting information was observed via the PREA Brochure, WDOC PREA Poster, the Reporting Allegations Poster and the I Have a Right Poster. The PREA Brochure was observed in English on letter size paper. The I Have a Right Poster was observed in English and Spanish on poster size paper. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. The WDOC PREA Poster was in English on poster size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While information was observed, the WDOC PREA Poster was the older version and the information was not accurate. The auditor tested the internal reporting mechanisms during the on-site portion of the audit. The auditor filled out a resident grievance and placed it in the grievance box on April 24, 2024. At the issuance of the interim

report the auditor had not yet received confirmation that the written request was received. The auditor also called the PREA reporting hotline on April 24, 2024. There were two numbers posted, an 877 number and 307 number. The auditor called the 307 number and was unable to connect to the hotline. The number appeared to not be working as it stated "the wireless number you called it not available at this time". The auditor called the 877 number and reached the WDOC PREA reporting line. The auditor left a message on April 24, 2024. On the same date the facility provided an email confirming the WDOC Duty Office received the test call and contacted the facility Director related to the test. Interviews with sixteen residents indicated that all sixteen knew at least one method to report an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Residents stated they can report to staff, via a letter and through the hotline. Interviews with eleven staff confirm that residents have multiple methods to report including: to staff, through the hotline, via grievance, through local law enforcement and through a third party.

115.251 (b): The PAQ stated that the agency provides at least one way for residents to report abuse or harassment to a public entity or office that is not part of the agency. #3.402, page 27 indicates that the agency shall provide at least one way for offenders to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency, and that is able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the offender to remain anonymous on request. #5.401, page 14 states inmates may use WDOC Form #542, DVS 3rd Party PREA Reporting Form, when reporting to the Division of Victim Services. Postage will not be required by this inmate. At the time an inmate arrives at an intake facility they shall receive a pre-addressed envelope to the DVS. Inmates may request additional DVS reporting envelopes through their caseworker. Mail sent to the 3rd party reporting agency shall not be opened or inspected. WDOC has an MOU with the Office of the Wyoming Attorney General, Division of Victim Services (DVS) to serve as the outside reporting entity. The MOU states that DVS is responsible for receiving all reports from inmates within WDOC facilities and that they will scan the inmate's copy to the WDOC PREA Coordinator. The MOU further states that WDOC will provide inmates copies of WDOC Reporting Form #542, pre-addressed envelopes and paid postage for inmates reporting PREA incidents via DVS. Inmates are able to report at any time, both confidentially and anonymously to DVS. WDOC Form #542 instructs inmates that the form can be utilized for inmates to confidentially report PREA incidents via mail to a third party in accordance with #5.401 (Inmate Mail) and #3.402 (PREA). The form provides an area to complete name, date of incident, institution where it occurred and housing unit. It also provides a large area for the inmate to write a description of the incident. It then instructs the inmate the address in which to send the form. The auditor tested the outside reporting mechanism via the WDOC Form #542, DVS Third Party Reporting From. #5.401, page 15 states privileged mail, including legal and official mail, shall be handled in accordance with section IV.B. (General Guidelines for Privileged Mail) of this policy and procedure. Each facility shall maintain a list of 3rd party confidential reporting agencies that inmates may

anonymously report violations of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Inmates may use WDOC Form #542, DVS 3rd Party PREA Reporting Form, when reporting to Division of Victim Services. All WDOC facilities shall ensure WDOC form #542, DVS 3rd Party PREA Reporting Form is available in the housing units. Postage will not be required by the inmate. This form shall only be used for reporting of alleged PREA incidents in accordance with Policy and Procedure #3.402, Protection from Sexual Misconduct against an Offender. Each facility shall outline a procedure to ensure processing of these forms remains confidential and are forwarded to the Division of Victim Services upon receipt. Mail sent to a 3rd party reporting agency shall not be opened or inspected. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 16 states the facility shall provide at least one way for residents to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of CoreCivic or the contracting agency, and that is able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to facility officials, allowing the resident to remain anonymous upon request. Policy further states that at this facility the following non-CoreCivic and non-contracting agency reporting mechanisms or process has been established: SafeHouse. A review of the PREA Brochure, WDOC Brochure, Reporting Allegations Poster, CoreCivic Posters and Resident Handbook note that they do not provide information on the external reporting mechanism. A review of the WDOC Poster confirmed it outlined the external reporting entity. It advised residents can report in writing to the Wyoming Division of Victim Services (can report anonymously). The WDOC Poster did not specifically note this was the external reporting entity. A review of the Reporting Sexual Violence Handout notes that it includes definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and reporting methods (including the hotline, to staff verbally and to staff in writing). While residents are informed of numerous reporting mechanisms, none were specifically noted as an outside entity and only one included information indicating the resident could report anonymously. The auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. Reporting information was observed via the PREA Brochure, WDOC PREA Poster, the Reporting Allegations Poster and the I Have a Right Poster. The PREA Brochure was observed in English on letter size paper. The I Have a Right Poster was observed in English and Spanish on poster size paper. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. The WDOC PREA Poster was in English on poster size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While information was observed, the WDOC PREA Poster was the older version and the information was not accurate. During the tour the auditor observed the resident mail process. All outgoing mail is sealed and taken up to the front for staff to mail out via US mail. Outgoing mail is not opened, scanned or monitored unless it looks suspicious. Incoming mail is received by the facility and reviewed by night shift staff. The staff open the mail and inspect it. Legal mail is not opened or inspected. Residents can also send mail out via any U.S. post office box outside the facility. The auditor tested the external reporting mechanism via the WDOC Form #542. On April 24, 2024 the auditor was provided the WDOC Form and an envelope. The auditor completed the form and sent it via US mail. An email was received from the WDOC PC on April 26, 2024 that included the information that was sent to her via DVS regarding receipt of the form. The DVS staff member

indicated the form was sent by the auditor. The email advised that the information would be provided to the WDOC investigators as well as the facility. She confirmed the resident is able to remain anonymous. In August 2023 the WDOC implemented the issuance of the DVS envelope upon intake across all WDOC facilities as such all residents are provided a WDOC Form and envelope. Additionally, WDOC Form #542 is available at the front entrance of the facility with the rest of the forms. The interview with the PC indicated in community corrections most residents have cell phones. Each facility posts the number and address for local law enforcement absent any other non-agency alternative numbers. He further stated that in community corrections facilities operated by a private company the best and surest reporting method, other than internal reporting, is for residents to report to the contracting agency representative (i.e. Contract monitor or BOP RRM). Since this is not what the standard requires, the remaining option then is to contact law enforcement directly. Whenever possible, each facility attempts to enter into MOUs with local law enforcement that incudes this provision. Interviews with sixteen residents indicated ten were aware of an outside reporting entity. and all sixteen knew they could report anonymously.

115.251 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy mandating that staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously and from third parties. The PAQ also indicated that staff document verbal reports immediately. #3.402, page 27 states staff shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously and from a third party and shall promptly document any verbal reports. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 17 states staff must take all allegations of sexual abuse seriously, including verbal, anonymous, and third party reports, and treat them as if the allegation is credible. Staff shall promptly document any verbal reports. During the tour, the auditor asked staff to advise how they submit a written report. Staff provided a demonstration of how to submit an incident report. The staff complete the 5-1C (incident report) by hand or electronically. The form can be submitted electronically to the supervisor or it can be handwritten and provided to the supervisor. The staff indicated the incident report is not saved on the share drive as it is confidential. Interviews with sixteen residents confirmed fifteen knew they could report verbally or in writing to staff and fourteen were aware that they could report through a third party. Interviews with eleven staff indicated that residents can report verbally, in writing, anonymously and through a third party. Ten of the eleven staff stated that if they received a verbal report they would document it in a written report. A review of the investigative report indicated that the one sexual harassment allegation was reported verbally to staff and was documented in an incident report.

115.251 (d): The PAQ indicated that the agency has established procedures for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents. The PAQ supplemental documents indicated staff are informed of this process through the annual training curriculum and policy and procedure. #3.402, page 28 states the

agency shall provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of offenders. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 17 states CoreCivic employees, contractors, volunteers and interested third parties may report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment (including anonymous reports) to the CoreCivic 24-hour Ethics line at 1-800-461-9330 or www.corecivic.com/ethicsline. A review of the Ethics Line Poster advises staff that the Ethics Line is available 24/7 at www.corecivic.com/ethicsline or by calling 1-800-461-9330. Interviews with eleven staff indicated all eleven were aware that they can privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, #5.401, WDOC Form #542, MOU with DVS, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, CoreCivic 14-2AA PREA Prevent, Detect, Respond Brochure (PREA Brochure), Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) Understanding PREA Brochure (WDOC Brochure), Resident Residential Rules and Regulations (Handbook), Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) PREA Poster (WDOC PREA Poster), I Have a Right Poster, I Have a Responsibility Poster, Reporting Sexual Violence Handout, Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster, Ethics Line Poster, observations from the facility tour and interviews with the PC, random residents and random staff, this standard appears to require corrective action. Reporting methods outlined include the National Sexual Assault Hotline, the WDOC hotline, verbally to staff and in writing. It also included information for the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse, which appeared under the reporting mechanisms and did not clearly outline they were for advocacy services, and not reporting. Policy further states that at this facility the following non-CoreCivic and non-contracting agency reporting mechanisms or process has been established: SafeHouse. A review of the PREA Brochure, WDOC Brochure, Reporting Allegations Poster, CoreCivic Posters and Resident Handbook note that they do not provide information on the external reporting mechanism. A review of the WDOC Poster confirmed it outlined the external reporting entity. It advised residents can report in writing to the Wyoming Division of Victim Services (can report anonymously). The WDOC Poster did not specifically note this was the external reporting entity. While residents are informed of numerous reporting mechanisms, none were specifically noted as an outside entity and only one included information indicating the resident could report anonymously. While information was observed, the WDOC PREA Poster was the older version and the information was not accurate. The auditor tested the internal reporting mechanisms during the on-site portion of the audit. The auditor filled out a resident grievance and placed it in the grievance box on April 24, 2024. At the issuance of the interim report the auditor had not yet received confirmation that the written request was received. The auditor also called the PREA reporting hotline on April 24, 2024. There were two numbers posted, an 877 number and 307 number. The auditor called the 307 number and was unable to connect to the hotline. The number appeared to not be working as it stated "the wireless number you called it not available at this time".

## Corrective Action

The facility will need to update policy and documentation to review SafeHouse and the National Sexual Assault Hotline from reporting mechanisms. The CoreCivic policy should also be updated to indicate the external reporting entity as outlined in WDOC policy. A copy of the updated policy will need to be provided. Posted and distributed information will need to be updated to be accurate and consistent and outline internal versus external reporting entities. The WDOC external reporting entity will need to be addressed as external and also outline the ability to remain anonymous. The 307 number will need to be removed from posted information. All updated documents will need to be provided to the auditor as well as photos of the information posted around the facility. The facility will need to provide information on the grievance test that was completed onsite. If documentation is not available to confirm it was received a memo will need to be provided outlining the process for grievances, including staff signatures confirming their responsibility in ensuring the grievance box is checked.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

## Additional Documents:

- 1. Resident Handbook in Spanish
- 2. Updated Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster
- 3. Updated WDOC PREA Poster
- 4. Photos of Updated Posted Information
- 5. Updated 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 6. Memorandum Related to Test Grievance

The facility provided the Handbook, which was translated in Spanish. The facility also provided the updated Reporting Allegations Poster in English and Spanish and the updated WDOC PREA Poster. The Reporting Allegations Poster was updated to differentiate between reporting entities and emotional support services. The

emotional support services were removed as reporting entities. The updated WDOC PREA Poster had the 307 hotline number removed. Photos were provided of the updated Reporting Allegations Poster and WDOC PREA Poster in English and Spanish posted around the facility. The Posters were on letter size paper and legal size paper and appeared to have adequate size font.

The facility updated policy 14-2 CC and removed Safehouse (emotional support service) as the external reporting entity. The policy was updated to reflect the non-CoreCivic, non-client (WDOC) reporting entity is the Cheyenne Police Department.

The facility provided a memo that outlined that the test grievance was received while the auditor was on-site and the Director physically showed this to the auditor. The document was then disposed of and was not uploaded to the OAS. The auditor forgot to log that the Director showed the test grievance, but after prompting did remember that the test grievance was verified on-site.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

Recommendation

The auditor highly recommends that the Handbook also be updated to include the same information and format as the Reporting Allegations Poster.

115.252	Exhaustion of administrative remedies
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Documents:
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
	2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.100 - Inmate Communication and Grievance Procedure
	3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response

- 4. Grievance Log
- 5. Sample Grievances

## Interviews

1. Interview with Residents who Reported Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

115.252 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has an administrative procedure for dealing with resident grievances regarding sexual abuse. #3.100 is the policy related to inmate communications and grievance procedure. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 16 states CoreCivic facilities do not maintain administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse, unless specifically mandated by contract. Allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment are not processed through the facility resident grievance process.

115.252 (b): The PAQ indicated that agency policy or procedure allows a resident to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse at any time, regardless of when the incident is alleged to have occurred. It further states agency policy does not require a resident to use an informal grievance process, or otherwise to attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse. #3.100 page 19 states the agency shall not impose a time limit on when an inmate may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse. The agency may apply otherwise applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege sexual abuse. Additionally, policy states that the agency shall not require an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 16 states CoreCivic facilities do not maintain administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse, unless specifically mandated by contract. Allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment are not processed through the facility resident grievance process.

115.252 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency's policy and procedure allows a resident to submit a grievance alleging sexual abuse without submitting it to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint. The PAQ further stated the agency's policy and procedure requires that a resident grievance alleging sexual abuse not be referred to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint. #3.100 page 19 states that an inmate who alleges sexual abuse may submit a

grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint, and such grievance shall not be referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint.14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 16 states CoreCivic facilities do not maintain administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse, unless specifically mandated by contract. Allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment are not processed through the facility resident grievance process.

115.252 (d): The PAQ indicated that the agency policy and procedure requires that a decision on the merits of any grievance or portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse be made within 90 days of the filing of the grievance. The PAQ noted there were zero sexual abuse grievances filed in the previous twelve months. #3.100 page 19 states the agency shall 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 shall not include time consumed by the inmate to prepare any administrative appeal. It also states that the agency may claim an extension up to 70 days, if the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision. The agency shall notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which the decision will be made. Additionally, page 19 indicates that at any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, the inmate may consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 16 states CoreCivic facilities do not maintain administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse, unless specifically mandated by contract. Allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment are not processed through the facility resident grievance process. A review of the grievance log and sample grievances confirmed there were zero sexual abuse grievances during the previous twelve months. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated that he was aware he was to be informed of the outcome of the investigation. He stated he was told information related to the investigative outcome verbally. He further confirmed he did not file a grievance related to the allegation.

115.252 (e): The PAQ indicated that agency policy and procedure permits third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, to assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse and to file such requests on behalf of residents. The PAQ further stated agency policy and procedure requires that if a resident declines to have third-party assistance in filing a grievance alleging sexual abuse, the agency documents the resident's decision to decline. The PAQ noted there were zero instances where a third party declined third party assistance. #3.100, pages 19-20 state third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, shall be permitted to assist

inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and shall also be permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates. In addition, it states that if a third-party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process. If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, the agency shall document the inmate's decision. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 16 states CoreCivic facilities do not maintain administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse, unless specifically mandated by contract. Allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment are not processed through the facility resident grievance process. A review of the grievance log and sample grievances confirmed there were zero sexual abuse grievances during the previous twelve months.

115.252 (f): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy and established procedures for filing an emergency grievance alleging that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. The PAQ states the agency policy and procedure for emergency grievances alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse requires an initial response within 48 hours. Further it states the agency's policy and procedure for emergency grievances alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse requires that a final agency decision be issued within 5 days. The PAQ noted there were zero emergency grievances filed in the previous twelve months. #3.100, page 20, states the agency shall establishes procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate is subject to substantial risk, the agency shall immediately forward the grievance to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken, shall provide an initial response within 48 hours, and shall issue a final agency decision within five calendar days. The initial response and final agency decision shall document the agency's determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse and the action taken in response to the emergency grievance. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 16 states CoreCivic facilities do not maintain administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse, unless specifically mandated by contract. Allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment are not processed through the facility resident grievance process. A review of the grievance log and sample grievances confirmed there were zero sexual abuse grievances during the previous twelve months.

115.252 (g): The PAQ indicated the agency has a written policy that limits its ability to discipline a resident for filing a grievance alleging sexual abuse to occasions where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith. It noted there were zero residents disciplined for filing a grievance. #3.100, page 20 indicates that the agency may discipline an inmate for filing a grievance related to

alleged sexual abuse only where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 16 states CoreCivic facilities do not maintain administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse, unless specifically mandated by contract. Allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment are not processed through the facility resident grievance process.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.100,14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, the grievance log, sample grievances and the interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse (harassment), this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.253 Resident access to outside confidential support services

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

## **Auditor Discussion**

## Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #5.401 Inmate Mail
- 4. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #5.402 Inmate Telephone Access
- 5. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 6. Memorandum of Understanding with Wyoming Safehouse Services

CoreCivic 14-2AA PREA Prevent, Detect, Respond Brochure (PREA Brochure)

- 4. Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) Understanding PREA Brochure (WDOC Brochure)
- 5. Resident Residential Rules and Regulations (Handbook)
- 6. Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) PREA Poster (WDOC PREA Poster)
- 7. I Have a Right Poster
- 8. I Have a Responsibility Poster
- 9. Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster (Reporting Allegations Poster)

## Interviews:

- 1. Interviews with Random Residents
- 2. Interview with Residents who Reported Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

115.253 (a): The PAQ indicated the facility provides residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse. It states that the facility provides residents with access to such services by giving residents mailing addresses and phone numbers for local, state or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations. The PAQ further stated that the facility provides residents with access to such services by enabling reasonable communication between residents and these organizations in as confidential a manner as possible. 3.402, page 34 indicates that the facility shall provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, state or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations. The facility shall enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organization and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 8-9 state residents shall have access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by being provided with mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll- free hotline numbers where available, of local, state, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations. Reasonable communication between residents and the posted numbers for emotional support or advocacy services shall be permitted in as confidential manner as possible. The facility shall post the extent to which such communication will be monitored and/or recorded. The facility shall have a process in place to ensure that written correspondence between residents and these agencies may remain confidential. Policy further states at this facility the following community agency or agencies provide emotional support services: Safehouse. The MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services confirms that the facility agrees to provide contact information to residents through resources, including both the Wyoming Safehouse Services crisis line telephone number and mailing address. It further states that Wyoming Safehouse Services agrees to provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault. A review of the PREA Brochure, WDOC Brochure and CoreCivic Posters, indicate they do not have contact information on the local rape crisis center(s). A review of the Resident Handbook confirmed that it included information for the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse, however it appeared under the reporting mechanisms and did not clearly outline they were for advocacy services, and not reporting. A review of the WDOC Poster confirmed it provided the

phone number and mailing address for victim advocacy services, however it was for Helpmate Crisis Center and Just Detention International and not the local rape crisis center the facility has an MOU with for services. A review of the Reporting Allegations Poster confirmed that it included information on victim advocacy. It had the address and phone number for the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse, but it appeared to be under the reporting mechanisms and did not clearly outline they were for advocacy services. The Reporting Allegations Poster advised that confidential medical and mental health services can be received through these places. Most residents have cell phones and are able to contact any and all posted numbers. Additionally, a phone is available for any resident that does not have a cell phone at the reception desk. The auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. The auditor observed victim advocacy information posted via the Reporting Allegations Poster. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While the contact information was provided for emotional support services, the way it was organized made it appear as if it were a reporting mechanism. Additionally, the font size appeared to be a little small. The auditor tested the victim advocacy hotline during the tour. The auditor utilized a cell phone and called the 307 number. The auditor reached a live person at Safehouse who confirmed that they can provide residents emotional support services over the phone 24 hours a day. The staff confirmed they can provide accommodations for LEP and disabled residents. Interviews with sixteen residents, including the resident who reported sexual abuse (harassment) indicated that six were aware of outside services for victims of sexual abuse and thirteen were provided a mailing address and telephone number to a local, state or national rape crisis center. Most of the residents stated they could contact the organization anytime, it was free to use their services and information provided to the organization was confidential.

115.253 (b): The PAQ stated that the facility informs residents, prior to giving them access to outside support services, the extent to which such communication will be monitored. It also states that the facility informs residents about mandatory reporting rules governing privacy, confidentiality and/or privilege that apply to disclosures of sexual abuse made to outside victim advocates, including any limits to confidentiality under relevant federal, state or local law. #3.402, page 34 indicates that inmates are hereby notified that such communication will be monitored in accordance with WDOC policy and Procedure #5.401 (Inmate Mail), and WDOC Policy and Procedure #5.402 (Inmate Telephone Access). #5.401 outlines the inmate mail process. While the policy indicates legal mail and official mail are treated as confidential, the local rape crisis center/advocacy organization is not listed as legal or official mail. #5.402, pages 10-11 state all inmate calls may be monitored and recorded for security purposes, with the following exceptions calls to confidential parties approved in this section shall not be recorded for monitoring purposes. The following confidential parties shall be approved: Advocacy organizations approved by the facility for purposes of reporting sexual assault or

harassment. The facility shall maintain a list of approved advocacy organizations the inmate may contact. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 9 states residents shall be informed, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications shall be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws. Consistent with applicable laws and emotional support service provider policy, information shall be reported to the facility without the resident's consent, in the event that the resident (1) threatens suicide or to commit other harm to self; (2) threatens to harm another person; (3) shares with the community agency information that relates to abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult; or, (4) threatens the security of the facility or to escape. If confidential information must be disclosed, facility staff will not share any information beyond what is necessary to address the immediate safety concern or otherwise comply with applicable law. The MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services confirms that the facility agrees to provide contact information to residents through resources, including both the Wyoming Safehouse Services crisis line telephone number and mailing address. It further states that Wyoming Safehouse Services agrees to provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault. A review of the PREA Brochure indicated that it states that calls made to community agency/rape crisis center PREA hotline numbers are not monitored or recorded. Information that is provided to community agencies concerning an allegation of sexual abuse will remain confidential, as required by law. It continues by stating that there are, however, certain situations and conditions under which staff from these agencies/services are required to report. These may include, but are not limited to, situations where you may cause harm to yourself or others; any threats made to the safety and security of the facility and/or public; and any information that relates to abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult. A review of the PREA Brochure, WDOC Brochure and CoreCivic Posters, indicate they do not contain information on the local rape crisis center(s). A review of the Resident Handbook confirmed that it included information for the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse, however it appeared under the reporting mechanisms and did not clearly outline they were for advocacy services, and not reporting. A review of the WDOC Poster confirmed it provided the phone number and mailing address for victim advocacy services, however it was for Helpmate Crisis Center and Just Detention International and not the local rape crisis center the facility has an MOU with for services. Additionally, it did not contain any information related to confidentiality and mandatory reporting with these organizations. A review of the Reporting Allegations Poster confirmed that it included information on victim advocacy. It had the address and phone number for the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse, but it appeared to be under the reporting mechanisms and did not clearly outline they were for advocacy services or any other information related to victim advocacy services. The Reporting Allegations Poster advised that confidential medical and mental health services can be received through these places. Most residents have cell phones and are able to contact any and all posted numbers. Additionally, a phone is available for any resident that does not have a cell phone at the reception desk. This phone is not monitored or recorded, however staff are at reception area when calls are being made. The

auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility. The auditor observed victim advocacy information posted via the Reporting Allegations Poster. The Reporting Allegations Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. These postings were observed on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways, on some resident room doors and in the first floor common area. While the contact information was provided for emotional support services, the way it was organized made it appear as if it were a reporting mechanism. Additionally, the font size appeared to be a little small. During the tour the auditor observed the resident mail process. All outgoing mail is sealed and taken up to the front for staff to mail out via US mail. Outgoing mail is not opened, scanned or monitored unless it looks suspicious. Incoming mail is received by the facility and reviewed by night shift staff. The staff open the mail and inspect it. Legal mail is not opened or inspected. The staff confirmed mail to and from the local rape crisis center is treated like legal mail. Residents can also send mail out via any U.S. post office box outside the facility. The auditor tested the victim advocacy hotline during the tour. The auditor utilized a cell phone and called the 307 number. The auditor reached a live person at Safehouse who confirmed that they can provide residents emotional support services over the phone 24 hours a day. The staff confirmed they can provide accommodations for LEP and disabled residents. Interviews with sixteen residents, including the resident who reported sexual abuse (harassment) indicated that six were aware of outside services for victims of sexual abuse and thirteen were provided a mailing address and telephone number to a local, state or national rape crisis center. Most of the residents stated they could contact the organization anytime, it was free to use their services and information provided to the organization was confidential.

115.253 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency or facility maintains memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide residents with emotional services related to sexual abuse. It further indicated that the agency or facility maintains copies of those agreements. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 8 states CoreCivic shall maintain, or attempt to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide residents with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse. All MOUs must be reviewed and approved by the CoreCivic FSC Legal Department prior to signature. The facility and FSC Legal shall maintain copies of MOUs. The facility shall maintain documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements. The MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services confirms that the facility agrees to provide contact information to residents through resources, including both the Wyoming Safehouse Services crisis line telephone number and mailing address. It further states that Wyoming Safehouse Services agrees to provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/ assault. The MOU was executed via signatures but no dates.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, #5.401, #5.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, CoreCivic 14-2AA PREA Prevent, Detect, Respond Brochure (PREA Brochure), Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) Understanding PREA Brochure (WDOC Brochure), Resident Residential Rules and Regulations (Handbook), Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) PREA Poster (WDOC PREA Poster), I Have a Right Poster, I Have a Responsibility Poster, Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster, observations from the facility tour as well as information from interviews with random residents, the resident who reported sexual abuse (harassment) and the staff member from the Blue Bench indicates that the standard appears to require corrective action. A review of the PREA Brochure, WDOC Brochure and CoreCivic Posters, indicate they do not contain information on the local rape crisis center(s). A review of the Resident Handbook confirmed that it included information for the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse, however it appeared under the reporting mechanisms and did not clearly outline they were for advocacy services, and not reporting. A review of the WDOC Poster confirmed it provided the phone number and mailing address for victim advocacy services, however it was for Helpmate Crisis Center and Just Detention International and not the local rape crisis center the facility has an MOU with for services. Additionally, it did not contain any information related to confidentiality and mandatory reporting with these organizations. A review of the Reporting Allegations Poster confirmed that it included information on victim advocacy. It had the address and phone number for the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Safehouse, but it appeared to be under the reporting mechanisms and did not clearly outline they were for advocacy services or any other information related to victim advocacy services. The Reporting Allegations Poster advised that confidential medical and mental health services can be received through these places.

## Corrective Action

Posted and distributed information will need to be updated to be accurate and consistent and outline the rape crisis center(s) as emotional support services not reporting mechanisms. The updated documentation should indicate level of confidentiality and any mandatory reporting laws. All updated documents will need to be provided to the auditor as well as photos of the information posted around the facility.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

## Additional Documents:

- 1. Resident Handbook in Spanish
- 2. Updated Reporting Allegations of Sexual Abuse Poster
- 3. Photos of Updated Posted Information

The facility provided the Handbook, which was translated in Spanish. The facility also provided the updated Reporting Allegations Poster in English and Spanish. The Reporting Allegations Poster was updated to differentiate between reporting entities and emotional support services. The Reporting Allegations Posters notes that the services are confidential and at no cost. Photos were provided of the updated Reporting Allegations Poster in English and Spanish posted around the facility. The Posters were on letter size paper and appeared to have adequate size font.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

Recommendation

The auditor highly recommends that the Handbook also be updated to include the same information and format as the Reporting Allegations Poster.

115.254	Third party reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Documents:
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
	2. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
	3. Ethics Line Poster

Findings (By Provision):

115.254 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency or facility provides a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and publicly distributes that information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a resident. The PAQ stated that the information is on the agency website. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 17 states CoreCivic employees, contractors, volunteers and interested third parties may report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment (including anonymous reports) to the CoreCivic 24-hour Ethics line at 1-800-461-9330 or www.corecivic.com/ ethicsline. A review of the agency's website confirms that third parties can report via the phone number or the weblink above. The agency website and third party reporting information and direction is found at https://www.corecivic.com/the-prisonrape-elimination-act-of-2003-prea. Additionally, the Ethics Line Poster advises staff that the Ethics Line is available 24/7 at www.corecivic.com/ethicsline or by calling 1-800-461-9330. The auditor observed third party reporting information via the Ethics Line Poster in the visitation/front entrance area. The Ethics Line Poster was observed in English on letter size paper. The visitation/front entrance area also had the WDOC PREA Poster and the I Have a Responsibility Poster. The WDOC PREA Poster was observed in English on poster size paper while the I Have a Responsibility Poster was observed in English and Spanish on poster size paper. The auditor completed a report through the ethics line website. The auditor immediately received an email from the Director of Ethics and Compliance indicating that the report was received. The auditor was copied on an email to the facility leadership related to the test. The facility leadership responded indicating they received the test report. The Director of PREA Compliance and Investigations also responded and indicated that she would track the case and schedule a call to discuss the investigation.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, the Ethics Line Poster and the agency's website this standard appears to be compliant.

115.261	Staff and agency reporting duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Documents:
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire

- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Policy Change Notice (PCN) 14-2 (01) CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 5. Investigative Reports

## Interviews:

- 1. Interviews with Random Staff
- 2. Interview with the Director
- 3. Interview with the PREA Coordinator

Findings (By Provision):

115.261 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency required all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy; any knowledge, suspicion or information they receive regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency; any retaliation against residents or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. #3.402, page 27 states that all staff shall 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; retaliation against any inmate or staff who reported such incidents and any staff neglect or violation of responsibility that may have contributed to an incidents; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 17 states in accordance with this policy all staff including employees, contractors and volunteers are required to report immediately any knowledge suspicion, or information regarding, an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that has occurred in any facility (including a facility that is not part of CoreCivic). The PCN further indicated that policy has been changed from the prior to the following: In accordance with this policy, all staff, including employees, contractors and volunteers are required to report immediately any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding, an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Staff are to report incidents whether or not they occurred in a facility that

is part of CoreCivic. Interviews with eleven staff confirm that policy requires staff to report any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment, retaliation from reporting an allegation of sexual abuse and/or any staff neglect. Staff stated they would report it to the Director and highest level supervisor.

115.261 (b): The PAQ indicated that apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials and designated state or local service agencies, agency policy prohibits staff from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than the extent necessary to make treatment, investigation and other security and management decision. #3.402, page 28 states that apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specific in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions.14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 17 states apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, and as specified in this policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions. Interviews with eleven staff confirm that policy requires staff to report any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment, retaliation from reporting an allegation of sexual abuse and/or any staff neglect. Staff stated they would report it to the Director and highest level supervisor.

115.261 (c): #3.402, page 28 indicates that unless otherwise precluded by federal, state or local law, medical and mental health practitioners shall be required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph 2 of this section and to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 17 states unless otherwise precluded by federal, state, or local law, medical and mental health professionals shall be required to follow reporting procedures as outlined in this policy. At the initiation of providing medical care, both medical and mental health professionals will inform residents of their professional duty to report and the limitations of confidentiality. The facility does not employ medical or mental health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.261 (d): #3.402, page 28 indicates that regardless of any non-statutory confidentiality obligation, all staff have an affirmative obligation to report any offender who has reported to them a sexual assault allegation. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 17 states if the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or is considered a vulnerable adult under a state or local vulnerable person's statute, the allegation shall be reported to the investigating entity responsible for criminal investigations and the contracting agency for additional

reporting under applicable mandatory reporting laws. The interview with the PC indicated that Notifications are made in accordance with state law. CoreCivic Community Corrections facilities do not house offenders under the age of 18. For all others, the partner agency and local law enforcement are notified. The Director stated the facility does not house anyone under eighteen. She indicated any allegation by a vulnerable adult would be handled the same any anyone else. They would go through the reporting steps and notify the Cheyenne Police Department.

115.261 (e): #3.402, page 28 states that the facility shall report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third party and anonymous reports, to the agency's designated investigators. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 17 states the facility shall report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment including third party and anonymous reports to the facility's designated investigators. The interview with the Director confirmed that all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are reported to the designated facility investigator. There was one allegation reported during the previous twelve months. The allegation was reported verbally and was investigated by the facility investigator.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402,14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, Policy Change Notice (PCN) 14-2 (01) CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, Investigative Reports and interviews with random staff, the PREA Coordinator and the Director indicate that this standard appears to be compliant.

## 115.262 Agency protection duties

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

## **Auditor Discussion**

## Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response

## Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee

- 2. Interview with the Director
- 3. Interviews with Random Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.262 (a): The PAQ indicated that when the agency or facility learns that a resident is subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it takes immediate action to protect the resident. #3.402, page 22 states when the agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it shall take immediate action to protect the inmate. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 18 states when it is learned that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, immediate action shall be taken to protect the resident. The PAQ stated that there have been zero residents who were subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse within the previous twelve months. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated that staff take immediate action when they learn that a resident is subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. He stated staff would protect residents by removing the resident from the area and/or individuals where risk may be stemming from and an investigation would be immediately initiated. The Director stated that if a resident was at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse they would immediately pull the resident aside to find out the risk. She stated they would look at housing and they may move the residents housing. She stated they may also complete a new risk assessment. She further stated they would protect that person and they could transfer a resident from the facility, if needed. Interviews with eleven staff confirmed that they would take action by separating the individuals and reporting the information. Staff further indicated they would move the resident to a different room, if applicable.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response and interviews with the Agency Head Designee, Director and random staff indicate that this standard appears to be compliant.

115.263	Reporting to other confinement facilities
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Documents:
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire

- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Investigative Reports
- 5. Resident Risk Screening Documents

## Interviews:

- 1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
- 2. Interview with the Director

## Findings (By Provision):

115.263 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy that requires that upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of the facility must notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency or facility where sexual abuse is alleged to have occurred. #3.402, page 29 states upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of the facility that received the allegation shall notify the head of the facility or appropriate official of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 23 states upon receiving an allegation that a current resident had been sexually abused while confined at another facility (e.g. state, federal, local, or other private operator) the following actions shall be taken: the Facility Director of the facility that received the allegation shall notify the Facility Director or appropriate headquarters office of the facility or agency where the alleged abuse took place as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation. The PAQ indicated that during the previous twelve months, the facility had zero allegations received that a resident was abused while confined at another facility. A review of documentation confirmed that there were zero residents that reported sexual abuse that occurred at another facility.

115.263 (b): The PAQ indicated that agency policy requires that the facility head provide such notifications as soon as possible, but not later than 72 ours after receiving the allegation. #3.402, page 29 states such notifications shall be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 23 states upon receiving an allegation that a current resident had been sexually abused while confined at another facility (e.g. state, federal, local, or other private operator) the following

actions shall be taken: the Facility Director of the facility that received the allegation shall notify the Facility Director or appropriate headquarters office of the facility or agency where the alleged abuse took place as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation. The PAQ indicated that during the previous twelve months, the facility had zero allegations received that a resident was abused while confined at another facility. A review of documentation confirmed that there were zero residents that reported sexual abuse that occurred at another facility.

115.263 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency or facility documents that is has provided such notification within 72 hours of receiving the allegation. #3.402, page 29 states the agency shall document that it has provided such notification. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 23 states the facility shall document that it has provided such notification through 5-1 CC Incident Reporting procedures. A review of documentation confirmed that there were zero residents that reported sexual abuse that occurred at another facility.

115.263 (d): The PAQ indicated that the agency or facility requires that allegations received from other facilities/agencies are investigated in accordance with the PREA standards. #3.402, page 29 states the WDOC facility head or agency office that receives such notification shall ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with this policy. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 23 states upon receiving notification from another facility that an incident/allegation of sexual abuse had occurred while the resident was previously confined at the facility, the following actions shall be taken. The facility shall record the name of the agency making the notification, and any information (names, dates, time) that may assist in determining whether an investigation was conducted. A resident statement should be requested. If the allegation was reported and investigated in accordance with CoreCivic Policy and/or referred for criminal investigation if appropriate, the facility shall document the allegation, and that the allegation has already been addressed. Under this circumstance, further investigation and notification need not occur. If the allegation was not reported and/or not investigated, facility staff shall initiate reporting and investigation procedures in accordance with this policy. The Incident shall be reported through 5-1 CC Incident Reporting procedures. The PAQ indicated there have been zero allegations of sexual abuse the facility received from other facilities. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero allegations reported from another agency/facility in the previous twelve months. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated this occurs often at the facility level rather than at the corporate office level. The information is received by the Warden at the facility, however, any staff who receives the information know to report it to the Warden for appropriate action. It then gets added into the incident system and the PREA protocols are initiated. The Agency Head Designee further stated that if an allegation was alleged to have occurred at another facility, the Warden receiving the information would notify the Warden at the other facility within 72 hours. If the allegation received was an incident of sexual abuse allegedly occurring within a

CoreCivic facility, both the partner agency and the investigative entity responsible for criminal investigations would be notified. He confirmed there are examples of such allegations and that the most common examples are allegations residents make during their intake process. He stated that the CoreCivic staff obtain as much information as possible from the resident and provide this to the Warden at the other facility as part of the notification. The interview with the Director indicated that an allegation received from another agency/facility would be immediately investigated. She advised they would determine if the alleged perpetrator was still at the facility and they would go through the investigative steps. She indicated they have not had a notification under this provision since 2016.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, investigative reports, resident risk screening documents and interviews with the Agency Head Designee and Director, this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.264 **Staff first responder duties** Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** Documents: 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 - Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response 4. PREA Overview Facilitator Guide 5. **PREA Overview** 6. Checklist for Sexual Abuse/Penetration Cases 7. **Investigative Reports** Interviews: Interview with First Responders 1. 2. Interviews with Random Staff

## 3. Interview with Residents who Reported Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

115.264 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a first responder policy for allegations of sexual abuse. The PAQ states that upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, the first security staff member to respond to the report shall; separate the alleged victim and abuser; preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence, request that the alleged victim and ensure that the alleged perpetrator not take any action that could destroy physical evidence including washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, eating or drinking. #3.402, pages 29-30 state upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, the first security to respond to the report shall be required to: separate the alleged victim and abuse, if they have not already been separated; preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence; and if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence request that the alleged victim and ensure that the alleged abuser not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, drinking or eating. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 18 states upon learning of sexual abuse, or an allegation of sexual abuse, the first security responder is required to complete the following: separate the alleged victim from the alleged abuser. When the alleged abuser is a resident, he/she shall be placed in secure location to facilitate the collection of evidence if required; preserve and protect the crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect evidence of the crime scene and any investigation; if the alleged abuser is a staff member, that individual shall be separated from the alleged resident victim, and removed from the crime scene to another area pending consideration for possible reassignment; notify the highest supervisory authority on-site; if the abuse occurred within a period of time that allows for collection of physical evidence, responding staff shall, to the best of their ability, request that the victim does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence. This would include, as appropriate, washing, showering, removing clothing without medical supervision, urinating, defecating, smoking drinking, eating, or brushing his/her teeth; and if the abuse occurred within a time period that allows for collection of physical evidence and when the alleged abuser is a resident, staff shall ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions could destroy physical evidence. This would include as appropriate washing, showering, removing clothing without medical supervision, urinating, defecating, smoking drinking, eating, or brushing his/her teeth. The PREA Overview Facilitators Guide and the Checklist for Sexual Abuse/Penetration Cases confirms that staff are advised of first responder duties during annual training and the checklist prompts staff of the action to take after a report of sexual abuse. The PAQ indicated that during the previous twelve months, there have been zero allegations of sexual abuse and as such no

first responder duties. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported during the audit period, however there was one sexual harassment allegation reported. The facility separated the two residents and advised them not to have contact with one another. The interview with the first responder noted that he would separate the individuals, preserve the crime scene, obtain a camera, try to prevent the parties from destroying evidence on their body, notify the highest ranking person on shift, contact the Director and call 911 and the Cheyenne Police Department. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse noted that he reported the allegation verbally to a case manager and they separated him from the other resident. He advised they check on him often and the allegation was sexual harassment.

115.264 (b): The PAQ stated that agency policy requires that if the first responder is not a security staff member, that responder shall be required to request the alleged victim not take any actions to destroy physical evidence. The PAQ indicated that agency policy requires that if the first staff responder is not a security staff member, the responder is required notify security staff. #3.402, page 29 states if the first responder is not a security staff member, the responder shall be required to request that the alleged victim not take any action that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 19 states if the first staff responder is not a security staff member, the responder shall be required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then shall notify security staff. The PAQ indicated that during the previous twelve months, there were zero allegations of sexual abuse and as such there were none that involved a non-security first responder. There were zero sexual abuse allegations reported during the audit period, however there was one sexual harassment allegation reported. The facility separated the two residents and advised them not to have contact with one another. The interview with the first responder noted that he would separate the individuals, preserve the crime scene, obtain a camera, try to prevent the parties from destroying evidence on their body, notify the highest ranking person on shift, contact the Director and call 911 and the Cheyenne Police Department. Interviews with eleven random staff indicated staff were aware of first responder duties.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, PREA Overview Facilitator Guide, PREA Overview, Checklist for Sexual Abuse/Penetration Cases, Investigative Reports and interviews with random staff, the first responder and the resident who reported sexual abuse, this standard appears to be compliant.

115.265	Coordinated response
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

## **Auditor Discussion**

## Documents:

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response

## Interviews:

1. Interview with the Director

Findings (By Provision):

115.265 (a): The PAQ indicated that the facility shall develop a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators and facility leadership. #3.402, page 4 states each facility shall develop a written institutional plan to coordinate actions to be taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 17-18 state in order to coordinate actions taken by initial first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership in response to an incident of sexual abuse, the facility has established a Sexual Abuse Response/ Review Team (SART) that may include, but is not limited, to the following positions: Administrative Duty Officer (ADO), Security Representative, Program Representative and Victim Services Representative. The written institution Coordinated Response Plan is contained in section M of this policy. A review of the facility policy confirms that it outlines duties for first responders, supervisors, leadership staff, investigators and outside medical and mental health/victim advocacy services. The Director confirmed that the facility has a plan and that it includes all the required components. She stated they have an emergency response plan and a flip chart for staff.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, and the interview with the Director, this standard appears to be compliant.

## abusers

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

## **Auditor Discussion**

## Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 3. Collective Bargaining Agreement

## Interviews:

1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee

Findings (By Provision):

115.266 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency, facility or any other governmental entity responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf has not entered into or renewed a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement since the last PREA audit. As such this standard is not applicable. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 29 states neither CoreCivic, nor any other entity responsible for collective bargaining on CoreCivic's behalf, shall enter into or renew any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the company's ability to remove alleged employee 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. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that CoreCivic as an agency has entered into and/or renewed collective bargaining agreements since August 20, 2012. He stated that the agreements permit CoreCivic to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with a resident pending an investigation or disciplinary action. The facility does not have a collective bargaining agreement, however a review of another facility's agreement confirmed that page 9 states that the rights reserved to and retained by the Company (CoreCivic) under this Agreement include, but are not limited to: the right to maintain order and efficiency, to discipline, suspend, or discharge for just cause; to relieve employees of duties.

115.266 (b): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, Collective Bargaining Agreement and the interview with the Agency Head Designee, this standard appears to be compliant.

# **115.267** Agency protection against retaliation

**Auditor Overall Determination:** Meets Standard

## **Auditor Discussion**

#### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Investigative Reports
- 5. PREA Retaliation Monitoring Report (14-2D-CC)

#### Interviews:

- 1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee
- 2. Interview with the Director
- 3. Interview with Designated Staff Member Charged with Monitoring Retaliation
- 4. Interview with Residents who Reported Sexual Abuse

## Findings (By Provision):

115.267 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy to protection all residents and staff who report sexual abuse and sexual harassment or who cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff. The PAQ further indicated that the PREA Compliance Manager is responsible for monitoring for retaliation. #3.402, page 4 states it is the policy of the Wyoming Department of Corrections to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff. The agency-wide PREA Coordinator and each facility's PREA Compliance Manager (in

conjunction with each facility's Human Resources Manager regarding staff issues) shall be responsible for monitoring retaliation using WDOC Form #362, WDOC PREA Retaliation Tracking Form. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 21 states residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment (or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations) shall be protected from retaliation by other residents or staff.

115.267 (b): #3.402, page 4 states the agency shall employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 21 states ADO staff or the Facility Director will determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether or not placement of a staff member on administrative leave or in a non-contact role with the victim and/or other residents is warranted. This determination will take into account the gravity and credibility of the allegations. The facility shall employ multiple protection measures to monitor retaliation against residents including, but not limited to: housing changes or transfers for resident victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims, emotional support services for residents who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations, periodic status checks and monitoring disciplinary reports, housing and program changes. A review of incident reports indicated that there have been no allegations of retaliation nor any reported fear of retaliation. Interviews with the Agency Head Designee, Warden and staff responsible for monitoring retaliation all indicated that protective measures would be taken if a resident or staff member expressed fear of retaliation. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated for both residents and staff who have reported allegations of sexual abuse, the agency provides monitoring on a 30/60/90 day period (longer if needed) to ensure no retaliation has occurred. He stated the reviews are documented on an attachment to the 14-2 policy. He stated the reviews take into consideration any actions which may be perceived as retaliatory whether it be housing and/or job assignments with residents and shift changes, evaluations, etc. for staff. He indicated that these reviews also occur for victims of sexual harassment/sexual abuse. Policies and practice prohibit retaliation for any reason and that they include this expectation in training with staff. He stated any violation would be acted upon accordingly. The interview with the Director/monitoring staff indicated that culture assists with deterring retaliation. She stated she reminds staff of the zero tolerance for retaliation. She further stated they monitor housing of residents and encourage them to speak up. She confirmed they can take protective measure to deter retaliation including housing changes, facility transfers, removal of staff abusers and emotional support services. She stated that her role is to monitor the individual for 90 days and determine if they have any frivolous write ups, if they are over searching the resident, if they had any changes in room or job and if they filed any grievances. She stated for staff she reviews any frivolous write ups and any changes in behavior. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated he felt safe at the facility and felt protected against retaliation.

115.267 (c): The PAQ states that the agency/facility monitors the conduct and treatment of residents or staff who reported sexual abuse and of residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abut to see if there are any changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff. The PAQ indicated that monitoring is conducted for 90 days and that the agency/facility acts promptly to remedy any such retaliation, Additionally, the PAQ stated that the agency/facility continues monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need. #3.402, pages 4- 5 state that for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, the agency shall monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse and of inmates who were reported to have suffered the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff, and shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. Policy further states that the items to be monitored include any inmate disciplinary reports, housing, or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff. The agency shall continue monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 21 states for at least 90 days(30/60/90) following a report of sexual abuse, the facility shall monitor the conduct and treatment of residents who reported sexual abuse and residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation against them by residents or staff. Monitoring shall be documented on the 14-2D-CC PREA Retaliation Monitoring Report (30/60/90) or contracting agency equivalent form. (115.267 (c)) The facility shall employ multiple protection measures to monitor retaliation against residents including, but not limited to: housing changes or transfers for resident victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims, emotional support services for residents who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations, periodic status checks, and monitoring disciplinary reports, housing and program changes. Pages 21-22 further state for at least 90 days (30/60/90) following a report of sexual abuse, the agency shall monitor the conduct and treatment of staff who reported sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or other staff. Monitoring shall be documented on the 14-2D-CC PREA Retaliation Monitoring Report (30/60/90) or contracting agency equivalent form. Retaliation monitoring for staff shall include, but is not limited to, monitoring negative performance reviews, disciplinary reports, and reassignments. Emotional support services may be provided for staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations. A review of the PREA Retaliation Monitoring Report confirms that staff are directed to monitor signs that suggest possible retaliation such as disciplinary, housing or program changes, staff reassignment and negative performance reviews. The form includes information on the individual being monitored, the type of status check (30/60/90 days) and comments related to the

monitoring. The PAQ indicated that there had been no instances of retaliation in the previous twelve months. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported during the previous twelve months. There was one sexual harassment allegation reported and the facility conducted monitoring for retaliation on the victim for 90 days and reviewed the elements under this provision (via the CoreCivic form). The Director indicated that if retaliation was suspected they would discipline if necessary. She indicated they would conduct an investigation and they may need to remove the staff or resident from the facility. The Director/monitoring staff advised she monitors for 90 days or longer if needed. She stated she looks to see if residents have any frivolous write ups, if they are over searching the resident, if they had any changes in room or job and if they filed any grievances. She stated for staff she reviews any frivolous write ups and any changes in behavior.

115.267 (d): #3.402, page 5 states that in the case of inmates, such monitoring shall include periodic status checks. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 21 states the facility shall employ multiple protection measures to monitor retaliation against residents including, but not limited to: housing changes or transfers for resident victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims, emotional support services for residents who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations, periodic status checks, and monitoring disciplinary reports, housing and program changes. The facility shall continue such retaliation monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need. A review of the PREA Retaliation Monitoring Report confirms that staff are directed to monitor signs that suggest possible retaliation such as disciplinary, housing or program changes, staff reassignment and negative performance reviews. The form includes information on the individual being monitored, the type of status check (30/60/90 days) and comments related to the monitoring. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported during the previous twelve months. There was one sexual harassment allegation reported and the facility conducted monitoring for retaliation on the victim with periodic status checks. The interview with the staff responsible for monitoring indicated that she conducts period status checks three times in the 90 days.

115.267 (e): #3.402, page 5 states if any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, the agency shall take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 22 states If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, the agency shall respond appropriately to protect that individual against retaliation. The interview with the Agency Head Designee indicated for both residents and staff who have reported allegations of sexual abuse, the agency provides monitoring on a 30/60/90 day period (longer if needed) to ensure no retaliation has occurred. He stated the

reviews are documented on an attachment to the 14-2 policy. He stated the reviews take into consideration any actions which may be perceived as retaliatory whether it be housing and/or job assignments with residents and shift changes, evaluations, etc. for staff. He indicated that these reviews also occur for victims of sexual harassment/sexual abuse. Policies and practice prohibit retaliation for any reason and that they include this expectation in training with staff. He stated any violation would be acted upon accordingly. The interview with the Director indicated that culture assists with deterring retaliation. She stated she reminds staff of the zero tolerance for retaliation. She further stated they monitor housing of residents and encourage them to speak up. She confirmed they can take protective measure to deter retaliation including housing changes, facility transfers, removal of staff abusers and emotional support services. The Director indicated that if retaliation was suspected they would discipline if necessary. She indicated they would conduct an investigation and they may need to remove the staff or resident from the facility

115.267(f): Auditor not required to audit this provision.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, Investigative Reports, PREA Retaliation Monitoring Report (14-2D-CC) and interviews with the Agency Head Designee, Director and staff responsible for monitoring for retaliation, this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.271 Criminal and administrative agency investigations

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

## **Auditor Discussion**

## Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #1.014 Investigations
- 4. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 5. Investigator Training Records
- 6. CoreCivic Records Retention Schedule

7. Investigative Reports

## Interviews:

- 1. Interviews with Investigative Staff
- 2. Interview with the Director
- 3. Interview with the PREA Coordinator
- 4. Interview with Residents who Reported Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

115.271 (a): The PAQ states that the agency/facility has a policy related to criminal and administrative agency investigations. #3.402, pages 32-33 state when the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, it shall do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports. #1.014, page 28 states when the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, it shall do so promptly, thoroughly and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 24 states facility administrative investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment shall be done promptly, thoroughly and objectively for all allegations including third -party reports and anonymous reports. A review of the one investigative report confirmed it was timely, thorough and objective. It included interviews but did not involve any evidence. Interviews with investigators confirmed that an investigation is initiated as soon as information is received. They advised that third party and anonymously reported allegations would not be investigated any differently than other reported allegations.

115.271 (b): #1.014, page 9 states specialized training shall include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 4 states specialized training for investigators shall include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral. The specialized training is completed through the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting. A

review of the training indicates Chapter 2 discusses Miranda and Garrity warnings, evidence collection and criteria to substantiate a case while Chapter 3 discusses interviewing sexual abuse victims. A review of documentation indicated that three facility staff are documented with the specialized training. A review of one investigation indicated that the investigator was documented with the specialized training. Interviews with investigators confirmed that the required topics were covered in the training.

115.271 (c): #1.014, page 29 states that investigators shall gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data. They shall also interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses and shall review prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving suspected perpetrators. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 26 states investigators shall gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data; shall interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses; and shall review prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator. A review of the one investigative report confirmed it was timely, thorough and objective. It included interviews but did not involve any evidence. The investigation did not note a review of prior complaints of the alleged perpetrator. Interviews with investigators indicated that upon notification of an allegation they review the information available related to the allegation (written documentation) and review video and conduct interviews. The investigators stated they review any other evidence and start going through a process leading up to writing the report. Investigators advised they are responsible for collection evidence such as physical, DNA, electronic, phone calls, mail, interviews, witnesses statement and prior complaints.

115.271 (d): #1.104, page 29 states that when quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, the agency shall conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 26 states when the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, the investigating entity shall conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution. A review of the investigative report indicated it was not criminal in nature and did not involve compelled interviews. Interviews with investigators indicated that compelled interviews would be via WDOC or the Police Department. The WDOC investigator confirmed he would consult with prosecutor prior to conducting any compelled interviews.

115.271 (e): #1.104, page 29 states the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and shall not be determined by the

person's status as inmate or staff member. Additionally, it indicates that no investigator shall require an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or any other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 26 states the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and shall not be determined by the person's status as resident or staff. No agency shall require a resident who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation. The interviews investigators confirmed they would not require a resident victim to take a polygraph or truth telling device test. They indicated credibility is based on what is corroborated and found during the investigation. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse confirmed that he was not required to take a polygraph or truth telling device test.

115.271 (f): #1.104, pages 29 states that administrative investigations shall include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failure to act contributed to the abuse and shall be documented in a written report that includes a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments and investigative facts and findings. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 25 states administrative investigations shall include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contribute to the abuse. Such investigations shall be documented on the 5-1G-CC Incident Investigation Report and shall detail the following components: investigative facts (i.e. specific details about what actually happened); physical evidence (e.g. clothes collected, medical evidence, etc.); testimonial evidence (e.g. witness statements); reasoning behind credibility assessments (i.e. why is the person deemed credible or not credible); investigative findings (i.e. discovery or outcome of the investigation); and an explanation as to how the conclusion of the investigation was reached. A review of the investigative report indicated it was documented in a written report with a description of the interviews/statements, a description of any evidence reviewed/collected and investigative facts. The report was missing information on the initial allegation. Interviews with investigators confirmed that administrative investigations are documented in written reports and include witnesses statements, evidence reviewed, documentation, findings and anything discovered during the investigation that was not the initial complaint. The investigators advised they look at staffing, reports and cameras during the investigation to determine if staff actions or failure to act contributed to the incident.

115.271 (g): #1.014, page 30 states criminal investigations shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 26 states criminal investigations shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough

description of physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible. A review of the investigative report indicated that it was not criminal in nature and as such no criminal investigations were completed. interviews with investigator indicated that the WDOC or Police Department conduct criminal investigations and they are documented in a report. The WDOC investigator advised the same elements would be documented in a criminal investigation as is documented in an administrative investigation including a description of physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence.

115.271 (h): The PAQ indicated that substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal will be referred for prosecution and that there were zero substantiated allegation of conduct that was referred for prosecution since the last PREA audit. #1.014, page 30 states substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal will be referred for prosecution. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 26 states substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal shall be referred for prosecution. There were zero criminal investigations completed with the previous twelve months and there were zero allegation made that had a criminal element that would require referral for prosecution. Interviews with investigators indicated that anything criminal is referred for a review for prosecution.

115.271 (i): The PAQ stated that the agency retains all written reports pertaining to the administrative or criminal investigation of alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years. #1.014, page 29 states the agency shall retain all written reports referenced in (f) and (g) will be retained for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years.14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 26 states the agency shall retain all investigative reports into allegations of sexual abuse for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years. The CoreCivic Record Retention Schedule confirmed that PREA investigative files are retained for five years after inmate release or post-employment of alleged abuser. A review of historical investigative reports indicate that information is retained by the agency.

115.271 (j): #1.104, page 29 states for cases involving allegations of sexual abuse/ sexual harassment of an offender, a complete investigation will be conducted to the extent possible even if the alleged abuser has departed from employment with the Department or control of the facility or agency and/or the victim has left the custody of the Department. The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the facility or agency shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 25 states the departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the facility shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation. The

investigators confirmed that an investigation would be completed regardless of the departures of the staff member or resident.

115.271 (k): The auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.271 (I): #3.402, page 31 states when outside agencies investigate sexual abuse the facility shall cooperate with outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 26 states the facility shall cooperate with outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation. A review of the MOU with the Cheyenne Police Department confirms that CPD will be called to investigate alleged crimes, including but not limited to sexual abuse and/or sexual assault. The interview with the PC indicated that the agency remains informed of the process of the investigation through direct contact with the local law enforcement agency. The interview with the Director indicated that when outside law enforcement conduct an investigation she keeps tabs on the investigation by reaching out to the agency on status. The investigators stated when an outside agency investigates they assist with anything requested.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, #1.104, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, Investigator Training Records, CoreCivic Records Retention Schedule, Investigative Reports and information from interviews with the Director, PREA Coordinator, investigators and the resident who reported sexual abuse, this standard appears to require corrective action. The investigation did not note a review of prior complaints of the alleged perpetrator. A review of the investigative report indicated it was documented in a written report with a description of the interviews/statements, a description of any evidence reviewed/collected and investigative facts. The report was missing information on the initial allegation.

### Corrective Action

The facility will need to do a refresher training with investigators on the investigative report requirements and the review of prior complaints of the alleged perpetrator. A copy of the training will need to be provided. A list of sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations during the corrective action period and associated investigations will need to be provided.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

### Additional Documents:

- 1. Training on Investigations
- 2. Mock Sexual Abuse Investigation

The PC provided training over Microsoft Teams with facility investigators on the investigative report template and the necessary elements of a thorough and objective investigation under this standard.

There were zero allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment reported during the corrective action period. As such, the facility conducted a mock investigation to illustrate the corrective action related to investigation. A review of the mock investigative report confirmed it was thorough and objective. The report included necessary elements, including the initial allegation, interviews, review of evidence and a review of prior complaints of the alleged perpetrator.

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

## 115.272 Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #1.014 Investigations

- 4. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 5. Investigative Reports

### Interviews:

1. Interview with Investigative Staff

Findings (By Provision):

115.272 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency imposes a standard of a preponderance of the evidence or a lower standard of proof when determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. #3.402, page 3 indicates that it is the policy of the WDOC to impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. #1.014, page 30 states the agency shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse of sexual harassment are substantiated. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 25 states in any sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigation in which the facility is the primary investigating entity, the facility shall utilize a preponderance of the evidence standard for determining whether sexual abuse or sexual harassment has taken place. A review of the investigative report indicated it was unsubstantiated and based on the evidence it did not rise to the level of a preponderance of evidence to substantiate. Interviews with investigators indicated that the standard of evidence to substantiate a case is a preponderance of the evidence.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, #1.014, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, investigative reports and information from interviews with investigators indicates that this standard appears to be complaint.

115.273	Reporting to residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Documents:
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire

- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Inmate/Resident PREA Allegation Status Notification (14-2E-CC)
- 5. Investigative Reports

### Interviews:

- 1. Interview with the Director
- 2. Interviews with Investigative Staff
- 3. Interview with Resident who Reported Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

115.273 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy requiring that any resident who makes an allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility is informed, verbally or in writing, as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded following an investigation by the agency. #3.402, page 36 states following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, the agency shall inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 27 states following an investigation into a resident's allegation that he/she suffered sexual abuse at the facility, the resident shall be informed as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded. If the facility did not conduct the investigation, the relevant information shall be requested from the outside investigating agency or entity in order to inform the resident. The PAQ indicated there was one administrative and/or criminal investigations of alleged resident sexual abuse completed by the facility during the past twelve months and one resident was notified, verbally or in writing, of the results of the investigation. A review of the Inmate/Resident PREA Allegation Status Notification indicated that it included a section for basic information related to the incident, a section for the investigative outcome (substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded) and information related to the abuser (i.e. if the employee is no longer posted in the unit, if the employee is no longer employed at the facility, if the alleged abuser has been indicted and/or if the alleged abuser has been convicted). A review of documentation indicated there were zero allegations of sexual abuse reported in the previous twelve months. There was one allegation of sexual harassment and the facility notified the victim of the outcome of the investigation

(via the CoreCivic form). Interviews with the Director and investigators confirmed that residents are notified of the outcome of the investigation into their allegation. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated he was aware he was to be told of the outcome of the investigation. He stated he was notified verbally two weeks after reporting.

115.273 (b): The PAQ indicated that if an outside entity conducts such investigations, the agency requests the relevant information from the investigative entity in order to inform the resident of the outcome of the investigation. #3.402, page 37 states if the agency did not conduct the investigation, it shall request the relevant information from the investigating agency in order to inform the inmate.14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 27 states following an investigation into a resident's allegation that he/she suffered sexual abuse at the facility, the resident shall be informed as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded. If the facility did not conduct the investigation, the relevant information shall be requested from the outside investigating agency or entity in order to inform the resident. The PAQ indicated that there were zero investigations completed within the previous twelve months by an outside agency. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero investigations completed by an outside agency.

115.273 (c): The PAQ indicated that following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, the agency/facility subsequently informs the resident whenever: the staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit, the staff member is no longer employed at the facility, the agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or the agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. #3.402, page 37 states that following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, the agency shall subsequently inform the inmate whenever the staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit, the staff member is no longer employed at the facility, the agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or the agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 27 states following a resident's allegation that an employee has committed sexual abuse against the resident, the facility shall subsequently inform the resident (unless the facility has determined that the allegation is unfounded) whenever: the employee is no longer posted within the resident's unit as a result of the findings of the investigation; the employee is no longer employed at the facility as a result of the allegation; the facility learns that the employee has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or the facility learns that the employee has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. A review of the Inmate/Resident PREA Allegation Status Notification indicated that it included

a section for basic information related to the incident, a section for the investigative outcome (substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded) and information related to the abuser (i.e. if the employee is no longer posted in the unit, if the employee is no longer employed at the facility, if the alleged abuser has been indicted and/or if the alleged abuser has been convicted). The PAQ indicated that there has not been a substantiated or unsubstantiated allegation of sexual abuse committed by a staff member against a resident in the previous twelve months. A review of investigative reports confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegation against a staff member in the previous twelve months. There was no notifications required under this provision. The resident who reported sexual abuse indicated his allegation was against another resident.

115.273 (d): The PAQ indicates that following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, the agency subsequently informs the alleged victim whenever: the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. #3.402, page 37 states that following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, the agency shall subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or if the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states following a resident's allegation that he/she has been sexually abused by another resident, the facility shall subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: the facility learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or the facility learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. A review of the Inmate/Resident PREA Allegation Status Notification indicated that it included a section for basic information related to the incident, a section for the investigative outcome (substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded) and information related to the abuser (i.e. if the employee is no longer posted in the unit, if the employee is no longer employed at the facility, if the alleged abuser has been indicted and/or if the alleged abuser has been convicted). A review of investigative reports there were no resident-on-resident sexual abuse allegations reported during the previous twelve months. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated his allegation was against another resident and he was not informed of any information under this provision. It should be noted this resident reported sexual harassment and no notifications were required under this provision.

115.273 (e): The PAQ indicated that the agency has a policy that all notifications to residents described under this standard are documented. #3.402, page 37 states all such notifications or attempted notification shall be documented. 14-2 CC Sexual

Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states all resident notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented on the 14-2E-CC Resident Allegation Status Notification. The resident shall sign the 14-2E-CC Resident Allegation Status Notification, verifying that such notification has been received. The signed 14-2E-CC Resident Allegation Status Notification shall be filed in the resident's file. A review of the Inmate/Resident PREA Allegation Status Notification indicated that the inmate/resident signs the form as well as a witness. The PAQ stated that there was one notification to residents made pursuant to this standard and all three were documented. A review of documentation indicated there were zero allegations of sexual abuse reported in the previous twelve months. There was one allegation of sexual harassment and the facility notified the victim of the outcome of the investigation.

115.273(f): This provision is not required to be audited.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, Inmate/Resident PREA Allegation Status Notification (14-2E-CC), Investigative Reports and information from interviews with the Director, investigators and the resident who reported sexual abuse, this standard appears to be complaint.

# 115.276 Disciplinary sanctions for staff

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Investigative Reports

Findings (By Provision):

115.276 (a): The PAQ stated that staff are subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. #3.402, page 24 states staff shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions under the State of Wyoming Personnel Rules up to and including termination for violating sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states employees shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating CoreCivic sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.

115.276 (b): The PAQ indicated there were zero staff members who violated the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies over the previous twelve months and zero staff who were terminated for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. #3.402, page 24 states the agency maintains a zero-tolerance for staff sexual abuse. Therefore, termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who engage in the sexual abuse. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for employees who have engaged in sexual abuse.

115.276 (c): The PAQ stated that disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts, the staff member's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offense by other staff members with similar histories. #3.402, page 24 indicates that disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offense by other staff members with similar histories. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 29 states disciplinary sanctions for employee violations of CoreCivic policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the employee's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other employees with similar histories. The PAQ indicated there were zero staff members that were disciplined, short of termination, for violating the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies within the previous twelve months. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegation or sexual harassment allegation against a staff member during the previous twelve months and as such no documentation was reviewed.

115.276 (d): The PAQ stated that all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would not have been terminated if not for their resignation, are reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies. #3.402, page 24 indicates that 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, shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies including but not limited to the Wyoming Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Commission for all P.O.S.T. certified correctional staff. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 29 states all employee terminations for violations of CoreCivic sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by employees who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies. The PAQ indicated that there were zero staff members disciplined for violating the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies within the previous twelve months and zero staff members were reported to law enforcement or relevant licensing bodies.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response and investigative reports indicate that this standard appears to be compliant.

115.277	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Documents:
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
	2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 - Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
	3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
	4. Investigative Reports
	Interviews:
	1. Interview with the Director
	Findings (By Provision):

115.277 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency policy requires that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies. Additionally, it stated that policy requires that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse be prohibited from contact with residents. #3.402, page 25 indicates that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse shall be prohibited from contact with offenders and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 29 states any volunteer or contractor who engages in sexual abuse shall be prohibited from contact with residents and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies and to any relevant licensing body. The PAQ indicated that there have been no contractors or volunteers who have been reported to law enforcement or relevant licensing bodies within the previous twelve months. A review of investigative reports indicated there were no reported sexual abuse allegations against a volunteer or contractor and as such discipline was not required.

115.277 (b): The PAQ stated that the facility takes appropriate remedial measures and considers whether to prohibit further contact with residents in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer. #3.402, page 25 states that the facility or office shall take appropriate remedial measures, and shall considers whether to prohibit further contact with inmates in the case of any other violation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 29 states any other violation of CoreCivic sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer will result in appropriate corrective action up to and including restricting contact with residents and removal from the facility. The interview with the Director indicated that any violation of the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies by a volunteer or contractor would result in the contractor or volunteer no longer being allowed in the facility. She stated it would be reported to the Police Department and depending on the outcome the volunteer or contractor may not be able to provide services anymore.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, investigative reports and information from the interview with the Director, this standard appears to be compliant.

115.278	Disciplinary sanctions for residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.102 Inmate Disciplinary Procedures
- 4. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 5. Investigative Reports

### Interviews:

1. Interview with the Director

Findings (By Provision):

115.278 (a): The PAQ stated that residents are subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative or criminal finding that the resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse. #3.102, page 11 and 3.402, page 25 states that inmates will be subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that the inmate engaged in inmate on inmate sexual abuse or following a criminal finding of guilt of inmate on inmate sexual abuse. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states residents shall 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 following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse. The PAQ indicated there has been zero administrative finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse within the previous twelve months and zero criminal findings of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse. A review of documentation indicated there were no resident-on-resident reported sexual abuse allegations and as such discipline was unnecessary. There was one reported resident-on-resident sexual harassment allegation, however it was unsubstantiated and as such did not require discipline.

115.278 (b): #3.102, page 11 states sanctions will commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmates' disciplinary history and sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by inmates with similar histories. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states sanctions shall be 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. The interview with the Director indicated that there is resident who violates the sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies there are one of three violations they can be charged with, depending on the nature and severity. She advised they can be terminated from the program for the most egregious or they could have fifteen day sanctions for different privilege categories. She confirmed that disciplinary sanctions would be consistent and that they would be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history and sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents.

115.278 (c): #3.102, pages 11-12 state the disciplinary process will consider whether the inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior when determining what sanctions, if any, should be imposed. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states the disciplinary process shall consider whether a resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his/her behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed. The interview with the Director confirmed that a residents' mental disability or mental illness would be considered in the disciplinary process.

115.278 (d): The PAQ stated that the facility does not offer therapy, counseling or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse and as such the facility does not considers whether to require the offending resident to participate in these interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits. #3.102, page 12 states if the facility offers therapy, counseling and other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility shall consider whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states if the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility shall consider whether to require the alleged perpetrator to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits. The facility does not employ medical or mental health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.278 (e): The PAQ stated that the agency disciplines residents for sexual contact with staff only upon finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact. #3.402, page 26 states inmates may be disciplined for sexual misconduct with staff upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact. #3.102, page 12 states the agency may discipline an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon finding that the staff member did not consent. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states a resident may be disciplined for sexual

conduct with an employee only upon a finding that the employee did not consent to such contact.

115.278 (f): The PAQ stated that the agency prohibits disciplinary action for a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation. #3.102, page 12 states for the purpose of disciplinary action, a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states residents who deliberately allege false claims of sexual abuse may be disciplined. For the purposes of a disciplinary action, a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying even if the investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.

115.278 (g): The PAQ indicates that the agency prohibits all sexual activity between residents and the agency deems such activity to constitute sexual abuse only if it determines that the activity is coerced. #3.402, page 25 and #3.102, page 12 state that WDOC prohibits all sexual activity between inmates and may discipline inmates for such activity. However, sexual activity between inmates/offenders may not be deemed to constitute sexual abuse for the purpose of this policy and reporting of sustained PREA sexual abuse incidents if it is determined that the activity was not coerced. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 28 states sexual activity between residents is prohibited in all CoreCivic facilities, and residents may be disciplined for such activity. Such activity shall not be deemed sexual abuse if it is determined that the activity is not coerced.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, #3.102, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, investigative reports and information from the interview with the Director, this standard appears to be compliant.

Access to emergency medical and mental health services				
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- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Memorandum of Understanding with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
- 5. Memorandum of Understanding with Wyoming Safehouse Services
- 6. Investigative Report

### Interviews:

- 1. Interview with Resident who Reported Sexual Abuse
- 2. Interview with First Responders

Findings (By Provision):

115.282 (a): The PAQ indicated that resident victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. It also indicated that the nature and scope of such services are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment. The PAQ further stated that medical and mental health staff do not maintain secondary materials documenting services. Communication with the PC indicated they do not keep medical or mental health records but they do have documentation of when residents are transported to the hospital for services. #3.402, page 30 states inmate victims of sexual abuse shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope which are determined by the medical and mental health practitioner's professional judgement. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 22 states resident victims of sexual abuse shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which shall be determined by community medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgement. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was executed in February 2018. A review of documentation indicated that the facility has an MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services. The MOU states that Safehouse Services will provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault upon request of the victim. The MOU also states Wyoming Safehouse Services will inform the resident population of the right to have a victim advocate present during the forensic exam,

investigative interviews and any possible court hearing and provide said accompaniment if desired by the resident. During the tour the auditor confirmed that there are no medical or mental health services provided on-site. All routine and emergency medical and mental health care is conducted in the community. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported, however there was a sexual harassment allegation reported. The victim was offered mental health services but declined. The facility does not employ medical or mental health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated he was offered services but declined. It should be noted that the allegation was sexual harassment and did not require emergency medical treatment.

115.282 (b): #3.402, page 30 indicates that if no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, security staff first responder shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim and shall immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 22 states if the facility does not have qualified medical or mental health practitioners on staff, security staff first responders shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was executed in February 2018. A review of documentation indicated that the facility has an MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services. The MOU states that Safehouse Services will provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault upon request of the victim. The MOU also states Wyoming Safehouse Services will inform the resident population of the right to have a victim advocate present during the forensic exam, investigative interviews and any possible court hearing and provide said accompaniment if desired by the resident. The interview with the first responder noted that he would separate the individuals, preserve the crime scene, obtain a camera, try to prevent the parties from destroying evidence on their body, notify the highest ranking person on shift, contact the Director and call 911 and the Cheyenne Police Department. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported, however there was a sexual harassment allegation reported. The victim was offered mental health services but declined.

115.282 (c): The PAQ states that resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate. #3.402, page 30 states inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention

and Response, page 22 states resident victims of sexual abuse shall be offered timely information about and referral for timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was executed in February 2018. A review of documentation indicated that the facility has an MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services. The MOU states that Safehouse Services will provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault upon request of the victim. The MOU also states Wyoming Safehouse Services will inform the resident population of the right to have a victim advocate present during the forensic exam, investigative interviews and any possible court hearing and provide said accompaniment if desired by the resident. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported, however there was a sexual harassment allegation reported. The victim was offered mental health services but declined. The facility does not employ medical or mental health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated he was offered services but declined. It should be noted that the allegation was sexual harassment and did not require emergency medical treatment.

115.282 (d): The PAQ indicated that treatment and services are provided to every victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. #3.402, pages 30 states that treatment services shall be 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. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 22 states treatment services shall be 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. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU states that services shall be provided at no cost to the facility or the resident.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, the MOU Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, the MOU with Wyoming SafeHouse Services, Investigative Reports, observations made during the tour and information from interviews with first responders and the resident who reported sexual abuse, this standard appears to be compliant.

# Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

**Auditor Overall Determination:** Meets Standard

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Memorandum of Understanding with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
- 1. Memorandum of Understanding with Wyoming Safehouse Services
- 5. Investigative Reports

### Interviews:

1. Interview with Residents who Reported Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

115.283 (a): The PAQ stated that the facility offers medical and mental health evaluations, and as appropriate, treatment to all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility. #3.402, page 35 states that the facility shall offer medical and mental health evaluations and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 22 states the facility shall offer all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility medical and mental health evaluation and treatment as appropriate. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was executed in February 2018. A review of documentation indicated that the facility has an MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services. The MOU states that Safehouse Services will provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault upon request of the victim. The MOU also states Wyoming Safehouse Services will inform the resident population of the right to have a victim advocate present during the forensic exam, investigative interviews and any possible court hearing and provide said accompaniment if desired by the resident. During the tour the auditor confirmed that there are no medical or mental health services provided on-site. All routine and emergency medical and mental

health care is conducted in the community. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported, however there was a sexual harassment allegation reported. The victim was offered mental health services but declined.

115.283 (b): #3.402, page 35 states that the evaluation and treatment of such victims shall include, as appropriate, follow up services, treatment plans, and when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody. Page 36 further states subsequent mental health treatment for inmates shall provide for a screening of the inmate to determine if there is a need for immediate crisis intervention and shall include scheduling follow-up sessions with the inmate as needed. Mental health staff shall develop a treatment plan for each sexual assault victim that outlines the scope of services to be offered.14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 22 states the evaluation and treatment of such victims shall include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was executed in February 2018. A review of documentation indicated that the facility has an MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services. The MOU states that Safehouse Services will provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault upon request of the victim. The MOU also states Wyoming Safehouse Services will inform the resident population of the right to have a victim advocate present during the forensic exam, investigative interviews and any possible court hearing and provide said accompaniment if desired by the resident. During the tour the auditor confirmed that there are no medical or mental health services provided on-site. All routine and emergency medical and mental health care is provided in the community. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported, however there was a sexual harassment allegation reported. The victim was offered mental health services but declined. The facility does not employ medical or mental health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated he was offered services but declined. It should be noted that the allegation was sexual harassment and did not require emergency medical treatment.

115.283 (c): #3.402, page 35 states that the facility shall provide victims medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 22 states the facility shall provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care. All routine and emergency medical and mental health care are conducted in the community. The facility does not employ medical or mental

health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was executed in February 2018. A review of documentation indicated that the facility has an MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services. The MOU states that Safehouse Services will provide residents with confidential emotional support and advocacy services related to incident of sexual abuse/assault upon request of the victim. The MOU also states Wyoming Safehouse Services will inform the resident population of the right to have a victim advocate present during the forensic exam, investigative interviews and any possible court hearing and provide said accompaniment if desired by the resident. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported, however there was a sexual harassment allegation reported. The victim was offered mental health services but declined.

115.283 (d): The PAQ indicated that female victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated are offered pregnancy tests. #3.402, page 36 states that inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered pregnancy tests. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 23 states resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered referral for pregnancy tests. If pregnancy results, such victims shall receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to, all lawful pregnancy-related medical services. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was executed in February 2018. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported, however there was a sexual harassment allegation reported. The victim was male and services under this provision were not applicable.

115.283 (e): The PAQ indicated if pregnancy results from sexual abuse while incarcerated, victims receive timely and comprehensive information about, and timely access to, all lawful pregnancy-related medical services. #3.402, page 36 states if pregnancy results from sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated, such victims shall receive timely and comprehensive information and access to all lawful pregnancy related medical services. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 23 states resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered referral for pregnancy tests. If pregnancy results, such victims shall receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to, all lawful pregnancy-related medical services. The facility does not employ medical or mental health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was

executed in February 2018. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported, however there was a sexual harassment allegation reported. The victim was male and services under this provision were not applicable. The facility does not employ medical or mental health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted.

115.283 (f): The PAQ indicated that resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered tests for sexually transmitted infections (STI) as medically appropriate. 3.402, page 36 states that subsequent medical treatment for inmates who are the victim of sexual abuse shall include testing the inmate for sexually transmitted disease and pregnancy as specified by WDOC Policy and Procedure #4.303, and as specified by the protocols of the facility medical provider. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 23 states resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be referred for tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU was executed in February 2018. A review of documentation indicated there were zero sexual abuse allegations reported, however there was a sexual harassment allegation reported. The victim was offered mental health services but declined. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated he was offered services but declined them. It should be noted that the allegation was sexual harassment and did not require emergency medical treatment.

115.283 (g): #3.402, page 36 states that treatment services shall be 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. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 23 states treatment services shall be 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. The MOU with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center indicates that Cheyenne Regional Medical Center provides residents who are victims of sexual abuse with medical and mental health treatment. The MOU states that services shall be provided at no cost to the facility or the resident. The interview with the resident who reported sexual abuse indicated he was offered services but declined.

115.283 (h): The PAQ indicated that the facility attempts to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history, and offers treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health. #3.402, page 21 indicates that the facility shall attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate on inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 10

states all known resident- on-resident abusers shall have a documented referral to an appropriate facility for a mental health evaluation within 60 days of learning of such abuse history. Referrals for treatment shall be offered when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners. There were zero resident-on-resident sexual abuse allegations reported and as such there were no known resident-on-resident abusers that were required to be evaluated by mental health. The facility does not employ medical or mental health care staff and as such no interviews were conducted.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, the MOU Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, the MOU with Wyoming Safehouse Services, Investigative Reports, observations made during the tour and information from the resident who reported sexual abuse, this standard appears to be compliant.

### 115.286 Sexual abuse incident reviews

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

### **Auditor Discussion**

### Documents:

- 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- 2. Wyoming Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure #3.402 Protection from Sexual Misconduct Against Offenders
- 3. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 4. Investigative Reports
- 5. Sexual Abuse or Assault Incident Review Form (14-2F-CC)

### Interviews:

- 1. Interview with the Director
- 2. Interview with the PREA Coordinator
- 3. Interview with Incident Review Team

Findings (By Provision):

115.286 (a): The PAQ stated that the facility conducts a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. #3.402, page 37 states the facility shall 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. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 26 states the PREA Compliance Manager shall ensure that a post investigation review of a sexual abuse incident is conducted at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. The PAQ indicated there were zero criminal and/or administrative investigation of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility, excluding those that are unfounded. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegation reported over the previous twelve months. There was one sexual harassment allegation reported during the previous twelve months and the facility completed a sexual abuse incident review.

115.286 (b): The PAQ stated that the facility ordinarily conducts a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days of the conclusion of the criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation. #3.402, page 38 states that such review shall normally occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 26-27 state Sexual Abuse Incident reviews review shall occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. The review team shall: consider whether 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; LGBTI and/or Gender Non-Conforming 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 that area during different shifts; and assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff. The PAQ indicated were zero sexual abuse incident reviews completed within 30 day of the conclusion of the investigation. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegation reported over the previous twelve months. There was one sexual harassment allegation reported during the previous twelve months and the facility completed a sexual abuse incident review. The review was completed over the 30 day timeframe.

115.286 (c): The PAQ indicated that the sexual abuse incident review team includes upper level management officials and allows for input from line supervisors, investigators and medical and mental health practitioners. #3.402, page 38 states

that the review team will include upper management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators and medical and mental health practitioners. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 26 states in addition to the PREA Compliance Manager, the incident review team shall include upper-level facility management and the facility SART, with input from line supervisors, and investigators. Medical or mental health practitioners may be used if assigned on-site to the facility. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegation reported over the previous twelve months. There was one sexual harassment allegation reported during the previous twelve months and the facility completed a sexual abuse incident review. The review team included the Director (PCM & Investigator), Operations Supervisor, Quality Assurance Manager and Case Manager. The interview with the Director confirmed that sexual abuse incident reviews are completed and the reviews include upper level management officials, line supervisors and investigators.

115.286 (d): The PAQ stated that the facility prepares a report of its findings from sexual abuse incident reviews, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1)-(d)(5) of this section an any recommendations for improvement, and submits each report to the facility head and PCM. #3.402, page 38 states that the review team shall: consider whether 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 or sexual preference (identified or perceived), gang affiliation, or if it was motivated by other group dynamics; 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 that area during different shifts; assess whether video monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff and prepare a report of its findings to, but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (i) thru (v) of this section, and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 27 states all findings and recommendations for improvement will be documented on the 14-2F-CC Sexual Abuse or Assault Incident Review Report or required equivalent contracting agency form. Completed 14-2F-CC forms will be forwarded to the Facility Director, the PREA Compliance Manager, and the FSC PREA Coordinator/designee. A review of the Sexual Abuse or Assault Incident Review Form indicated that it includes basic information on the incident, review team members, incident details, investigation details and incident review findings. The incident review finding section includes the required components under this provision, including: one question on group dynamics; three questions on staffing; three questions on physical plant; ten questions on incident response and a section for recommendations and implementation and/or justification. A review of documentation confirmed there were zero sexual abuse allegation reported over the previous twelve months. There was one sexual harassment allegation reported

during the previous twelve months and the facility completed a sexual abuse incident review. The review was completed via the 14-2F-CC, however it was a checklist only and did not include any incident specific information. The Director stated that they utilize information from the sexual abuse incident reviews to look at a need for policy change. She advised they review the information to prevent the incident from occurring in the future or to identify corrective action. The PC stated that the facility completes sexual abuse incident reviews via the 14-2F-CC. He stated he is part of the review and that he has not noticed any trends. He further stated that once the report is submitted the Facility Director is tasked with taking any corrective action to address any findings.

115.286 (e): The PAQ indicated that the facility implements the recommendations for improvement or documents its reasons for not doing so. #3.402, page 38 states that the facility shall implement the recommendations for improvement, or shall document its reasons for not doing so. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 27 states the facility shall implement the recommendations for improvement or shall document reasons for not doing so. A review of the Sexual Abuse or Assault Incident Review Form indicated that it includes basic information on the incident, review team members, incident details, investigation details and incident review findings. The incident review finding section includes the required components under this provision, including: one question on group dynamics; three questions on staffing; three questions on physical plant; ten questions on incident response and a section for recommendations and implementation and/or justification. A review of the completed sexual abuse incident review indicated it was completed on the Sexual Abuse or Assault Incident Review Form which includes a section for recommendations. It did not included any recommendations.

Based on a review of the PAQ, #3.402, 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, Investigative Reports, Sexual Abuse or Assault Incident Review Form (14-2F-CC) and information from interviews with the Director, the PC and a member of the sexual abuse incident review team, this standard appears to require corrective action. The review was completed via the 14-2F-CC, however it was a checklist only and did not include any incident specific information. The review was completed over the 30 day timeframe.

### **Corrective Action**

The facility will need to ensure that sexual abuse incident reviews are incident specific with narrative on the elements under provision (d). A copy of training with applicable staff on this will need to be provided. A list of sexual abuse allegations during the corrective action period and associated sexual abuse incident reviews

will need to be provided.

Verification of Corrective Action Since the Interim Audit Report

The auditor gathered and analyzed the following additional evidence provided by the facility during the corrective action period relevant to the requirements in this standard.

### Additional Documents:

- 1. Training on Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews
- 2. Mock Sexual Abuse Incident Review

The PC provided training over Microsoft Teams with facility staff on the sexual abuse incident review team. The training included the PREA Resource Center's Standards in Focus for 115.86 and proper completion of the 14-2F-CC.

There were zero allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment reported during the corrective action period. As such, the facility conducted a mock investigation to illustrate the corrective action related to sexual abuse incident reviews. The 14-2F-CC was completed within 30 days of the conclusion of the mock investigation. The sexual abuse incident review included narrative information under elements under provision (d).

Based on the documentation provided the facility has corrected this standard and as such appears to be compliant.

115.287	Data collection
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Documents:
	1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire

- 2. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
- 3. CoreCivic Annual PREA Reports

Findings (By Provision):

115.287 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency collects accurate uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. It also indicates that the standardized instrument and set of definitions. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 29 states CoreCivic shall collect accurate and uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. Each facility will ensure that incidents of sexual abuse are entered into the 5-1 CC reporting system as required by CoreCivic Policy 5-1 CC Incident Reporting and 5-1 BB-CC Incident Reporting Definitions. A review of aggregated data confirms that the annual report encompasses information and data on all allegations, including allegation type and investigative outcome, at all CoreCivic facilities.

115.287 (b): The PAQ indicates that the agency aggregates the incident based sexual abuse data at least annually. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 29 states the incident-based sexual abuse data shall be aggregated annually and shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Victimization conducted by the Department of Justice. Upon request, CoreCivic shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30th or at a date requested by that Department. A review of CoreCivic Annual PREA Reports confirmed that each annual report includes aggregated facility and agency data.

115.287 (c): The PAQ indicated that the standardized instrument includes at minimum, data to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV). 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 29 states the incident-based sexual abuse data shall be aggregated annually and shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Victimization conducted by the Department of Justice. Upon request, CoreCivic shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30th or at a date requested by that Department. A review of aggregated data confirms that the annual report encompasses information and data on all allegations, including allegation type and investigative outcome, at all CoreCivic facilities.

115.287 (d): The PAQ stated that the agency maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 29 states CoreCivic shall maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.

115.287 (e): The PAQ indicated this provision does not apply. The agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents. The agency is a private for profit company and houses other agency residents

115.287 (f): The PAQ indicated that this provision is not applicable as the Department of Justice has not requested agency data.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 14-2-CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, CoreCivic Annual PREA Reports and the Survey of Sexual Victimization, this standard appears to be compliant.

# Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion Documents: 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire 2. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response 3. CoreCivic Annual PREA Reports Interviews: 1. Interview with the Agency Head Designee 2. Interview with the PREA Coordinator

Findings (By Provision):

115.288 (a): The PAQ indicated that the agency reviews data collected and aggregated pursuant to 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies and training. The review includes: identifying problem areas, taking corrective action on an ongoing basis and preparing an annual report of its findings from its data review and any corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 29-30 states the FSC PREA Coordinator shall review all aggregated sexual abuse data collected 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 and taking corrective action on an ongoing basis. CoreCivic will prepare an annual report of findings and corrective actions. Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's aggregated data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse. A review of annual reports indicates that reports include allegation data for all facilities. The data is broken down by incident type and includes investigative outcomes. The report also includes general information related to each substantiated incident. The report compares the data from the current year with the previous year. Additionally, the report includes problem areas and corrective action. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that he reviews and approves annual reports. He stated that a review of the PREA data is made on a daily, monthly and annual basis. He indicated that incident data is provided daily to select staff in a daily PREA report. Monthly and annually the data is reported as metrics in a format that can determine if there are trends at individual facilities or with resident populations. Facilities can use the data to identify where sexual abuse may be occurring and whether changes to either physical plant, presence of staff, video coverage or procedures would minimize the risks of incidents in those areas. The interview with the PC confirmed that the agency reviews data collected and aggregated pursuant to standard 115.87 in order to improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies and training. He stated that files and information relative to investigations of PREA allegations are retained in the Incident Report Database which is on a secured server. He stated hard copy files are secured at each facility and all records are subject to record retention schedules. He further confirmed that the agency takes corrective action on an ongoing basis and that the agency prepares a report of findings from the annual data review.

115.288 (b): The PAQ indicated that the annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provides an assessment of the progress in addressing sexual abuse. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, pages 29-30 states the FSC PREA Coordinator shall review all aggregated sexual abuse data collected 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 and taking corrective action on an ongoing basis. CoreCivic will prepare an annual report of findings and corrective actions. Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's aggregated data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse. A review of annual reports indicates that reports include allegation data for all facilities. The data is broken down by incident type and includes investigative outcomes. The report also includes corrective action. The report compares the data from the current year with the previous years.

115.288 (c): The PAQ indicated that the agency makes its annual report readily available to the public at least annually through its website and that the annual reports are approved by the Agency Head. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 30 states the CoreCivic Annual report shall be approved by the company Chief Corrections Officer and made available to the public through the CoreCivic website. The interview with the Agency Head Designee confirmed that the report is completed annually and that he approves the report. The report is published online at https://cjsd.mesacounty.us/programs-and-services/community-corrections/residential-services/.

115.288 (d): The PAQ was blank for a response but indicated that the facility does not redact information from the annual report as PII is not included. Further communication with the PC indicated if the agency would have to redacts material from an annual report for publication the redactions are limited to specific material where publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility and must indicate the nature of material redacted. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 30 states specific material may be redacted from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but the nature of the material redacted must be indicated. A review of the annual report confirmed that no personal identifying information was included in the report nor any security related information. The report did not contain any redacted information. The interview with the PC confirmed that the reports do not contain personal identifiers and/or medical information belonging to residents or staff.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 14-2-CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, the CoreCivic Annual PREA Report, the website and information obtained from interviews with the Agency Head Designee, PC and PCM, this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.289 Data storage, publication, and destruction **Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion** Documents: Pre-Audit Questionnaire 1. 2. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response CoreCivic Annual PREA Reports 3. Interviews: Interview with the PREA Coordinator 1. Findings (By Provision): 115.289 (a): The PAQ stated that the agency ensures that incident based data and aggregated data is securely retained. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 30 states all case records associated with claims of sexual abuse, including incident reports, investigative reports, resident information, case disposition, medical and counseling evaluation findings, and recommendations for post-release treatment and/or counseling shall be retained in accordance with CoreCivic Policy 1-15 CC Retention of Records. The interview with the PREA Coordinator confirmed that files and information relative to investigations of PREA allegations are retained in the IRD which is on a secured server. He stated hard copy files are secured at each facility and all records are subject to record retention schedules. 115.289 (b): The PAQ states that the agency will 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 through other means. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 30 states the CoreCivic Annual report shall be approved by the company Chief Corrections Officer and made available to the public through the CoreCivic website. A review of the website: https://www.corecivic.com/the-prison-rape-elimination-actof-2003-prea confirmed that the current annual report, which includes aggregated

data, is available to the public online.

115.289 (c): The PAQ indicated that before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, the agency removes all personal identifiers. The PAQ further stated that the agency maintains sexual abuse data collected pursuant to 115.287 for at least ten years after the date of initial collection, unless federal, state, or local law requires otherwise. 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 30 states before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, CoreCivic shall remove all personal identifiers. A review of the annual report, which contains the aggregated data, confirmed that no personal identifiers were publicly available.

115.289 (d): 14-2 CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, page 30 states the agency shall 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. All case records associated with claims of sexual abuse, including incident reports, investigative reports, resident information, case disposition, medical and counseling evaluation findings, and recommendations for post-release treatment and/or counseling shall be retained in accordance with CoreCivic Policy 1-15 CC Retention of Records. A review of historical annual reports indicated that aggregated data is available from 2013 to present.

Based on a review of the PAQ, 14-2-CC Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response, CoreCivic Retention Schedule, CoreCivic annual reports, the website and information obtained from the interview with the PREA Coordinator, this standard appears to be compliant.

# 115.401 Frequency and scope of audits

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

### **Auditor Discussion**

Findings (By Provision):

115.401 (a): The facility is a private for profit company. A review of the audit schedule and audit reports indicate that at least one third of the agency's facilities are audited each year.

115.401 (b): The facility is a private for profit company. A review of the audit schedule and audit reports indicate that at least one third of the agency's facilities are audited each year. The facility is being audited in the second year of the three-year cycle.

115.401 (h) – (m): The auditor had access to all areas of the facility; was permitted to review any relevant policies, procedure or documents; was permitted to conduct private interviews and was able to receive confidential information/correspondence from residents.

115.401 (n): The facility provided photos confirming the audit announcement was posted around the facility at least six weeks prior to the on-site portion of the audit. During the tour the auditor observed the audit announcement on letter size paper in English. The audit announcement was posted on bulletin boards in the living areas, in the hallways and in the first floor common area. The audit announcement advised the residents that correspondence with the auditor would remain confidential unless the resident reported information such as sexual abuse, harm to self or harm to others.

115.403	Audit contents and findings
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.403 (f): A review of the website confirmed that the agency has uploaded final reports for audited facilities.

Appendix: Provision Findings				
115.211 (a)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator			
	Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes		
	Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes		
115.211 (b)	nt; PREA			
	Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator?	yes		
	Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy?	yes		
	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 community confinement facilities?	yes		
115.212 (a)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents			
	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 adopt and 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.)	na		
115.212 (b) Contracting with other entities for the confinement of recommendation (b)		f residents		
	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.)	na		
115.212 (c)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement o	f residents		
	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	na		

	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.)	
	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.)	na
115.213 (a)	Supervision and monitoring	
	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
	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
	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
	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
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any other relevant factors?	yes
115.213 (b)	Supervision and monitoring	
	In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document and justify all deviations from the plan? (NA if no deviations from staffing plan.)	na
115.213 (c)	Supervision and monitoring	
	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
	In the past 12 months, has the facility assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to prevailing	yes

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	staffing patterns?	
	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
	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
115.215 (a)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?	yes
115.215 (b)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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 inmates.)	yes
	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 inmates.)	yes
115.215 (c)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?	yes
	Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female residents?	yes
115.215 (d)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility have policies that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical 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
	Does the facility have procedures that enable residents to shower,	yes
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	perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non- medical 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?	
	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
115.215 (e)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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
	If the 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
115.215 (f)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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
	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
115.216 (a)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are lim English proficient	ited
	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
	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

115.216 (b)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are lim English proficient	ited
	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: Who are blind or have low vision?	yes
	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
	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
	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
	Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	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
	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
	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
	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

	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
	Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
115.216 (c)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limental English proficient	ited
	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
115.217 (a)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	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
	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
	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 two questions immediately above?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of the 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
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of the 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	yes

	force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of the 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 two questions immediately above?	yes
115.217 (b)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with residents?	yes
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?	yes
115.217 (c)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Perform a criminal background records check?	yes
	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
115.217 (d)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?	yes
115.217 (e)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	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
115.217	Hiring and promotion decisions	

(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
	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
	Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?	yes
115.217 (g)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?	yes
115.217 (h)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	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
115.218 (a)	Upgrades to facilities and technology	
	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.)	na
115.218 (b)	Upgrades to facilities and technology	
	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	na

	agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated any video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012 or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	
115.221 (a)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
115.221 (b)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (NA if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
	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? (NA if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
115.221 (c)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate?	yes
	Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?	yes
	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

	Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?	yes
115.221 (d)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?	yes
	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?	yes
	Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?	yes
115.221 (e)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
	As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?	yes
115.221 (f)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
115.221 (h)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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 attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.221(d) above).	yes

115.222 (a)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?	yes
115.222 (b)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations
	Does the agency have a policy 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
	Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?	yes
	Does the agency document all such referrals?	yes
115.222 (c)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations
	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
115.231 (a)	Employee training	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	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
	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
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with	yes

	residents on: The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	
	recallation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual marassiment:	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?	yes
	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
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents?	yes
	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
	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
115.231 (b)	Employee training	
	Is such training tailored to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility?	yes
	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
115.231 (c)	Employee training	
	Have all current employees who may have contact with residents received such training?	yes
	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	yes
	procedures?	
	residents?  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?  Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to comply with relevant laws related to	

	does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies?	
115.231 (d)	Employee training	
	Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?	yes
115.232 (a)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	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
115.232 (b)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	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
115.232 (c)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?	yes
115.233 (a)	Resident education	
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: The agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: How to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes

	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?	yes
115.233 (b)	Resident education	
	Does the agency provide refresher information whenever a resident is transferred to a different facility?	yes
115.233 (c)	Resident education	
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are limited English proficient?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are deaf?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are visually impaired?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are otherwise disabled?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Have limited reading skills?	yes
115.233 (d)	Resident education	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions?	yes
115.233 (e)	Resident education	
	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
115.234 (a)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.231, does the agency ensure that, to the extent	yes

	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 criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	
115.234 (b)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	Does this specialized training include: Techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims?(N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	yes
	Does this specialized training include: Proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings?(N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	yes
	Does this specialized training include: Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings?(N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	yes
	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 criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	yes
115.234 (c)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	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 criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).)	yes
115.235 (a)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	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.)	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 abuses? (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.)  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.)  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.)  115.235  Specialized training: Medical and mental health care  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.)  Specialized training: Medical and mental health care  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.)  Specialized training: Medical and mental health care		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.231? (N/A for circumstances in which a particular status (employee or contractor/volunteer) does not apply.)	agency also receive training mandated for employees by	na
Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by na	·	

	and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.232? (N/A for circumstances in which a particular status (employee or contractor/volunteer) does not apply.)	
115.241 (a)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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
	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
115.241 (b)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?	yes
115.241 (c)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?	yes
115.241 (d)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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
	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
	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
	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
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following	yes

	Whether the resident's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent?	
	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
	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
	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
	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
115.241 (e)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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
	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
	In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency:	yes
	history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?	
115.241 (f)		
	history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?	yes

115.241 (g)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Referral?	yes
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Request?	yes
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Incident of sexual abuse?	yes
	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
115.241 (h)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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
115.241 (i)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	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
115.242 (a)	Use of screening information	
	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
	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
	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

	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
	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
115.242 (b)	Use of screening information	
	Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each resident?	yes
115.242 (c)	Use of screening information	
	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
	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
115.242 (d)	Use of screening information	
	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
115.242 (e)	Use of screening information	
	Are transgender and intersex residents given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents?	yes
115.242	Use of screening information	

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	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
	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
	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
115.251 (a)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	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
	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
115.251 (b)	Resident reporting	

	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
	Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?	yes
	Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request?	yes
115.251 (c)	Resident reporting	
	Do staff members accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?	yes
	Do staff members promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.251 (d)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents?	yes
115.252 (a)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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	no
	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.	
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	with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	
115.252 (c)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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
	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
115.252 (d)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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
	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 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
	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
115.252 (e)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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
	Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of residents? (If a third party files such a request on behalf	yes

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	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.)	
	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
115.252 (f)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
115.252 (g)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	If the agency disciplines a resident for filing a grievance related to	yes

	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.)	
115.253 (a)	Resident access to outside confidential support servi	ces
	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
	Does the facility enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations, in as confidential a manner as possible?	yes
115.253 (b)	Resident access to outside confidential support servi	ces
	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
115.253 (c)	Resident access to outside confidential support servi	ces
	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
	Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?	yes
115.254 (a)	Third party reporting	
	Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a resident?	yes
115.261 (a)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or	yes

information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?	
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
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
Staff and agency reporting duties	
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
Staff and agency reporting duties	
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
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
Staff and agency reporting duties	
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
Staff and agency reporting duties	
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
	harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?  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?  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?  Staff and agency reporting duties  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?  Staff and agency reporting duties  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?  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?  Staff and agency reporting duties  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?  Staff and agency reporting duties  Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the

115.262 (a)	Agency protection duties	
	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
115.263 (a)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	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
115.263 (b)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?	yes
115.263 (c)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
115.263 (d)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?	yes
115.264 (a)	Staff first responder duties	
	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
	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
	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,	yes

	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?	
	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
115.264 (b)	Staff first responder duties	
	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
115.265 (a)	Coordinated response	
	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
115.266 (a)	Preservation of ability to protect residents from contabusers	act with
	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
115.267 (a)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	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

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	Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?	yes
115.267 (b)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	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
115.267 (c)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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:4. Monitor resident housing changes?	yes
	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

	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
	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 reassignment of staff?	yes
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
115.267 (d)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	In the case of residents, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
115.267 (e)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	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
115.271 (a)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
	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
115.271 (b)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
115.271 (c)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial	yes

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	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
115.271 (i)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
115.271 (j)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the facility or agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?	yes
115.271 (I)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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 any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).)	yes
115.272 (a)	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigation	S
	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
115.273 (a)	Reporting to residents	
	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
115.273 (b)	Reporting to residents	
	If the agency did not conduct the investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency	yes

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.)	
Reporting to residents	
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
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
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
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
Reporting to residents	
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
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115.273	within the facility?  Reporting to residents	
(e)	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
115.276 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?	yes
115.276 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes
115.276 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	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
115.276 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	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
	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
115.277 (a)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	

	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with residents?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.277 (b)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	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
115.278 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	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
115.278 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	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
115.278 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	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
115.278 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	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	yes

	condition of access to programming and other benefits?	
115.278 (e)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	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
115.278 (f)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	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
115.278 (g)	Disciplinary sanctions for 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
115.282 (a)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	rices
	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
115.282 (b)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	rices
	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
	Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes
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(c)	Are resident victims of sexual abuse offered timely information	yes

	about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate?	
115.282 (d)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	rices
	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
115.283 (a)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	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
115.283 (b)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	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
115.283 (c)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?	yes
115.283 (d)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	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
115.283 (e)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph §	yes
	115.283(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive	yes

	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.)	
115.283 (f)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual al victims and abusers	buse
	Are resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?	yes
115.283 (g)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual al victims and abusers	buse
	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
115.283 (h)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual al victims and abusers	buse
	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
115.286 (a)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	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
115.286 (b)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	yes
115.286 (c)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?	yes

115.286 (d)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	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
	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
	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
	Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?	yes
	Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?	yes
	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
115.286 (e)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	yes
115.287 (a)	Data collection	
	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
115.287 (b)	Data collection	
	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
115.287	Data collection	

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	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
115.287 (d)	Data collection	
	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
115.287 (e)	Data collection	
	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.)	na
115.287 (f)	Data collection	
	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
115.288 (a)	Data review for corrective action	
	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
	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
	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

115.288 (b)	Data review for corrective action	
	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
115.288 (c)	Data review for corrective action	
	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
115.288 (d)	Data review for corrective action	
	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
115.289 (a)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.287 are securely retained?	yes
115.289 (b)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	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
115.289 (c)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes
115.289 (d)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	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

115.401 (a)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	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
115.401 (b)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	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
	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.)	na
115.401 (h)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?	yes
115.401 (i)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?	yes
115.401 (m)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with residents?	yes
115.401 (n)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Were inmates, residents, and detainees permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the	yes

	same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel?	
115.403 (f)	Audit contents and findings	
	The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AUDIT. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or, in the case of single facility agencies, there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.)	yes