

# HELENA PRE-RELEASE CENTER

## ANNUAL REPORT 2014, 2015, 2016

The HELENA PRE\_RELEASE CENTER (HPRC) posts an annual report of PREA investigations and outcomes.

The following are standardized definitions offered by the Prison Rape Elimination Act. This ensures everyone is using the same language, and has the same understandings of key terms.

Sexual abuse includes:

- (1) Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident; and
- (2) Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer. Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:
  - (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
  - (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
  - (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
  - (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate, detainee, or resident:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described above.
- (7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, detainee, or resident, and
- (8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer means an invasion of privacy of an inmate, detainee, or resident by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at an inmate who is using a toilet in his or her cell to perform bodily functions; requiring an inmate to expose his or her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of an inmate's naked body or of an inmate performing bodily functions.

Sexual harassment includes—

- (1) Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate, detainee, or resident directed toward another; and
- (2) Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

Substantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unfounded allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

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The following annual reports offer a yearly comparison of the number of PREA Investigations completed based upon receipt of reports/complaints of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. All reports are investigated.

HPRC has compiled the following data regarding PREA reports, and subsequent PREA investigation results for the year of 2014.

Resident allegations made towards staff in 2014:

Sexual Abuse: (1) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (1) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Voyeurism: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Resident allegations made towards residents in 2014:

Sexual Abuse: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

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HPRC has compiled the following data regarding PREA reports, and subsequent PREA investigation results for the year of 2015.

Resident allegations made towards staff in 2015:

Sexual Abuse: (1) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (2) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Voyeurism: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Resident allegations made towards residents in 2015:

Sexual Abuse: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

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HPRC has compiled the following data regarding PREA reports, and subsequent PREA investigation results for the year of 2016.

Resident allegations made towards staff in 2016:

Sexual Abuse: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Voyeurism: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Resident allegations made towards residents in 2016:

Sexual Abuse: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (1) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Findings: As a requirement and at least on an annual basis, the HPRC Management Team including the HPRC Director, PREA Coordinator, Deputy Director of Corrections, Security Coordinator, and the Clinical Director will meet and review the staffing plan to ensure the facility has adequate staffing and to review video monitoring to protect residents against sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The review includes the physical layout of the facility, population, substantiated, unsubstantiated, and unfounded incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and any other relevant issues.

HPRC currently has 32 cameras which are located both inside and outside the facility. Recorded video is accessible for approximately 85 days.

HPRC staff receive annual training on PREA. Our training curriculum includes Transgender and Cross gender Pat Searches, various PREA power points from the PREA Resource Center website, and PREA policy review. HPRC specialized services such as Mental Health, Medical and investigative staff have all received specialized PREA training from the NIC Website. HPRC has revised its PREA policies in 2017 to meet and comply with all PREA Standards.

HPRC trains all contractors, volunteers, victim advocates and visitors on PREA as stated per PREA training policy.

HPRC is preparing to schedule its first PREA audit to be conducted in September 2017.

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