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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Thomas D. Brooks, Executive Director  
**FROM:** Tom Hough, PREA Coordinator  
**DATE:** August 24, 2016  
**RE:** Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Data Report,  
Findings and Corrective Action  
*115.388- Data Review for Corrective Action*

The 2015 sexual abuse and sexual harassment incident data for our residential facilities has been reviewed. The SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT AGGREGATE DATA REPORT has been updated with this information and published on the agency's website.

### **HCJPD Residential Facilities Data**

It was reported that there were 13 (or a 50% decrease) in sexual victimization allegations reported in our four facilities for 2015. However, there was a trend upward in Youth on Youth Abusive Sexual Contacts (from 2 to 6 incidents).

The following numbers for CY2015 will be reported to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in accordance to the PREA definitions and categories as follow:

- There were 0 allegations of Youth on Youth Non-Consensual Sexual Acts
- There were 11 allegations of Youth on Youth Abusive Sexual Contact with 6 being *Substantiated*, 4 being *Unsubstantiated* and 1 being *Unfounded*
- There were 0 allegations of Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment
- There were 2 allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct both were *Unfounded*
- There were 0 allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment

All reported incidents were investigated; the investigation process included a review of related HCJPD policies and procedures, no deficiencies were identified. There have been no reported allegations of retaliation.

### **Progress in the Prevention of, Detection of and Response to Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment**

- HCJPD residential facilities have implemented the policies, procedures and practices required by PREA Standards.
- We continue to provide PREA training to employees, volunteers and vendors who have contact with residents.
- Facility Administrators continue to conduct unannounced rounds in all facilities, on all shifts.

- All residents received comprehensive education on sexual safety and HCJPD policies related to sexual abuse and harassment.
- All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are investigated by specially trained staff investigators. Any conduct that appears to be criminal is reported to law enforcement.
- HCJPD maintains MOUs with the Children's Assessment Center and Houston Area Women's Center to provide supportive services to resident victims of sexual abuse.

### **HCJPD Contract Residential Facilities**

HCJPD currently has contacts with 14 residential facilities, 3 secure and 11 non-secure facilities. One of the secure facilities is PREA certified while the other two facilities have PREA audits scheduled. All of our contract facilities are required to comply with PREA Standards in HCJPD contract language. In January 2016, our agency began obtaining incident-based data on sexual abuse and sexual harassment from our contract facilities. This data will be published on our agency website and will be included in the next Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Data Report.

Respectfully,



Tom Hough  
HCJPD PREA Coordinator