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Memorandum

TO: Henry Gonzales, Executive Director
FROM: Tom Hough, PREA Coordinator
DATE: November 13, 2018
RE: Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Data Report,
Findings and Corrective Action
115.388- Data Review for Corrective Action

The CY2017 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

There were 39 sexual victimization allegations reported in HCJPD facilities for CY2017; an increase of 85.7% from CY2016. However, 32 of the 39 allegations (or 82.5%) were determined to be *Unfounded*.

The following numbers for CY2017 were reported to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in accordance to the PREA definitions and categories as follows:

- There were 0 allegations of Youth on Youth Non-Consensual Sexual Acts
- There were 16 allegations of Youth on Youth Abusive Sexual Contact with 3 being *Substantiated*, 2 being *Unsubstantiated* and 11 being *Unfounded*
- There were 14 allegations of Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment 1 being *Substantiated* and 13 being *Unfounded*
- There were 7 allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with 1 being *Unsubstantiated* and 6 being *Unfounded*
- There were 2 allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment both were *Unfounded*

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

- We continue to provide comprehensive PREA training to all new employees, volunteers and vendors who have contact with residents. Current employees receive annual PREA refresher trainings.
- 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.
- The agency's PREA Coordinator continues to review all investigations involving allegations of sexual misconduct in HCJPD facilities.

HCJPD Contract Residential Facilities

In 2017, HCJPD contracted with 11 residential facilities. All of our contract facilities are required to comply with PREA Standards in HCJPD contract language. Our agency obtains and reviews incident-based data on sexual victimization allegations from our contract facilities. This data is published on our agency website.

Respectfully,



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