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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Henry Gonzales, Executive Director  
**FROM:** Tom Hough, PREA Coordinator  
**DATE:** December 4, 2019  
**RE:** Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Data Report,  
Findings and Corrective Action  
*115.388- Data Review for Corrective Action*

The CY2018 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 21 sexual victimization allegations reported in HCJPD facilities for CY2018; this is a decrease of 46.15% from CY2017. Of the 21 allegations, 10 (or 47.6%) were investigated and determined to be *Unfounded*.

The following numbers for CY2018 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 18 allegations of Youth on Youth Abusive Sexual Contact with 7 being *Substantiated*, 2 being *Unsubstantiated* and 9 being *Unfounded*
- There was one *Substantiated* allegation of Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment
- There were 2 allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with 1 being *Unsubstantiated* and 1 being *Unfounded*
- There were no 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**

- 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.
- During the reporting period, JDC, BBRC and HCLA facilities utilized full video monitoring. HCYV did not have a video monitoring system, however as of this writing video cameras are being installed at the facility.

### **HCJPD Contract Residential Facilities**

In 2018, HCJPD utilized 8 private 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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