

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report Community Confinement Facilities

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Agency Information

Name of Agency:		Governing Authority or Parent Agency (If Applicable):	
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The Agency Is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
Agency mission: GEO's mission is to develop innovative public-private partnerships with government agencies around the globe that deliver high quality, cost-efficient correctional, detention, community reentry, and electronic monitoring services while providing industry leading rehabilitation and community reintegration programs to the men and women entrusted in GEO's care.			
Agency Website with PREA Information: https://www.geogroup.com/PREA (Social Responsibility Section)			

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Facility Information

Name of Facility: Chester Residential Reentry Center			
Physical Address: 201 E. 12th Street, Chester, PA 19031			
Mailing Address (if different than above): SAA			
Telephone Number: 610-872-0511			
The Facility Is:		<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit
Facility Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community treatment center		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Halfway house
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental health facility		<input type="checkbox"/> Restitution center
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol or drug rehabilitation center		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other community correctional facility			

Facility Mission: To be the leading provider of innovative, outcome-based, rehabilitative and technology enable services designed to support our public sector partners.

Facility Website with PREA Information: <https://www.geogroup.com/PREA> (Social Responsibility Section)

Have there been any internal or external audits of and/or accreditations by any other organization? Yes No

Director

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Name: N/A	Title: N/A
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Facility Characteristics			
Designated Facility Capacity: 151		Current Population of Facility: 97	
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months			389
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months who were transferred from a different community confinement facility:			23
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more:			249
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:			359
Number of residents on date of audit who were admitted to facility prior to August 20, 2012:			0
Age Range of Population:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults 20-65	<input type="checkbox"/> Juveniles N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Youthful residents N/A
Average length of stay or time under supervision:			3-6 months
Facility Security Level:			minimum
Resident Custody Levels:			minimum
Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with residents:			15
Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with residents:			8
Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with residents:			0
Physical Plant			
Number of Buildings: 1		Number of Single Cell Housing Units: 0	
Number of Multiple Occupancy Cell Housing Units:		10 rooms	
Number of Open Bay/Dorm Housing Units:		0	
Description of any video or electronic monitoring technology (including any relevant information about where cameras are placed, where the control room is, retention of video, etc.):			
The facility has 21 cameras that provide a view of the external and interior areas of the facility. A DVR stores data for up to 30 days.			
Medical			
Type of Medical Facility:		N/A	
Forensic sexual assault medical exams are conducted at:		Crozer Chester Hospital	
Other			
Number of volunteers and individual contractors, who may have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:			2 volunteers No contractors

Number of investigators the agency currently employs to investigate allegations of sexual abuse:

111 agency-wide
none at this facility

Audit Findings

Audit Narrative

The PREA on-site audit of the Chester Residential Reentry Center was conducted June 7-8, 2018, by this Department of Justice Certified PREA Auditor, Barbara Jo Denison. The Chester Residential Reentry Center is owned and operated by the GEO Group, Inc. Residents are referred by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) the Delaware County Adult Probation and Parole and the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health.

PRE-AUDIT PHASE

Pre-audit preparation included a thorough review of agency and facility policies, procedures, training curriculums, the Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting PREA-related documentation provided by the facility to demonstrate compliance to the PREA standards. During this review period questions were answered Agnes Brown, Acting Facility Director, who is designated at the facility's PREA Compliance Manager. The facility was provided with facility notices in English and Spanish six weeks before the audit visit informing residents of the upcoming audit dates with my name and address if they wished to send correspondence to me.

Forensic exams are not performed at the facility. Victims of sexual abuse are transported to the Crozer-Chester Medical Center for forensic exams. The facility has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the hospital entered into in February 2016 that remains in effect today. Contact was made with a SANE nurse at the Crozer-Chester Medical Center when repeated attempts to reach the Clinical Director failed. The SANE nurse explained the process of forensic exams and other services related to sexual abuse. All victims are administered STD prophylactics and female resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration offered pregnancy prophylactics. Forensic exams, medications and all related services will be offered at no cost to the victim. Per terms of the MOU, in the event of an incident of sexual abuse of a resident of the Chester Residential Reentry Center, The resident victim would be transported to the Crozer-Chester Medical Center where SANE nurses on-call would conduct a SANE exam. If requested by the victim, the Delaware County Women Against Rape (DCWAR) would be contacted to accompany the victim through the SANE exam.

The facility has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Delaware County Women Against Rape (DCWAR) to provide victim advocacy services and follow-up victim support services. The Counselor Advocate for DCWAR was contacted to confirm and review the MOU. DCWAR has a 24-hour rape crisis hotline that when called the caller is advised to speak to someone at their facility to report sexual abuse. Terms of the MOU provide resident victims with victim advocacy services. Advocates who are on-call would be contacted by the Crozer-Chester Medical Center at the victims request to accompany the victim through the forensic exam. Follow-up support services include follow-up counseling either at the Chester Residential Reentry Center or at DCWAR. DCWAR also provides accompaniment to court proceedings. All services offered by DCWAR are at no cost to the victim.

ONSITE AUDIT PHASE

On the first day of the audit, a brief entrance meeting was held with Agnes Brown, Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and Adam Schlager, Programs Performance Manager Eastern

Region followed by a site review of the entire facility. During the site review, the location of cameras and mirrors, room layout, restrooms and placement of PREA posters and information was observed. The rooms were found to be arranged in a manner that allowed for a good visual of the entire room when entering. There were no areas noted that appeared to have blind spots.

Facility Notices in English and Spanish that were provided to the facility during the Pre-Audit phase were found to be posted in various locations throughout the facility with the date posted noted as 4/23/18. I did not receive any correspondence from residents of the Chester Residential Reentry Center.

Resident Reporting Options posters in both English and Spanish were posted throughout the facility in common areas and in all resident rooms. *Third Party Reporting* posters were posted throughout the facility in the Program Counselors’ offices and in Main Control. It was suggested that one be hung in the lobby area to be visible to visitors. The *Resident Reporting Options* poster directs residents to inform a staff member or the PREA Compliance Manager immediately. It also gives residents the phone number to the Delaware County Women Against Rape (DCWAR) and to the RAINN National Advocacy Hotline. Residents are also provided with the mailing address to the DOC PREA Coordinator.

On the first day of the audit, calls were attempted to be made DCWAR and RAINN on a resident pay phone. The phones were not operable and the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager was asked to contact the telephone vendor. In conversation she has had with the telephone vendor previously, she was doubtful if the vendor would be willing to repair the phones due to the age of the phones. In discussion during the exit meeting about the phones, the Director, Quality Assurance Reentry Services suggested asking the telephone vendor if he would be willing provide a flat rate to have one phone in each housing area. The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager decided that an emergency cell phone kept in Main Control could be used for this purpose.

During the tour, I spoke informally to residents questioning them about their overall knowledge of the agency’s zero-tolerance policy and methods of reporting. On the first day of the audit, the population totaled 97 residents. The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager provided a resident housing roster, At-Risk logs and LGBTI logs. From these lists, 19 residents were selected to be interviewed. This selection included residents from each of the three facility programs and included residents with the follow special designations:

Number of Residents	Special Designations
2	Screened at Risk for Victimization
3	Screened at Risk for Abusiveness
2	Screened at Risk for Victimization/Abusiveness and Self-Disclosed being Bisexual
1	Cognitive Deficits

At the time of the audit, there were no residents housed at the facility that were deaf, hard of hearing, blind, had low vision, had low reading skills, or limited English proficient. There were none who self-disclosed being lesbian, gay, transgender or intersex. Residents interviewed acknowledged receiving written PREA information at intake and viewing the PREA video a few days later. They were familiar with the agency/facility’s zero-tolerance policy against sexual abuse and sexual harassment and were able to articulate during interview the methods of reporting allegations of sexual abuse and sexual

harassment available to them. They reported that female staff announce their presence when they enter the restrooms and dorms that they feel they have privacy when female staff are in these areas.

Seven specialized staff and six random staff were interviewed. The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager is on the Incident Review Team and is responsible for retaliation monitoring, along with being the Acting Facility Director and the PREA Compliance Manager. She was asked the questions as they relate to each of those roles. The agency's PREA Coordinator and the Executive Vice President Continuum of Care & Reentry Services (agency head designee) were both interviewed at an earlier date by telephone. Staff interviewed were knowledgeable of their responsibilities of detecting, preventing and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations. They knew to whom to report to if they received a PREA allegation and knew how to respond if they learned that a resident was in imminent danger of sexual abuse.

The human resource files of all current employees were reviewed with the Office Support Specialist to determine compliance with background check procedures. Files reviewed showed criminal background checks for pre-employment and for one employee who transferred from another facility in the past 12 months. The files revealed that criminal background checks are being completed for all applicants and for those who have been employed at the facility for five years, as required by the PREA standards.

Human resource files were found to be missing *PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form - Annual Performance Evaluations* for employees employed for a year or more or a *PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form Promotions – PREA Related Positions* for one employee who transferred to the facility in the past 12 months. The agency uses this form for staff to disclose any previous sexual misconduct annually and when an employee is being considered for a promotion or a transfer. The Office Support Specialist was asked to have employees employed for one year to complete a *PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form – Annual Performance Evaluations* and the employee who was promoted complete a *PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form Promotions – PREA Related Positions* forward all forms to Jonathon Dressler, Director, Quality Assurance Reentry Services and to Adam Schlager, Program Performance Manager Eastern Region for their review.

The documentation of PREA training is maintained by the Office Support Specialist in the human resource files. When reviewing the files for the requirements of annual PREA training, five of the files were missing the *PREA Basic Acknowledgement* form. Discussion was held with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and it was requested that these five employees complete PREA training, sign the *PREA Basic Acknowledgement* form upon completion of this training and forward documentation to Jonathon Dressler, Director, Quality Assurance Reentry Services and to Adam Schlager, Program Performance Manager Eastern Region.

Fifteen resident files were reviewed to determine compliance with screening requirements and the requirements for PREA education for residents. *PREA Risk Assessment* forms and *PREA Vulnerability Reassessment Questionnaires*, as well as referral forms for referral for a mental health evaluation for residents who screened at risk for victimization or abusiveness were found to be filed alphabetically in separate binders for DOC residents and for Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health residents. The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager maintains this information and to maintain confidentiality, only the Program Counselors have access to this information. Two residents admitted to the facility prior to GEO owning the facility, were not screened using the GEO screening form. Before the conclusion of the onsite audit, the Case Manager Supervisor completed one of the *PREA Risk Assessments*.

Also contained in the binders were the *Acknowledgement of Receipt of PREA Education Manual* forms and a form acknowledging review of the zero-tolerance policy and viewing the *PREA: What You Need to Know* video, showing compliance to the requirements of PREA education for residents.

In the 12 months preceding the audit, there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported. For allegations received from DOC residents the Pennsylvania DOC PREA Coordinator is notified who conduct administrative investigations and refer to the Pennsylvania State Police for criminal investigations. Delaware County is notified for allegations involving Delaware County residents. These allegations are administratively investigated by GEO trained investigators and referred to the Chester Police Department for criminal investigation. If an allegation involves staff, notification is made to GEO's OPR.

At the conclusion of the audit, an exit meeting was held with the Agnes Brown, Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and Adam Schlager, Program Performance Manager Eastern Region, with Jonathon Dressler, Director, Quality Assurance Reentry Services and Jennifer Sheahan, PREA Manager in attendance by telephone. Audit observations and findings were discussed. The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager was thanked for her cooperation prior to the audit and during the onsite visit. The facility was informed of the process that would follow the onsite visit and GEO's responsibility to post the final report on their website.

POST-AUDIT PHASE

Following the onsite audit visit, documentation that the facility provided was forwarded to me for my review. That documentation included the following:

1. Signs were posted near the telephones informing residents that if they need to make an emergency call, they could request to use the phone located in Main Control. The facility forwarded a photo of the posted sign.
2. Ten employees completed the *PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form – Annual Performance Evaluations* form and the employee who was promoted within the past 12 months completed a *PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form Promotions – PREA Related Positions*. All disclosure forms were forwarded to me.
3. The facility provided documentation of PREA training completed by four of the five employees who were missing *PREA Basic Acknowledgement* forms. One employee is currently out on extended leave. She will complete PREA training when she returns to work and documentation of the completed training will be forwarded to me.
4. The second *PREA Risk Assessment* required was completed by the Case Manager Supervisor and forwarded to me.

After review of the forwarded documentation, all documentation reviewed during the Pre-Audit Phase and documentation reviewed during the onsite audit visit, as well as observations made during the site review of the facility and information gathered through interviews of residents and staff, a determination of compliance to all PREA standards was made.

Facility Characteristics

The Chester Residential Reentry Center is located at 201 E. 12th Street, Chester, PA. The facility has been opened since June 1996. It was owned and operated first by Civigenics, then MinSec Holdings and then by the Community Education Center until April 2017 when GEO acquired the facility. The facility houses residents referred by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, the Delaware County Adult Parole and Probation and the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health.

The Chester Residential Reentry Center is a single-story brick structure with the capacity to house 151 residents in three separate living units. On the first day of the audit, the census was 97 residents. DOC and Delaware County Adult Parole and Probation residents are all male and Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health residents can be both male and female.

DOC residents, Delaware County Adult Parole and Probation resident and all visitors and staff enter the facility through the main entrance where they enter into a large lobby area through a metal detector. All items brought into the facility are searched. Residents are pat searched in the lobby area in view of a camera. These searches are documented on a *Search Log*. There is a Main Control station located in the lobby area where residents entering through the main entrance, sign in and out at Main Control where a Security Monitor is posted at all times.

Residents in each program are housed in separate living dorms. Dorms A, B, C and D houses DOC residents. Dorms A and C have the capacity to house 24 residents, Dorm B, 28 residents and Dorm D, 30 residents. Dorm D is referred to as the working dorm. Dorm E houses Delaware County Residents and has a capacity to house 22 residents. From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. the doors to these Dorms must remain opened. All dorms have double metal bunks and each resident has a locker. Housing Announcement signs required by DOC are posted on the wall near the entry of each of the dorms.

There is a large restroom for DOC and Delaware County Adult Probation and Parole residents use. The restroom has thirteen sinks, six urinals, seven individual toilet stalls and eleven individual showers with shower curtains. There are two entrances to the restroom. The restroom was found to afford residents privacy when toileting and showering.

Common areas include a kitchen and a large day room/dining area with a television, a ping-pong table and vending machines. There is one laundry room with four washers and four dryers. There are two Program Counselor offices with one shared by the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager.

Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health is referred to as the Mental Health Unit. The doors leading to the male and female living areas of the Mental Health Unit are controlled by magnetic locking devices with key bypass on all doors leading to the unit. There is a separate entrance for residents' access to this unit. The Mental Health Unit has four male dorms, Dorms 1-3, with four single beds in each room and Dorm G with six single beds, which was not occupied during the audit visit. A restroom in the male living area has two showers with curtains, two individual toilet stalls and four sinks. Dorm F is the female dorm and has six single beds. At the time of the audit visit, there was one female resident housed at the facility. A female restroom has two showers with curtains, two individual toilet staffs and two sinks. Dorm G with six single beds was not occupied during the audit visit. There is a day room in the Mental Health unit with a television, couch, tables, in equipment and books. Mental health residents eat their meals in the day room.

The facility has 21 cameras with one DVR with the ability to retain data for up to 30 days. Cameras are located in common areas and all hallways as well as on the outside perimeter of the building. Security Monitors posted in Main Control review camera monitors located in Main Control.

The facility currently has 13 employees and 2 volunteers. The two volunteers are a Nurse Practitioner and an RN who work for Healthcare for the Homeless, a federally funded program based out of the Community Health Center in Chester. Volunteers are onsite two mornings a week.

Security Monitors conduct three formal head counts per shift and facility rounds every 15 minutes and document these rounds in the *Bureau of Community Corrections Daily Security Activity Log Book*. The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager conducts unannounced PREA rounds once per month on each shift and documents these rounds on a *PREA Unannounced Rounds* form.

Summary of Audit Findings

Through the audit of the Chester Residential Reentry Center, the facility was found to exceed in three standards and met compliance to the remaining standards. The audit findings are as follows:

Number of Standards Exceeded: 3

The facility was found to exceed in the requirements of standards 115.211, 115.233 and 115.288.

Number of Standards Met: 38

The facility was found to meet compliance to all of the requirements of the following standards: 115.212; 115.213; 115.215; 115.216; 115.217; 115.218; 115.221; 115.222; 115.231; 115.232; 115.234; 115.235; 115.241; 115.242; 115.251; 115.252; 115.253; 115.254; 115.261; 115.262; 115.263; 115.264; 115.265; 115.266; 115.267; 115.271; 115.272; 115.273; 115.276; 115.277; 115.278; 115.282; 115.283; 115.286; 115.287; 115.289; 115.401 and 115.403.

Number of Standards Not Met: 0

There were no standards determined to not meet the requirements of the standard.

Summary of Corrective Action (if any)

As discussed in the Post-Audit Section, page 8, the facility provided requested documentation prior to the completion of this report and it was determined that no additional corrective action was required.

PREVENTION PLANNING

Standard 115.211: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by The Auditor to Complete the Report

115.211 (a)

- Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No
- Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No

115.211 (b)

- Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator? Yes No
- Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy? Yes No
- 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 facilities?
 Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.211 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A and Chester Residential Reentry Center's policy 2014-6 are written policies mandating zero tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and outlines the agency's/facility's approach to preventing, detecting and responding to such conduct. Both policies include definitions of prohibited behaviors and sanctions for those found to participate in these prohibited behaviors. The policies includes a description of agency strategies and responses to reduce and prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents.

Both policies, upon review, were found to be very comprehensive and include a thorough description of the agency/facility's approach to reduce and prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents, exceeding in the requirements of this provision of the standard.

115.211 (b): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 6 & 7, section III-B, and facility policy 2014-1, pages 2 & 3, section VI-A, outline the responsibilities of the PREA Coordinator and the PREA Compliance Manager. The agency not only employs an agency-wide PREA Coordinator who oversees the agency efforts to comply with all agency facilities, but also employs a PREA Division Coordinator who provides oversight to the agency's reentry facilities; therefore, exceeding in the requirements of this provision of the standard. The PREA Coordinator and the PREA Division Coordinator are extremely knowledgeable and continue to provide facilities with support and assistance for the implementation and enhancement of their agency's PREA programs.

In interview with the agency's PREA Coordinator at an earlier date and the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager during the on-site audit, both stated that they have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards as required.

Standard 115.212: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.212 (a)

- 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 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.) Yes No NA

115.212 (b)

- 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 OR the response to 115.212(a)-1 is "NO".) Yes No NA

115.212 (c)

- 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 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.) Yes No NA
- 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.) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

GEO is a private provider and does not contract for the confinement of its residents; therefore, this standard is not applicable to this facility.

Standard 115.213: Supervision and monitoring

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.213 (a)

- Does the agency develop for each facility a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?
 Yes No
- Does the agency document for each facility a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?
 Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the physical layout of each facility in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the composition of the resident population in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any other relevant factors in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No

115.213 (b)

- In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document and justify all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)
 Yes No NA

115.213 (c)

- 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 No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to prevailing staffing patterns? Yes No

- 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 No
- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.213 (a): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 7, section C-1 and facility policy 2014-1, page 3, section B-1, the agency has developed and documented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and uses video monitoring to protect residents against sexual abuse. The agency took into consideration the physical layout of the facility, the composition of the population and the prevalence of substantiated incidents of sexual abuse, and any other relevant factors in the development of the facility's staffing plan. The facility's design capacity is 151 residents and the staffing plan was developed based on that number. The average number of residents in the past 12 months was 90.

115.213 (b): The facility makes its best efforts to comply with the approved PREA Staffing Plan. In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, the Acting Facility Director would document and justify all deviations from the plan. In review of information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire and upon interview with the Acting Facility Director, in the past 12 months there were no times that there were deviations to the staffing plan. Staff vacancies are filled by the use of staff overtime.

115.213 (c): Whenever necessary and no less that annually, the staffing plan is reviewed by the Acting Facility Director along with other administrative team members, and documented on the *PREA Annual Facility Assessment* form. This form is then forwarded to the Senior Area Manager, PREA Division Coordinator, Vice President, Residential Reentry Centers and the Corporate PREA Coordinator for signature and approval of any recommendations made to the established staffing plan to include the deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies or the allocations of additional resources to maintain compliance to the plan. Due to the request of the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health, five positions were recently added to the staffing plan. They are a Certified Peer Specialist, an Employee Specialist and three Security Monitor II's.

When interviewed the agency's PREA Coordinator stated that she is made aware of any assessments of or adjustments to the staffing plan for all facilities through incident reviews of substantiated and unsubstantiated allegations and through her review of *PREA Annual Facility Assessments*. The Acting

Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager in interview stated that she monitors adherence to the staffing plan daily.

GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 7 section C-1, f & g, requires facility management staff and supervisors to conduct unannounced rounds within their respective areas to identify and deter employee sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Employees are prohibited from alerting residents or other employees that these supervisory rounds are occurring. Security Monitors conduct security rounds of the facility at a minimum of every 15 minutes and three formal head counts per shift. Review of the *Bureau of Community Corrections Daily Security Activity Log Book* confirmed this practice.

At a minimum, one unannounced PREA round is required to be conducted on each shift each month. These unannounced rounds are conducted by the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and documented on the *PREA Unannounced Supervisor Rounds* form. Completed forms are submitted to the PREA Compliance Manager. In documentation provided for review prior to the audit visit and while on site, these rounds are being conducted as required.

Standard 115.215: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.215 (a)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?
 Yes No

115.215 (b)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female residents, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if less than 50 residents)
 Yes No NA
- 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 less than 50 residents) Yes No NA

115.215 (c)

- Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches? Yes No
- Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female residents?
 Yes No

115.215 (d)

- Does the facility implement policies and procedures that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical 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 No
- 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 No

115.215 (e)

- 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 No
- If a 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 No

115.215 (f)

- 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 No
- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.215 (a): Based on review of GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 16 & 17, section I-J, and facility policy 2014-4, pages 2 & 3, sections on *Offender/Resident "Pat" Searches, Offender/Resident "Strip" Searches and "Body Cavity" Searches*, and *Limits to Cross-Gender Viewing and Searches*, the facility prohibits cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches except in exigent circumstances or when performed by medical practitioners. The *Procedures Manual Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, DC-ADM 203*, outlines procedures on searches.

Agency and facility policies require that all cross-gender strip searches and body cavity searches be documented. Resident strip searches and body cavity searches are prohibited at the Chester Residential Reentry Center. In the past 12 months, there were no cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches performed.

Pat searches are conducted in view of cameras in the lobby of the front entrance and documented on the *Male Search Log*.

115.215 (b): Per policy, the facility does not permit cross-gender pat-down searches of female residents, absent exigent circumstances. Female residents are not restricted access to regularly available programming or other outside activities as there is always male and female Security Monitors on duty to pat-search females. In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager, she reported that there is always a female on duty on each security shift.

115.215 (c): The facility requires that all strip searches and pat searches be documented. The *Male Search Log*, used for this purpose, was provided for review prior to the audit visit and observed in use during the audit visit.

115.215 (d): The agency has policies and procedures in place that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions and change clothing without staff viewing their breast, buttocks or genitalia. Policy requires staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when they enter resident housing and restroom areas. Residents interviewed confirmed this practice is in place and reported they feel they have privacy to shower, toilet and change their clothing when staff of the opposite gender are in their housing area.

115.215 (e): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A and facility policy 2014-4, the facility prohibits examining transgender or intersex residents for the sole purpose of determining genital status. If the resident's genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversations with the resident, by reviewing medical records or by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner.

115.215 (f): In addition to general training provided to all employees, staff receive training on how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents which is included in the *Guidance in Cross-Gender and Transgender Pat Searches* curriculum that was provided for review. In the past 12 months, there were two transgender residents admitted to the facility, but stayed only overnight as DOC made the decision to transfer them to another facility.

The *Guidance in Cross-Gender and Transgender Pat Searches* curriculum was found to instruct staff on how to effectively and professionally conduct cross gender searches of all residents consistent with security needs. Staff sign a *PREA Basic Training Acknowledgement* form upon completion of this training. Receipt of this training was verified through interviews with staff and in review of staff training records.

Standard 115.216: Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.216 (a)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing? Yes No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

- 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: Are blind or have low vision? Yes No

115.216 (b)

- 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 No
- Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? Yes No

115.216 (c)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.216 (a): The agency takes appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities and residents that are limited English proficient have an opportunity to participate and benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 11 & 12, section E-1 and facility policy 2014-2, pages 1 & 2, section V, were used to verify compliance to this standard. The agency ensures that residents who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, with low vision, with cognitive deficits, with low reading skills or limited English proficient are able to receive and understand PREA information presented to them.

115.216 (b): Residents receive a *PREA Education Manual for Residents* during the intake process, which is available in English, Spanish and in large print for residents with low vision. PREA posters and a *PREA: What You Need to Know* video is available in both English and Spanish. Staff members proficient in the Spanish language provides interpretation to Spanish speaking residents. A contract with Language Line Services, Inc. provides for the translation of any other languages. The facility has a TDD machine for the use of deaf or hard-of-hearing residents.

115.216 (c): The agency prohibits the use of resident interpreters, resident readers or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances. In documentation provided and in interview with random staff, in the past 12 months, there have been no instances where resident interpreters, readers or assistants were used. Random staff interviewed knew that policy prohibits residents being used for these purposes.

At the time of the on-site visit, there were no residents who were deaf, hard of hearing, blind, had low vision or who had low reading skills. There were no residents who were limited English proficient. There was one resident interviewed who had cognitive deficits, but he was able to understand the questions asked of him and responded appropriately.

Standard 115.217: Hiring and promotion decisions

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.217 (a)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 question immediately above? Yes No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of 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 No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of 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 force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse? Yes No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of 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 question immediately above? Yes No

115.217 (b)

- Does the agency 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 residents? Yes No

115.217 (c)

- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Perform a criminal background records check? Yes No
- 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 No

115.217 (d)

- Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents? Yes No

115.217 (e)

- 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 No

115.217 (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 No
- 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 No
- Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct? Yes No

115.217 (g)

- Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination? Yes No

115.217 (h)

- Unless prohibited by law, 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 No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.217 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 7 & 8, section C-2 and page 16, section H-4 and facility policy 2014-1, page 4, section 2, interview with the Office Support Specialist and review of random employee files were used to verify compliance to this standard. Per policy the agency/facility 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 have engaged in, been convicted of, or been civilly or administratively adjudicated for engaging in sexual abuse in confinement settings or in the community.

115.217 (b): GEO considers 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.

115.217 (c): The agency requires that all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents have a criminal background check. Criminal background checks for all potential employees are completed through a contract with Career Builders, as well as through the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Bureau of Community Corrections. If an applicant answers that they have previously worked at a confinement facility, a Custom Employment Report is ordered from Career Builders for PREA verification.

For those considered for promotions or who transfer from another facility, will have a background check through Career Builders and through the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Bureau of Community Corrections. In the past 12 months, eight criminal background checks were completed.

115.217 (d): The agency also requires that all contractors and volunteers who have contact with residents have criminal background checks. Page 16, section 4 of the agency policy addresses the requirements of criminal background checks for contractors. The Chester Residential Reentry Center does not utilize the services of contractors.

115.217 (e): The agency will conduct criminal background checks through Career Builders and the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Bureau of Community Corrections.

115.217 (f): The agency asks all applicants and employees who have contact with residents directly about previous sexual misconduct. For consideration for promotions or transfers, employees complete a *PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form Promotions – PREA Related Positions* and a GEO internal PREA verification conducted. At the time of annual performance appraisals, employees are to complete an *PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form – Annual Performance Evaluations*. In review of the

human resource files of all employees, five employees did not *PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form – Annual Performance Evaluations* in their files and the one employee that transferred to the facility in the past 12 months did not have a *PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form Promotions – PREA Related Positions*. See details in the Post-Audit Phase section on page 8.

115.217 (g): GEO policy mandates that material omissions regarding sexual misconduct and the provision of materially giving false information are grounds for termination as required by this standard. Employees have a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any sexual misconduct and/or misconduct to the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager.

115.217 (h): Unless prohibited by law, GEO Corporate Reentry Services Human Resources Department will 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 the individual has applied for work.

Standard 115.218: Upgrades to facilities and technologies

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.218 (a)

- 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.)
 Yes No NA

115.218 (b)

- 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 agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)
 Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.218 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 8, section C-3 and facility policy 2014-1, page 4, section 3, documentation provided for review, observation during site review and interview with the Acting Facility Director was used to verify compliance to this standard. Per agency and facility policies, the Chester Residential Reentry Center shall consider the effect any new design, acquisition, expansion or modification of physical plant might have on the facility's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse. Since the last PREA audit, there were no new facilities and no substantial expansions or modifications were made to the existing facility.

115.218 (b): When installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, the agency shall consider how such technology, the agency shall consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse. Since the last PREA audit, the facility has had some camera upgrades. In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager, she reported a purchase order has been submitted for a new DVR and upgrade of some cameras.

In interview with the Executive Vice President Continuum of Care & Reentry Services, he explained that every reentry facility that is acquired or that is planning modifications, an assessment is made by the operations team along with the construction staff taking into consideration the facility's ability to protect residents' sexual safety. He further stated that when installing or updating monitoring technology, a constant assessment is made by the PREA Coordinator and her team assessing for blind spots and cameras to improve the staffs' monitoring efforts for the protection of residents from sexual abuse.

RESPONSIVE PLANNING

Standard 115.221: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.221 (a)

- 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 No NA

115.221 (b)

- Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) Yes No NA
- 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? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) Yes No NA

115.221 (c)

- Does the agency offer all residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate? Yes No
- Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible? Yes No
- 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 No
- Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs? Yes No

115.221 (d)

- Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center? Yes No
- 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 No
- Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers? Yes No

115.221 (e)

- 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 No
- As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals? Yes No

115.221 (f)

- If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating entity 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 No NA

115.221 (g)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.221 (h)

- 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? (Check N/A if agency attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.221(d) above.) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.221 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-E, pages 6-10, sections D-J outlines the agency's requirements as it applies to this standard. Facility policy 2014-6, page 7, sections 3 & 5-f & h and page 10, section H-6 addresses the requirements of the facility in response to reports of sexual abuse allegations. The agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative investigations of sexual abuse and follows a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence. In interview with random staff, they knew how to preserve the evidence and the crime scene to ensure usable evidence is maintained for investigative purposes.

115.221 (b): It is the policy of the agency the local law enforcement that conduct investigations ensure that all forensic evidence collected and preserved in accordance with evidence protocols established by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

115.221 (c): Victims of sexual abuse have access to forensic medical examinations. Forensic exams are not performed at this facility. The facility has an MOU with the Crozer-Chester Medical Center where resident victims of sexual abuse are transferred for forensic exams at no cost to the resident. The Crozer-Chester Medical Center has SANE providers on call 24 hours a day. In the past 12 months, there have been no residents who have required SANE exams.

115.221 (d): The facility has an MOU with the Delaware County Women Against Rape (DCWAR).

115.221 (e): The MOU with the Crozer-Chester Medical Center provides for a victim advocate, at the request of the victim, to accompany and support a resident victim of sexual abuse through the forensic exam process and provide emotional support and crisis intervention.

115.221 (f): This provision is not applicable to this facility as the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative sexual abuse investigations.

Residents are made aware of the confidential emotional support services available to them and how to access them in the *PREA Education Manual for Residents*, page 10, and on the *PREA Resident Reporting Options* posters displayed throughout the facility in both English and Spanish. When interviewed, residents were aware that confidential emotional support services are available to them and knew how to access them.

Standard 115.222: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.222 (a)

- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment? Yes No

115.222 (b)

- Does the agency have a policy and practice 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 No
- Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means? Yes No
- Does the agency document all such referrals? Yes No

115.222 (c)

- If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does such publication 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 No NA

115.222 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.222 (e)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.222 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-E, page 4, section III-A-1 and facility policy 2014-6, pages 6 & 7, sections 2 & 3 outline the agency's policy and procedures for investigating and documenting incidents of sexual abuse. The agency ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including resident-on-resident sexual abuse or staff sexual misconduct. GEO has 111 trained facility investigators agency-wide. If an allegation were received from a resident of this facility, GEO would assign an investigator to conduct an administrative investigation.

In interview with the Executive Vice President Continuum of Care & Reentry Services (Agency Head Designee), he stated that by corporate and local policies, administrative and criminal investigations are required. He further stated that administrative investigations are conducted by trained facility investigators and local, state or federal agencies, depending on contract, conduct criminal investigations. In the past 12 months, there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment received.

Upon receipt of an allegation of sexual abuse, the supervisor receiving the report immediately notifies the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager. The Facility Director will make immediate notification to the PREA Coordinator, to the PREA Division Coordinator, the GEO's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) (if the allegation involved staff) and the Senior Area Manager.

115.222 (b): GEO policy ensures that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that appear to be criminal be referred for investigation to the Chester Police Department who have the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations. The facility documents all referrals of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation. All allegations are tracked on the *PREA Monthly Incident Outcome Tracking Log*. The agency policy regarding the referral of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation is published on the GEO website at <https://www.geogroup.com/PREA>.

115.222 (c): The information published on the GEO website describes the responsibility of the agency to refer investigations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment for criminal investigation and the responsibility of the investigating entity.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Standard 115.231: Employee training

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.231 (a)

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in juvenile facilities? Yes No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No
- 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 No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents? Yes No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.231 (b)

- Is such training tailored to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility? Yes No
- 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 No

115.231 (c)

- Have all current employees who may have contact with residents received such training? Yes No

- 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 procedures? Yes No
- In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies? Yes No

115.231 (d)

- Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.231 (a): GEO employees receive training on GEO's zero-tolerance policy (5.1.2-A) for sexual abuse and sexual harassment at pre-service and annually at in-service. The agency's requirement of this training is found on pages 12 & 13, section F-1. The *PREA DOJ 2017 Pre Service* and the *PREA 2017 In Service* training curriculums were reviewed and found to address all elements of this provision of the standard as required.

115.231 (b): The Chester Residential Reentry Center houses both adult males and female residents. The training provided to all staff is applicable to both genders.

115.231 (c): In information provided in the Pre-Audit Questionnaire and in review of staff training records, there are 13 staff currently employed at the Chester Residential Reentry Center and all 13 staff have received PREA education as required and receive this training annually. Between trainings, the facility has monthly staff meetings where PREA is reviewed and discussed.

115.231 (d): Staff completing PREA training sign a *PREA Basic Acknowledgement* form (attachment E to policy 5.1.2-A), that they have received and understood the training they received. Staff also receive the *Guidance in Cross-Gender and Transgender Pat Searches 2016* training. Documentation of annual PREA training for employees is maintained by the facility.

Review of random employee training records revealed that five employees were missing a *PREA Basic Acknowledgement* form. See details on page 8, Post-Audit Phase section. In interview with staff, they were able to confirm receiving this training and knew their responsibilities for preventing, detecting, responding and reporting allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Standard 115.232: Volunteer and contractor training

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.232 (a)

- 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 No

115.232 (b)

- 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 No

115.232 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.232 (a): All volunteers and contractors who have contact with detainees are trained and have annual refreshers on their responsibilities regarding sexual abuse/harassment prevention, detection and response as outlined in GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 14, section G-1 for volunteers and page 15, section H-1, for contractors.

115.232 (b): The Chester Residential Reentry Center does not utilize the services of contractors and has two volunteers. Volunteers receive the same PREA training as employees and sign a *PREA Basic Acknowledgement* form acknowledging receipt and understanding of the agency's zero-tolerance policy. In interview with one volunteer she confirmed receiving PREA training annually and was knowledgeable of the agency/facility's zero-tolerance policy and how and to whom to report PREA allegations to.

115.232 (c): The facility maintains documentation that confirms the volunteers received and understood the training they received.

Standard 115.233: Resident education

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.233 (a)

- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: The agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No
- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: How to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? Yes No
- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No
- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents? Yes No
- During intake, do residents receive information regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents? Yes No

115.233 (b)

- Does the agency provide refresher information whenever a resident is transferred to a different facility? Yes No

115.233 (c)

- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are limited English proficient? Yes No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are deaf? Yes No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are visually impaired? Yes No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are otherwise disabled? Yes No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Have limited reading skills? Yes No

115.233 (d)

- Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions? Yes No

115.233 (e)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.233 (a): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 12, section E-2 and facility policy 2014-2, pages 6 & 7, *Documentation* section, all residents receive information at time of intake and if transferred from another facility about the zero-tolerance policy and how to report incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents and are informed of the agency policy and procedures for responding to such incidents.

In the past 12 months, 389 residents admitted to the received PREA educational material upon arrival to the facility. Residents receive a *PREA Education Manual for Residents* and view the *PREA: What You Need to Know* video. Residents sign an *Acknowledgement of Receipt of PREA Educational Manual* form and sign another acknowledgement form that they have received training on the Zero-Tolerance Policy, the Right to Report and Free Medical and Mental Health. Residents interviewed acknowledged receiving PREA information upon arrival to the facility and viewing the PREA video. They were knowledgeable of the zero-tolerance policy and knew how to report incidents of sexual abuse, sexual harassment. Due to the resident file review and the level of knowledge that residents had of the PREA education they received, the facility was found to exceed in the requirements of this standard.

115.233 (b): The facility provides refresher information whenever a resident is transferred to the Chester Residential Reentry Center from another facility. Per information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, 23 residents transferred from a different community confinement facility received PREA education.

115.233 (c): Resident education is provided formats accessible to all residents, including those who are limited English proficient, deaf, visually impaired or otherwise disabled or with limited reading skills. Residents receive a *PREA Education Manual for Residents* during the intake process, which is available in English, Spanish and in large print for residents with low vision. PREA posters and a *PREA: What You Need to Know* video is available in both English and Spanish. Staff members proficient in the Spanish language provides interpretation to Spanish speaking residents. A contract with Language Line Services, Inc. provides for the translation of any other languages. The facility has a TDD machine for the use of deaf or hard-of-hearing residents.

115.233 (d): The facility maintains documentation of resident participation in PREA training. In review of 15 random resident files, the facility is maintaining documentation of PREA training.

115.233 (e): Ongoing PREA information is provided on posters, both in English and Spanish, prominently displayed in all resident rooms and in numerous other locations throughout the facility as observed during the site review of the facility.

Standard 115.234: Specialized training: Investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.234 (a)

- In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.231, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] Yes No NA

115.234 (b)

- Does this specialized training include: Techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] Yes No NA
- Does this specialized training include: Proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] Yes No NA
- Does this specialized training include: Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] Yes No NA
- 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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] Yes No NA

115.234 (c)

- 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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] Yes No NA

115.234 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.234 (a): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 14, section F-3, in addition to general education provided to all employees, GEO ensures that facility investigators receive training on conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings.

115.234 (b): Agency facility trained investigators complete *Specialized Investigation Training* facilitated by GEO's PREA Coordinator. In review of the training curriculum, the training includes techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of the 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 referral for prosecution.

The agency has 111 trained investigators agency-wide. There are no trained facility investigators at the Chester Residential Reentry Center. In the event of a PREA allegation, GEO will assign a trained investigator from another facility or the corporate office.

115.234 (c): The facility that the trained investigators are assigned to maintain documentation that specialized training as well as general education provided to all employees was completed.

Standard 115.235: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.235 (a)

- 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? Yes No
- 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 abuse? Yes No
- 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? Yes No

- 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? Yes No

115.235 (b)

- 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 medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams.) Yes No NA

115.235 (c)

- 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? Yes No

115.235 (d)

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.231? Yes No
- Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by 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.] Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.235 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 13 & 14, section 2 , states that the agency ensures that all full-time and part-time medical and mental health staff will be trained to detect signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, preserving physical evidence, responding effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment how and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

115.235 (b): The Chester Residential Reentry Center does not employ medical or mental health staff. Forensic exams are performed at the Crozer-Chester Medical Center; therefore, this provision of the standard is not applicable to this facility.

SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

Standard 115.241: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.241 (a)

- 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 No
- 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 No

115.241 (b)

- Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?
 Yes No

115.241 (c)

- Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?
 Yes No

115.241 (d)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent?
 Yes No

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.241 (e)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse? Yes No

115.241 (f)

- Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the resident's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the resident's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening? Yes No

115.241 (g)

- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Referral? Yes No
- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Request? Yes No
- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Incident of sexual abuse? Yes No

- 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 No

115.241 (h)

- 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 No

115.241 (i)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.241 (a): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 8 & 9, section D-1 and facility policy 2014-3, pages 2 & 3, section VI-B, all residents placed at the Chester Residential Reentry Center are assessed for their risk of being sexually abused or sexually abusive towards others.

115.241 (b): Intake screening takes place within 24 hours of a resident's arrival to the facility.

115.241 (c): Risk assessments are conducted using an objective screening tool. The *PREA Risk Assessment* form (attachment B to policy 5.1.2-A), is used for this purpose. Case Managers ask residents the questions on the screening form when conducting the screening. When interviewed, Case Managers explained the process of conducting risk screenings.

115.241 (d): The form was reviewed and found to contain all requirements of 115.241 (d).

115.241 (e): The *PREA Risk Assessment* form was found to consider prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse in assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive.

115.241 (f): Within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days of the resident's arrival to the facility, residents are reassessed for their risk for victimization and abusiveness by their assigned Case Manager using the *PREA Vulnerability Reassessment Questionnaire* (HWH 38). Case Managers interviewed reported they complete *PREA Vulnerability Reassessment Questionnaires* within 21-28 days of a residents arrival to the facility.

115.241 (g): A resident's risk level will also be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information.

115.241 (h): Residents may not be disciplined for refusing to answer any questions or for not disclosing complete information. In addition to the screening form, a thorough review of any available records that can assist in determining risk assessment is completed.

115.241 (i): When completed, the *PREA Risk Assessments* and *PREA Vulnerability Reassessment Questionnaires* are given to the PREA Compliance Manager to be reviewed, filed and only the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and Case Managers have access to this information.

In review of 15 random resident records, two records did not were not screened using the GEO *PREA Risk Assessment* form. These residents have since been rescreened. See page 8, Post-Audit Phase section.

Standard 115.242: Use of screening information

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.242 (a)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.242 (b)

- Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each resident? Yes No

115.242 (c)

- 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 No
- 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 No

115.242 (d)

- 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 No

115.242 (e)

- Are transgender and intersex residents given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents? Yes No

115.242 (f)

- 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? Yes No
- 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? Yes No
- 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? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

Exceeds Standard (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

Meets Standard (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

Does Not Meet Standard (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.242 (a): The agency uses the information from the risk screening form to make housing, bed, work, education and program assignments with the goal of separating residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from residents with those at high risk of being sexually abusive.

GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 10 & 11, section D-3 and facility policy 2014-3, page 3, section 2, explains the use of PREA screening information. On interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and the Case Managers, they explained how the facility utilizes screening information for this purpose.

115.242 (b): Individualized determinations are made about how to ensure the safety of each resident. Residents who score at risk of victimization or abusiveness are referred for further evaluation using the *Chester Residential Reentry Center Referral Verification* form. Residents have an option of refusing these services. Those identified to be at risk are tracked on an *At Risk Log*. In random review of resident files, those that screened at risk for victimization or abusiveness were offered referrals and these residents were found to be tracked on the *At Risk Logs*. Residents screened at risk for victimization are housed in rooms away from those that screen at risk for abusiveness.

115.242 (c): In making housing and programming assignments for transgender or intersex inmates, the facility will consider on a case-by-case basis whether the placement would present management or security problems. Residents who self-disclose being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex are tracked on an *LGBTI Facility Log*. At the time of the onsite visit, there were no residents who self-disclosed being transgender or intersex.

115.242 (d): A transgender or intersex resident's own views with respect to his or her safety will be given serious consideration.

115.242 (e): Transgender and intersex residents will be offered the opportunity to shower separately from other residents. In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager, she stated that transgender and intersex residents would be given the option of showering in a small restroom located outside of the double doors near the entry into the female unit.

115.242 (f): GEO does not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex residents in dedicated units or wings solely based on such identification.

REPORTING

Standard 115.251: Resident reporting

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.251 (a)

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.251 (b)

- 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 No
- Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials? Yes No
- Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request? Yes No

115.251 (c)

- Do staff members accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties? Yes No
- Do staff members promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No

115.251 (d)

- Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.251 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 18, section L-1 and facility policy 2014-2, page 4, last paragraph outline the agency's options for resident reporting methods. The agency provides multiple internal ways for residents to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment and any staff neglect or violation of

responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Residents are informed through the *PREA Education Manual for Residents* (page 10), provided to them at intake, and on the *Resident Reporting Options* posters posted in all resident rooms and in common areas throughout the facility, that they can inform a staff member or the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager. They are also informed that a third party can make a report for them. In interview with residents, they knew they could verbally report PREA allegations to any staff member or to the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and knew about third party reporting.

115.251 (b): The residents of the Chester Residential Reentry Center have access to reporting abuse or harassment to a public or private entity that is not part of the agency. Residents are informed through the *PREA Education Manual for Residents* (page 10), provided to them upon intake, and on the *Resident Reporting Options* posters posted in all resident rooms and in common areas throughout the facility, that they can contact the Delaware County Women Against Rape (DCWAR) by phone or in writing or call the RAINN National Hotline Network. DOC residents are given the mail address and phone number for the DOC PREA Coordinator. They are informed in the *PREA Educational Manual for Residents* that they can make a report and remain anonymous upon request.

115.251 (c): The agency policy mandates that staff are to accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously and from third parties and will promptly document any verbal reports. Random staff interviewed confirmed this mandate.

115.251 (d): Staff have access to private reporting by calling the Employee Hotline (866-568-5425) or the Corporate PREA Coordinator (561-999-5827). Information for resident and staff reporting was found on the GEO website (<https://www.geogroup.com/PREA>). *Third Party Reporting* posters and Page 4, section I of the *Employee Handbook* informs employees of their responsibility of reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment and their reporting options. Staff carry with them a Sexual Abuse First Responder Card, which has the employee hotline number and the website address for anonymous reporting. Staff interviewed knew how to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents.

Standard 115.252: Exhaustion of administrative remedies

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.252 (a)

- 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 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. Yes No NA

115.252 (b)

- Does the agency permit residents to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any

portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) Yes No NA

- Does the agency always refrain from requiring a resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) Yes No NA

115.252 (c)

- 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 No NA
- 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 No NA

115.252 (d)

- 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 No NA
- 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 of time to respond 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 No NA
- 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 No NA

115.252 (e)

- 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 No NA
- Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of residents? (If a third-party files such a request on behalf 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.)
 Yes No NA

- 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 No NA

115.252 (f)

- 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 No NA
- 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 No NA
- 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 No NA
- 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 No NA
- 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 No NA
- 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 No NA
- 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 No NA

115.252 (g)

- If the agency disciplines a resident for filing a grievance related to 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.) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.252 (a): In review of GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 19 & 20, section K-2, and facility policy 2014-5, pages 4 & 5, there is a procedure in place for residents to submit grievances regarding sexual abuse and the agency has procedures for dealing with these grievances. Instructions on how to file grievances are provided to residents on pages 6 & 7 of the *PREA Education Manual for Residents* and on pages 33 & 34 of the *Chester Reentrant Handbook*.

115.252 (b): There is no time limit when a resident can submit a grievance regarding sexual abuse. GEO does not impose a time limit to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse. Residents are not required to use any informal grievance process or attempt to resolve with staff an alleged incident of sexual abuse. Agency policy does not restrict GEO's ability to defend against a lawsuit filed by a resident on the ground that the applicable statute of limitations has expired. The PREA Compliance Manager receives all copies of grievances related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment for monitoring purposes. In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager, in the past 12 months there have been no grievances filed alleging sexual abuse.

115.252 (c): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A, residents have a right to submit grievances alleging sexual abuse to someone other than the staff member who is the subject of the complaint and the grievance will not be referred to the subject of the complaint. If a third party files a grievance on a resident's behalf, the alleged victim must agree to have the grievance filed on his behalf.

115.252 (d): A final decision shall be issued on the merits of any portion of the 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 individuals in the facility in preparing any administrative appeal. Facilities may claim an extension of time to respond (for good cause), of up to 70 days and shall notify the individual of the extension in writing. At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the individual does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, the individual may consider the absence of the response to be a denial at the first level.

115.252 (e): Third parties such as fellow residents, family members, attorneys or outside advocates may assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse and may file on behalf of residents. The alleged victim must agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf; however, he/she is not required to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process. If the resident declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, the agency shall document the resident's decision. In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager, in the past 12 months, there have been no grievances filed by a third party.

115.252 (f): Residents may file an emergency grievance if he/she is subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. After receiving an emergency grievance of this nature, the Acting Facility Director or designee will ensure that immediate corrective action is taken to protect the alleged victim. An initial response to the emergency grievance to the individual is required within 48 hours and a final decision will be provided within five calendar days. In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and on information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, there were no emergency grievances alleging sexual abuse filed.

115.252 (e): A resident can be disciplined for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse if it is determined that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith.

Standard 115.253: Resident access to outside confidential support services

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.253 (a)

- 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 No
- Does the facility enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible? Yes No

115.253 (b)

- 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 No

115.253 (c)

- 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 No
- Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.253 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 24 & 25, section N-8 and facility policy 2014-6, page 11, section H-6, addresses the agency's policy on providing residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse. The Chester Residential Reentry

Center enables reasonable communication between the residents and these agencies in a confidential manner.

Residents are given the telephone number and address to the Delaware County Women Against Rape (DCWAR), a community agency that the facility has an MOU with, and are given the telephone number to the RAINN National Hotline Network where advocates are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This information is provided to residents in the *PREA Education Manual for Residents* (page 9) and on the *Resident Reporting Options* posters displayed throughout the facility in both English and Spanish.

115.253 (b): Residents are informed in the *PREA Education Manual for Residents* of the extent to which communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws.

115.253 (c): The facility maintains a copy of the MOU with the Delaware County Women Organized Against Rape (DCWAR) and provided it for my review.

When interviewed, residents were aware of the outside confidential support services available to them and how to access them.

Standard 115.254: Third-party reporting

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.254 (a)

- Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No
- Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a resident? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.254 (a): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 20, section N-3, the agency has established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of individuals in a GEO facility or program. Information on third party reporting is found on *Third Party Reporting* posters in areas visible to staff and visitors and is made available on the GEO website at [http://www.geogroup.com/PREA \(Social Responsibility-PREA Certification Section\)](http://www.geogroup.com/PREA (Social Responsibility-PREA Certification Section)). Third-party reports

can be made in person, in writing, anonymously or by contacting the agency's PREA Coordinator. Residents interviewed were aware of this method of reporting.

In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager, during the past 12 months, there have been no reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment made to the facility by a third party.

OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING A RESIDENT REPORT

Standard 115.261: Staff and agency reporting duties

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.261 (a)

- Does the agency require all staff to 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? Yes No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.261 (b)

- 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 No

115.261 (c)

- 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 No
- 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 No

115.261 (d)

- 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 No

115.261 (e)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.261 (a): The agency's requirement on staff reporting duties can be found on page 20, section N-4 of GEO policy 5.1.2-A and on pages 5 & 6, section VII-B of facility policy 2014-6. Reporting duties for volunteers is on page 14, section G-2 and on page 15, section H-2 for contractors in GEO policy 5.1.2-A. Staff must take all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment seriously.

All staff are required to report immediately any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and 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. All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third party and anonymous reports, are reported to supervisors. The supervisor receiving the report immediately notifies the Acting Facility Director. Random staff interviewed knew their responsibility of reporting and to whom to report.

115.261 (b): Apart from reporting to designated supervisors, staff are not to reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone.

115,261 (c): The Chester Residential Reentry Center does not employ medical or mental health personnel on staff; therefore, provision 115.261 (c) of this standard is not applicable to this facility.

115.261 (d): If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under state statute, GEO will report the allegation to the designated state or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws. The Chester Residential Reentry Center houses adult male and female residents only, none of whom according to their classified level of care are considered vulnerable adults under then Pennsylvania State Vulnerable Persons Statue; therefore, provision 115.261 (d) of this standard is not applicable to this facility.

115.261 (e): The Chester Residential Reentry Center will report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third party and anonymous reports to investigators, depending on the

client. For DOC residents the Pennsylvania DOC PREA Coordinator is notified who conduct administrative investigations and refer to the Pennsylvania State Police for criminal investigations. Delaware County is notified for allegations involving Delaware County residents. These allegations are administratively investigated by GEO trained investigators and referred to the Chester Police Department for criminal investigation. If an allegation involves staff, notification is made to GEO's OPR.

Standard 115.262: Agency protection duties

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.262 (a)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.262 (a): When the agency learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it takes immediate action to protect the resident according to GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 20 & 21, section M-1 and facility policy 2014-6, page 5, section VI, 2nd paragraph. All allegations of sexual abuse are to be handled in a confidential manner and conversations with the victim sensitive, supportive and non-judgmental.

In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and random staff, as well as documentation provided, there were no times during the past 12 months that it was necessary for the facility to take immediate action in regards to a resident being in substantial risk of sexual abuse. Staff interviewed was aware of their responsibilities if they felt a resident was at risk for sexual abuse.

Standard 115.263: Reporting to other confinement facilities

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.263 (a)

- 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 No

115.263 (b)

- Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation? Yes No

115.263 (c)

- Does the agency document that it has provided such notification? Yes No

115.263 (d)

- Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.263 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 24, section 5 and facility policy 2014-6, page 9, section F were used to verify compliance to this standard. Upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the Acting Facility Director or designee shall notify the head of the facility where the sexual abuse was alleged to have occurred.

115.263 (b): This notification is to occur as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours of receiving the allegation.

115.263 (c): The facility will document that notification was made and include all actions taken regarding the incident. Copies of this documentation will be forwarded to the PREA Coordinator.

115.263 (d): The facility will ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with the PREA standards.

In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and in review of information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, there were no reports received that a resident was abused while confined to another facility.

If a report is received from another facility or agency regarding alleged sexual abuse occurring at the Chester Residential Reentry Center, the allegation will be reported and investigated accordance with the PREA standards. In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and in information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, there were no allegations of sexual abuse received that a resident was abused while confined to another facility and no notifications received that a former resident was abused while confined to the Chester Residential Reentry Center.

Standard 115.264: Staff first responder duties

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.264 (a)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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, 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 No
- 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 No

115.264 (b)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.264 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 21-23, section M-2-4 and facility policy 2014-6, pages 6-8, section VII-C, outline the procedures for first responders to follow for allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment whether that person is a security or non-security staff member.

Per policy, upon learning of an allegation of sexual abuse, the first security staff member to respond to the report is to separate the alleged victim and abuser, immediately notify the on-duty or on-call

supervisor, preserve and protect the crime scene, not let the alleged victim or abuser take any actions that could destroy physical evidence and not reveal to anyone information related to the incident to anyone other than staff involved with investigating the alleged incident.

115.264 (b): If the first responder is not a security staff member, the responder is to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence and notify security staff.

All staff carry with them a Sexual Abuse First Responder Card affixed to their badges reminding them of the steps to take if they are the first responders to an allegation of sexual abuse and are trained on first responder duties.

Interviews with security and non-security staff revealed that they knew the policy and procedures to follow if they were the first responder to an allegation of sexual abuse. They reported that they knew that the alleged victim and abuser must be separated and how to preserve the crime scene and physical evidence. In information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, there were no allegations of sexual abuse reported; therefore, there were no first responder duties implemented.

Standard 115.265: Coordinated response

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.265 (a)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.265: GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 6, section A-4 and review of the Chester Residential Reentry Center's *PREA Coordinated Response Plan* were used to verify that there is a plan in place to coordinate actions to be taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The plan provides written guidance to staff and administration regarding actions to take and notifications to be made. A *PREA After-Action Checklist for Incidents of Sexual Abuse and Harassment* is completed to ensure that all steps of the plan are carried out and proper notifications are made. This checklist is filed with the completed investigative packet. The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager is responsible to ensure compliance to the plan. Staff interviewed confirmed that they are knowledgeable of the plan and the necessary actions to be taken in response to an allegation of sexual abuse.

Standard 115.266: Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.266 (a)

- 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 No

115.266 (b)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.266 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 5 & 6, section III-A-3 was used to verify compliance to this standard. GEO would not enter into a collective bargaining agreement or other agreements that would limit the agency's ability to remove an alleged staff sexual abuser from contact with any resident pending the outcome of an investigation.

115.266 (b): In all cases where the alleged abuser is an employee, contractor or a volunteer, there will be no contact between the alleged abuser and the alleged victim pending the outcome of an investigation. Any "no contact" orders will be documented. Facility policy 2014-6, page 8, section 5-e, states that if the suspect is a staff member, the staff member shall be reassigned to a post with no resident contact or placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation. In all cases, the abuser would be subject to disciplinary sanctions for violating GEO policies on sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The Chester Residential Reentry Center does not have a collective bargaining unit. In interview with the Executive Vice President Continuum of Care & Reentry (agency head designee), he stated that there are no collective bargaining agreements for any of GEO's reentry facilities. GEO would not enter into any collective bargaining agreement at any of its facilities that would limit the facility's ability to remove an alleged sexual abuser from contact with residents pending the outcome of an investigation.

Standard 115.267: Agency protection against retaliation

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.267 (a)

- 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 No
- Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation? Yes No

115.267 (b)

- 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 No

115.267 (c)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 housing changes? Yes No
- 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 No

- 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 No
- 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 reassignments of staff? Yes No
- Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need? Yes No

115.267 (d)

- In the case of residents, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?
 Yes No

115.267 (e)

- 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 No

115.267 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.267 (a): GEO has as policy to protect residents who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff as outlined in policy 5.1.2-A, pages 25 & 26, section N-2 and in facility policy 2014-6, pages 10 & 11, section H-7-11.

115.267 (b): The agency has multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for residents, victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims and emotional support services for residents or staff that fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations. If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation are put in place.

115.267 (c): The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager is responsible for weekly monitoring of residents and monthly monitoring of staff who reported sexual abuse or sexual harassment or who cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations for retaliation for at least 90 days and longer if there is a continuing need. Items that are monitored are resident disciplinary reports, house or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignment of staff. Monitoring is documented on the *Protection from Retaliation Log*. Completed logs will be filed in the investigative file.

115.267 (d): Monitoring of residents will also include periodic status checks.

115.267 (e): If any resident or staff who cooperates with an investigation expresses fear of retaliation, the agency will respond appropriately to protect that individual from retaliation.

115.267 (f): Retaliation monitoring will terminate if it is determined that the allegation was unfounded.

In the past 12 months, there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported. When interviewed, the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager knew her responsibilities for monitoring for retaliation per policy and the PREA standards. She reported she would begin monitoring resident victims within the first week after the allegation was reported and weekly thereafter and monitor staff at least once a month. She would continue monitoring for 90 days and longer if necessary.

The Executive Vice President Continuum of Care & Reentry Services when interviewed stated that if a resident or staff expresses fear of retaliation, someone at the facility would meet with the resident or staff for any immediate concerns to make an assessment of what action to be taken to protect the resident or staff from retaliation.

INVESTIGATIONS

Standard 115.271: Criminal and administrative agency investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.271 (a)

- 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 No NA
- 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 No NA

115.271 (b)

- 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 No

115.271 (c)

- Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data? Yes No
- Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?
 Yes No
- Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator? Yes No

115.271 (d)

- When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution? Yes No

115.271 (e)

- Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as resident or staff?
 Yes No
- Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring a resident who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding? Yes No

115.271 (f)

- Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse? Yes No
- Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings? Yes No

115.271 (g)

- Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible? Yes No

115.271 (h)

- Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?
 Yes No

115.271 (i)

- 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 No

115.271 (j)

- Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?
 Yes No

115.271 (k)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.271 (l)

- 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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.271 (a): An administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment at the Chester Residential Reentry Center, including third party and anonymous reports. The agency's policy on administrative and criminal investigations is outlined in GEO policy 5.1.2-E, pages 4-6, section III-B.

When an allegation involves a Delaware County resident, a trained investigator assigned by GEO conducts an administrative investigation. When an allegation involves a DOC resident, the DOC Bureau of Community Corrections Management is notified and conducts administrative investigations. The supervisor receiving the report of an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment immediately notifies the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager who notifies the PREA Coordinator and the PREA Division Coordinator. If the allegation involves a staff member, notification is made to GEO's OPR. In the past 12 months, there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported.

115.271 (b): Investigators from the Pennsylvania DOC and GEO trained investigators have specialized training in the investigating sexual abuse allegations.

115.271 (c): It is the responsibility of investigators to gather and preserve circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data. They will interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators and witnesses and review prior reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator.

115.271 (d): When the quality of evidence supports criminal prosecution, the agency will conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors.

115.271 (e): 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 a resident or staff. A resident who alleges sexual abuse is not required to submit to a polygraph examination.

115.271 (f): The administrative investigation will include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse. The administrative investigation shall be documented in a written report and include a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments and investigative facts and findings.

115.271 (g): A criminal investigation shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial and documentary evidence. The facility shall request a copy of completed investigative reports.

115.271 (h): Substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal shall be referred for prosecution. If an allegation involving a DOC resident appears to be criminal, the allegation is referred to the Pennsylvania State Police. If an allegation involving a Delaware County resident appears to be criminal, the allegation is referred by GEO to the Chester Police Department. The Chester Residential Reentry Center has not received any allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

115.271 (i): The agency will retain all written reports as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years.

115.271 (j): The departure of an alleged abuser or victim from employment or control of the facility or agency, shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation.

115.271 (k): Any state entity or Department of Justice component that conduct investigations shall do so pursuant to the above requirements.

115.271 (l): When the Pennsylvania DOC, the Pennsylvania State Police or the Chester Police Department investigate sexual abuse allegations, the facility will cooperate with investigators and will try to remain informed about the progress of the investigation. In interview with the PREA Coordinator, she reported that facilities are required to check in with outside investigators at a minimum of every 30 days and document that contact was made to ensure that requirements such as retaliation monitoring and notices of outcome of investigations are completed as required.

Standard 115.272: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.272 (a)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.272 (a): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2,-E, page 6, section B-2-d, the agency/facility shall impose no standard higher than the preponderance of evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

In the past 12 months, there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported at the Chester Residential Reentry Center.

Standard 115.273: Reporting to residents

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.273 (a)

- 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 No

115.273 (b)

- If the agency did not conduct the investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency 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.) Yes No NA

115.273 (c)

- 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 No

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.273 (d)

- 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 No
- 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 convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? Yes No

115.273 (e)

- Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications? Yes No

115.273 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.273 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-E, pages 10 & 11, section III-K, facility policy 2014-6, pages 11 & 12, section J were used to verify compliance to this standard. The policies indicate that following an investigation of sexual abuse of a resident, the resident shall be informed in writing as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded. The Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager is responsible to present to the resident the *Notification of Outcome of Allegation* form which the resident signs. This form is retained in the investigative file of the corresponding PREA incident.

115.273 (b): If the facility did not conduct the investigation, the facility shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the resident.

115.273 (c): Following a resident's allegation that an employee has committed sexual abuse against the resident; the facility is required to inform the resident of the outcome of the investigation, unless the facility has determined that the allegation was unfounded. The resident is to be informed if the staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit, if the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or if the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

115.273 (d): Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, the agency will inform the alleged victim if the alleged abuser has been indicated on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or if the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

115.273 (e): All *Notification of Outcome of Allegation* or attempted notifications are documented and filed in the corresponding investigative file.

115.273 (f): An agency's obligation to report under this standard shall terminate if the resident is released from GEO custody.

In the past 12 months, there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported. When interviewed, the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager knew her responsibility of providing residents with notifications per the PREA standards and GEO policy.

DISCIPLINE

Standard 115.276: Disciplinary sanctions for staff

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.276 (a)

- Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies? Yes No

115.276 (b)

- Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse? Yes No

115.276 (c)

- 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 No

115.276 (d)

- 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 No
- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.276 (a): Employees shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse policy as outlined in policy GEO policy 5.1.2-E, page 11, section L-1 and facility policy 2014-6, page 13, section M-1.

115.276 (b): Termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse.

115.276 (c): Disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) shall commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the act committed, the staff member's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories.

115.276 (d): All terminations for violations of the agency's policies on sexual abuse and sexual harassment, or resignations, shall be reported to law enforcement and licensing agencies unless the activity was clearly not criminal. The *GEO Employee Handbook*, provided to all staff, pages 16 & 17 explain the zero-tolerance policy for employees and the sanctions that would be imposed for violations of that policy.

In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and in information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, there were no staff members who violated the agency/facility's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies.

Standard 115.277: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.277 (a)

- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with residents? Yes No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies unless the activity was clearly not criminal? Yes No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? Yes No

115.277 (b)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.277 (a): Based on review of GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 15, section G-3, (volunteers) and pages 15 & 16 (contractors) any volunteer or contractor who engages in sexual abuse or sexual harassment is prohibited from contact with residents and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies and licensing boards, unless the activity was clearly not criminal. The Chester Residential Reentry Center has two volunteers and no contractors.

115.271 (b): In the case of a violation of GEO's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policy by a volunteer, the facility will take remedial measures and will consider whether the volunteer is prohibited further contact with residents.

In interview with the Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, no volunteer has violated the agency/facility's

sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. If this were to occur, the volunteer would be denied access to the facility pending the outcome of an investigation.

Standard 115.278: Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.278 (a)

- 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 No

115.278 (b)

- 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 No

115.278 (c)

- 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 No

115.278 (d)

- 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 condition of access to programming and other benefits? Yes No

115.278 (e)

- 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 No

115.278 (f)

- 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 No

115.278 (g)

- 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 No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.278 (a): According to facility policy 2014-6, pages 12 & 13, section M-2, the referring agency is the supervision agency over residents at the Chester Residential Reentry Center. If a resident is found guilty of engaging in sexual abuse involving another resident, it will be reported to the appropriate referring agency, who will determine whether to subject the resident to formal disciplinary sanctions. Residents are made aware of sexual misconduct they will be disciplined for in the *Chester Reentrant Handbook*, page 13.

115.278 (b): Sanctions will 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.

115.278 (c): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-E, page 12, section 2, the disciplinary process may consider whether an individual's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed.

115.278 (d): If the facility offers counseling or other interventions designed to address the reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility shall consider requiring the offending individual to participate. The referring agency will determine if the resident will be required to participate in counseling or other interventions designed to address the reasons or motivations for the abuse.

115.278 (e): Disciplining a resident for sexual contact with an employee is prohibited unless it is found that the employee did not consent to the contact.

115.278 (f): 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.

115.278 (g): The agency prohibits all sexual activity between residents. Facilities may not deem that sexual activity between residents is sexual abuse unless it is determined that the activity was coerced.

In information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months there were no disciplinary sanctions imposed for residents violating the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies.

MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE

Standard 115.282: Access to emergency medical and mental health services

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.282 (a)

- 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 No

115.282 (b)

- 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 No
- Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners? Yes No

115.282 (c)

- Are resident victims of sexual abuse 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? Yes No

115.282 (d)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.282 (a): Victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services as stated in GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 24, section 7 and

facility policy 2014-6, page 7, section 5-h. The nature and scope of these services are determined by offsite medical and mental health providers according to their professional judgement.

115.282 (b): Security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect a victim of sexual abuse and the resident is transferred to the Crozer-Chester Medical Center for SANE exams and emergency medical treatment consistent with the community level of care. Security and non-security staff interviewed knew their responsibilities in first responder duties.

115.282 (c): Resident victims are offered information about access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate.

115.282 (d): All services are provided without financial cost to the victim, regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

In the past 12 months, there have been no sexual abuse cases requiring emergency medical or mental health services.

Standard 115.283: Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.283 (a)

- 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 No

115.283 (b)

- 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 No

115.283 (c)

- Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care? Yes No

115.283 (d)

- Are resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if all-male facility.) Yes No NA

115.283 (e)

- If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.283(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if all-male facility.) Yes No NA

115.283 (f)

- Are resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate? Yes No

115.283 (g)

- 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 No

115.283 (h)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.283 (a): The facility offers ongoing medical and mental health care to all the residents of the Chester Residential Reentry Center who have been victimized by sexual abuse.

115.283 (b): According to GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 25, section N-1 and facility policy 2014-6, page 8, section 5-h, the evaluation and treatment will include follow-up services, treatment plans and referrals for continued care upon transfer or release.

115.283 (c): Medical and mental health services provided to residents is provided offsite. Forensic exams and other medical services are provided at the Crozer-Chester Medical Center.

115.283 (d): Female victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration shall be offered pregnancy tests.

115.283 (e): If pregnancy results, they shall receive timely and comprehensive information about access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services.

115.283 (f): Resident victims will be offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

115.283 (g): All services will be provided without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. Referrals are made to the Crozer-Chester Medical Center or Ches Penn services for emergency and ongoing medical services.

115.283 (h): The facility attempts to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offers treatment when deemed appropriate. Counseling support, individual and group therapy for victims and abusers are offered by referral offsite. All refusals for medical and mental health services shall be documented.

In the past 12 months, there were no residents who required ongoing medical or mental health treatment due to being victimized by sexual abuse.

DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW

Standard 115.286: Sexual abuse incident reviews

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.286 (a)

- 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 No

115.286 (b)

- Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation? Yes No

115.286 (c)

- Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners? Yes No

115.286 (d)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

- Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts? Yes No
- Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff? Yes No
- 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 No

115.286 (e)

- Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.286 (a): According to GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 26 & 27, section N-3 and facility policy 2014-6, page 12, section K, the facility is required to conduct a sexual abuse at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation of every sexual abuse investigation in which the allegation has been determined to be substantiated or unsubstantiated.

115.286 (b): The review will occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation.

115.286 (c): The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager, the Clinical Supervisor and the Operations Supervisor make up the facility's Incident Review Team, with the PREA Coordinator may attend via telephone or in person.

115.286 (d): The team considers whether the incident was motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, perceived status or gang affiliation. The team examines the area where the incident was alleged to have occurred and assesses whether physical barriers in the area may have contributed to the abuse, whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented and whether the staffing levels at the time of the incident were adequate.

Incident reviews are documented on a *PREA After Action Review Report* (attachment J to policy 5.1.2-A) and forwarded to the PREA Coordinator no later than 10 working days after the review. The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager maintains copies of all completed *PREA After Action Review Reports* and a copy is retained in the corresponding investigative file.

115.286 (e): The facility will implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so.

In the past 12 months, there were no sexual abuse allegation reported; therefore, there were no incident reviews required. When interviewed, the members of the Incident Review Team knew their responsibilities as they relate to the review of sexual abuse incidents.

Standard 115.287: Data collection

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.287 (a)

- 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 No

115.287 (b)

- Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually? Yes No

115.287 (c)

- 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 No

115.287 (d)

- 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 No

115.287 (e)

- 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.) Yes No NA

115.287 (f)

- 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 No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

Exceeds Standard (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

Meets Standard (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

Does Not Meet Standard (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.287 (a): Information on data collection is found on page 27, section O-1 of GEO policy 5.1.2-A. GEO collects uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at all facilities under their control.

115.287 (b): The Acting Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager ensures that the data is compiled and forwarded to the PREA Coordinator on a monthly basis on the *Monthly PREA Incident Tracking Log* (attachment K of policy 5.1.2-A). In addition to submitting the *Monthly PREA Incident Tracking Log*, the PREA Compliance Manager is to ensure that a PREA Survey is created, updated and submitted for review and approval in the PREA Portal for every allegation of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and sexual activity. At least annually, the PREA Coordinator aggregates this data. Upon request, or no later than June 30th, the agency provides aggregated data information for the previous calendar year to DOJ.

115.287 (c): The data collected, will be at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS).

115.287 (d): The agency 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): This provision of this standard is not applicable to this facility. The agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents.

115.287 (f): Upon request, GEO shall provide such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.

Standard 115.288: Data review for corrective action

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.288 (a)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.288 (b)

- 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 No

115.288 (c)

- 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 No

115.288 (d)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.288 (a): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A, pages 27 & 28, sections O-2 & 3, and on interview with the PREA Coordinator, the agency reviews all of the data collected from all of its facilities and aggregates that data annually to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training. The PREA Coordinator stated that a database program is used at the corporate level and monitored by a Data Specialist.

115.288 (b): The PREA Coordinator reviews the data collected to identify problem areas, take corrective action on an ongoing basis and prepare an annual report of the findings and corrective actions for each facility and the agency as a whole. The report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provides an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse. The Annual PREA Report provides an excellent overview of the agency's efforts in the prevention of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in its facilities and therefore, exceeds in the requirements of this standard.

115.288 (c): The PREA Coordinator forwards the annual report to the Senior Vice President of GEO Care for her signature and approval. The report is then made public on the GEO website at <https://www.geogroup.com/PREA>.

115.288 (d): Before making aggregated sexual abuse data public, all personal identifiers are redacted.

Standard 115.289: Data storage, publication, and destruction

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.289 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.287 are securely retained?
 Yes No

115.289 (b)

- 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 No

115.289 (c)

- Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available? Yes No

115.289 (d)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.288 (a): GEO ensures that the data collected pursuant to standard 115.287 is securely retained. In interview with the PREA Coordinator, the data that is retained in the database program has restricted access. The PREA Compliance Manager and facility investigators have access to their facility's information only.

115.288 (b): GEO makes all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control readily available to the public annually on their website at <https://www.geogroup.com/PREA>.

115.288 (c): Before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, all personal identifiers are redacted.

115.288 (d): According to GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 28, section O-3, GEO ensures that the data collected is securely retained for at least 10 years or longer if required by the Pennsylvania state statute.

AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.401 (a)

- During the three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and during each three-year period thereafter, 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.? (N/A before August 20, 2016.)
 Yes No NA

115.401 (b)

- During each one-year period starting on August 20, 2013, 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? Yes No

115.401 (h)

- Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?
 Yes No

115.401 (i)

- Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)? Yes No

115.401 (m)

- Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?
 Yes No

115.401 (n)

- Were residents permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

115.401 (a): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A, page 28, section P, during the three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and each three-year period thereafter, GEO's Contract Compliance Department ensures that each facility is audited at least once by a PREA auditor who has been certified through the Department of Justice.

115.401 (b): According to GEO's PREA Coordinator, during the three-year period beginning on August 20, 2013, GEO ensured that each of its facilities were audited at least once and continues to ensure that its facilities are audited every three years.

The first audit of this facility was conducted February 23-24, 2015 by a DOJ Certified PREA Auditor, when the facility was owned and operated by the Community Education Center. This audit is the first PREA audit of the Chester Residential Reentry Center while under the management of GEO. In compliance with the agency policy and the PREA National Standards, this audit was conducted by me, a DOJ Certified PREA Auditor.

115.401 (h): During the audit, I was allowed access and I was able to observe all areas of the Chester Residential Reentry Center.

115.401 (i): I was permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documentation, including information that was stored electronically.

115.401 (m): I was permitted to conduct private interviews with residents and staff ensuring confidentiality to our conversation.

115.401 (n): Residents were notified six weeks before the audit on posted facility notices in both English and Spanish that they could send confidential correspondence that would be handled as legal mail and were provided my name and mailing address. I did not receive PREA-related correspondence from any residents of the Chester Residential Reentry Center.

Prior to the onsite visit to the Chester Residential Reentry Center, I contacted the Delaware County Women Against Rape (DCWAR), a community agency that through an MOU provides emotional support services to residents of the Chester Residential Reentry Center. I also contacted the Women Organized Against Rape, another community agency that provides emotional support services and the Crozer-Chester Medical Center to review the MOU the facility has and obtain information of the process of providing forensic exams and emergency and ongoing medical treatment to victims of sexual abuse.

Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.403 (f)

- The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports within 90 days of issuance by auditor. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AGENCY AUDIT. In the case of single facility agencies, the auditor shall ensure that the facility's last audit report was published. 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 that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.) Yes No NA

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In compliance with the National PREA Standards, I certify by my signature in the *Auditor's Certification* Section of this report that no conflict of interest exists with my ability to conduct this audit.

In thorough review of GEO's policies, as well as facility policies and procedures were found to comply with relevant PREA standards.

For each PREA standard, I made a determination of a finding of Exceeds Standard, Meets Standard or Does Not Meet Standard. See page 10 for a summary of my audit findings for each of the PREA standards.

This report describes the methodology, sampling sizes and basis for my conclusions as required. I have redacted any personal identifiable resident or employee information, but I can provide such information to GEO or the Department of Justice upon request.

Per agency policy and standard requirements, GEO ensures me this final report will be published on their website at (<https://www.geogroup.com/PREA>) to be available to the public.

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

- 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, and
- I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any resident or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

Barbara Jo Denison

July 11, 2018

Auditor Signature

Date