| Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report Community Confinement Facilities | | | | |
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| Agency Information | | | | |
| Name of Agency: Geo Group | | | | |
| Governing Authority or | Parent Agency (If Applic | able): Click or tap here | to enter text. | |
| Physical Address: 4958 | 5 Technology Way | City, State, Zip: B | oca Raton, FL 33431 | |
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| The Agency Is: | □ Military | Private for Profit | Private not for Profit | |
| □ Municipal | | □ State | Federal | |
| Agency Website with PREA Information: <u>www.geogroup.com/PREA</u> | | | | |
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| PREA Coordinator Reports to: | | | Number of Compliance Managers who report to the PREA Coordinator: 102 | | |
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| Facility Information | | | | | |
| Name of Facility: Leidel Com | prehensive Sancti | on Cen | ter | | |
| Physical Address: 1819 Commerce St. | | City, St | City, State, Zip: Houston, TX 77002 | | |
| Mailing Address (if different from above): Click or tap here to enter text.Ci | | City, St | Sity, State, Zip: Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| The Facility Is: | Military | | 🛛 Pr | ivate for Profit | Private not for Profit |
| Municipal | County | | St St | ate | Federal |
| Facility Website with PREA Information: www.geogroup.com/PREA | | | | | |
| Has the facility been accredited within the past 3 years? Xes No | | | | | |
| If the facility has been accredited within the past 3 years, select the accrediting organization(s) – select all that apply (N/A if the facility has not been accredited within the past 3 years): ACA NCCHC CALEA Other (please name or describe: Click or tap here to enter text. N/A | | | | | |
| If the facility has completed any internal or external audits other than those that resulted in accreditation, please describe: The facility has received monitoring audits conducted by the Bureau of Prisons. | | | | | |
| Facility Director | | | | | |
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| Facility Health Service Administrator 🛛 N/A | | | | | |

| Name: Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | |
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| Email: Click or tap here to enter text. | Telephone: Click or tap he | re to enter text. | | |
| Facility Characteristics | | | | |
| Designated Facility Capacity: | signated Facility Capacity: 190 | | | |
| Current Population of Facility: | Current Population of Facility: 91 | | | |
| Average daily population for the past 12 months: 80 | | | | |
| Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months? | | | | |
| Which population(s) does the facility hold? Females Males | | igtimes Both Females and Males | | |
| Age range of population: 19-68 | | | | |
| Average length of stay or time under supervision 6 months | | | | |
| Facility security levels/resident custody levels Minimum | | | | |
| Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months | | 688 | | |
| Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more: | | 688 | | |
| Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for <i>30 days or more:</i> | | 669 | | |
| Does the audited facility hold residents for one or more other agencies (e.g. a State correctional agency, U.S. Marshals Service, Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement)? | | Yes No | | |
| Select all other agencies for which the audited | Federal Bureau of Prisons U.S. Marshals Service U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Bureau of Indian Affairs U.S. Military branch | | | |
| facility holds residents: Select all that apply (N/A if the audited facility does not hold residents for any other agency or agencies): | State or Territorial correctional agency County correctional or detention agency | | | |
| | □ Judicial district correctional or detention facility | | | |
| | City or municipal correctional or detention facility (e.g. police lockup or city jail) | | | |
| | Private corrections or detention provider | | | |
| | ⊠ Other - please name or describe: United States Probation | | | |
| N/A Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with | | | | |
| Number of staff currently employed by the facility who residents: | may have contact with | 36 | | |

| Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with residents: | | 5 | | | |
|--|-------|------|--|--|--|
| Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with residents: | | 0 | | | |
| Number of individual contractors who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility: | | 0 | | | |
| Number of volunteers who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility: | | 0 | | | |
| Physical Plant | | | | | |
| Number of buildings: | | | | | |
| Auditors should count all buildings that are part of the facility, whether residents are formally allowed to enter them or not. In situations where temporary structures have been erected (e.g., tents) the auditor should use their discretion to determine whether to include the structure in the overall count of buildings. As a general rule, if a temporary structure is regularly or routinely used to hold or house residents, or if the temporary structure is used to house or support operational functions for more than a short period of time (e.g., an emergency situation), it should be included in the overall count of buildings. | 2 | | | | |
| Number of resident housing units: | | | | | |
| Enter 0 if the facility does not have discrete housing units. DOJ PREA Working Group FAQ on the definition of a housing unit: How is a "housing unit" defined for the purposes of the PREA Standards? The question has been raised in particular as it relates to facilities that have adjacent or interconnected units. The most common concept of a housing unit is architectural. The generally agreed-upon definition is a space that is enclosed by physical barriers accessed through one or more doors of various types, including commercial-grade swing doors, steel sliding doors, interlocking sally port doors, etc. In addition to the primary entrance and exit, additional doors are often included to meet life safety codes. The unit contains sleeping space, sanitary facilities (including toilets, lavatories, and showers), and a dayroom or leisure space in differing configurations. Many facilities are designed with modules or pods clustered around a control room. This multiple-pod design provides the facility with certain staff efficiencies and economies of scale. At the same time, the design affords the flexibility to separately house residents of differing security levels, or who are grouped by some other operational or service scheme. Generally, the control room is enclosed by security glass, and in some cases, this allows residents to see into neighboring pods. However, observation from one unit to another is usually limited by angled site lines. In some cases, the facility has prevented this entirely by installing one-way glass. Both the architectural design and functional use of these multiple pods indicate that they are managed as distinct housing units. | 5 | | | | |
| Number of single resident cells, rooms, or other enclosures: | 0 | | | | |
| Number of multiple occupancy cells, rooms, or other enclosures: | 5 | | | | |
| Number of open bay/dorm housing units: | 5 | | | | |
| Does the facility have a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology (e.g. cameras, etc.)? | X Yes | 🗌 No | | | |
| Has the facility installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology in the past 12 months? | □ Yes | 🛛 No | | | |

| Medical and Mental Health Services and Forensic Medical Exams | | | | |
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| Are medical services provided on-site? | □ Yes | | | |
| Are mental health services provided on-site? | □ Yes | | | |
| Where are sexual assault forensic medical exams provided? Select all that apply. | | be: Click or tap here to enter text.) | | |
| Investigations | | | | |
| Cri | minal Investigations | | | |
| Number of investigators employed by the agency and/or facility who are responsible for conducting CRIMINAL investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment: | | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| When the facility received allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (whether staff-on-resident or resident-on-resident), CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS are conducted by: Select all that apply. | | Facility investigators Agency investigators An external investigative entity | | |
| Select all external entities responsible for CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS: Select all that apply (N/A if no external entities are responsible for criminal investigations) | Local police department Local sheriff's department State police A U.S. Department of Justice component Other (please name or describe: Bureau of Prisons) N/A | | | |
| Admir | nistrative Investigations | | | |
| Number of investigators employed by the agency and/or facility who are responsible for conducting ADMINISTRATIVE investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? | | 1 | | |
| When the facility receives allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (whether staff-on-resident or resident-on-resident), ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS are conducted by: Select all that apply | | Facility investigators Agency investigators An external investigative entity | | |
| Select all external entities responsible for ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS: Select all that apply (N/A if no external entities are responsible for administrative investigations) | Local police department Local sheriff's department State police A U.S. Department of Justice component Other (please name or describe: Bureau of Prisons) N/A | | | |

Audit Findings

Audit Narrative (including Audit Methodology)

The auditor's description of the audit methodology should include a detailed description of the following processes during the pre-onsite audit, onsite audit, and post-audit phases: documents and files reviewed, discussions and types of interviews conducted, number of days spent on-site, observations made during the site-review, and a detailed description of any follow-up work conducted during the post-audit phase. The narrative should describe the techniques the auditor used to sample documentation and select interviewees, and the auditor's process for the site review.

The on-site visit to conduct a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliance audit of the LCSC during the period of October 13-14, 2020. The audit was conducted by U.S. Department of Justice certified PREA auditor Robert Manville. The standards used for this audit became effective August 20, 2012. At the time of the audit the center housed 91 residents and supervised 201 in home clients. There were a total of 36 staff assigned to the center at the time of the audit.

Pre-Audit Phase:

On September 12, 2020, PREA Audit Notices (in English and Spanish) were reposted in strategic locations throughout the facility where residents routinely live, enter and exit buildings, and participate in programming. The posting were updated and replaced due to a need to change in auditors due to Pandemic. No correspondence were received from any residents.

GEO Group were asked to complete the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supportive documentation which was received by the auditor on September 14, 2020. Pertinent documentation received during the pre-audit phase was reviewed and follow-up clarification or requests for additional documentation and revised submittals were assessed. Documentation reviewed included, but not limited to, educational materials, training logs, posters, brochures, agency policies and procedures, forms, and organizational charts. Agency policy content was structured in accordance with corresponding PREA standards.

On October 9, 2020 the auditor requested that additional information be available for review during the onsite audit which included staff rosters, resident rosters - including any residents characterized as being included in "targeted" categories, and any applicable investigative documentation for the audit period. These documents were provided and reviewed during the on-site audit. Prior to the on-site visit, the auditor discussed the information conveyed in the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) with the PREA compliance manager. The assistant superintendent for programs serves as the PREA compliance manager. Her insight to the PREA culture and the development of this culture with staff and residents were invaluable in understanding how staff and residents felt the need for safe boundaries only provides good program and also provides good security. As part of the pre-audit process, a review of the agency's PREA referenced policies, applicable local supplemental instructions, as well as

submittals of supporting documentation was conducted. Documentation submittals and reported data generally covered the 12 months period from October 14 2019 until October 13, 2020. A tentative schedule for interviews were formulated and submitted to the audited facility. The auditor and PREA staff varied interview times to meet with residents in order to interview residents that are on their jobs at variable times during a 24 hour period.

On-Site Audit Phase:

The auditor held an opening meeting at The Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center (LCSC) on the morning of October 13, 2020. The audit schedule and process were discussed during the entrance meeting. The auditors were provided an office in which to work and conduct private confidential interviews. All requested files and rosters, both staff and residents, were made available during the on-site audit.

Site Review:

Immediately following the opening meeting, a tour of facility was conducted. The auditor was escorted by the facility's PREA Compliance Manager and assistant director for operations. The auditor toured all resident living, work, and program areas. The auditor was given unimpeded access to all areas of the facility.

During the tour, the auditor reviewed PREA related documentation and materials located on bulletin boards, and pertinent log entries made by staff who visit work and program areas. The auditor assessed camera surveillance, potential blind spots, and physical supervision requirements as applied to a community correctional confinement requirements. Additional areas of focus during the facility tour included an assessment of limits to cross-gender viewing (can residents shower, dress, and use the toilet facilities without exposing themselves to employees of the opposite gender). External advocacy and "internal hotline" information was assessed while touring the facilities. Postings (in English and Spanish) regarding PREA violation reporting and the agency's zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment were prominently displayed in all living units, and throughout the facility. The tour revealed adequate camera coverage, and physical supervision. A review of logbooks and records revealed documentation of security and PREA rounds.

The on-site audit tour did not reveal any resident privacy concerns. Toilet and shower areas throughout the facilities were located in a manner to prohibit the possibility of non-incidental cross gender viewing.

Resident Interviews:

Resident interviewed were selected from a housing roster dated October 13, 2020. The rosters categorized residents by housing, programming and gender. Additional information was provided for PREA targeted categories such as disabled, limited English proficient (LEP), etc. Staff were able to identify residents in targeted categories, or the lack of residents in targeted groups. Interviews were conducted using the Department of Justice (DOJ) protocols to assess the offender's knowledge of PREA and the reporting mechanisms available to them. Using the

interview guides, 21 residents that are not of the PREA targeted group were interviews. These interviews included resident from each living unit, each program areas and each gender. There were 5 targeted residents were privately interviewed. The targeted residents were as follows; limited English proficient-2; disclosed victimization at screening- 1; disabled- 1; reported sexual abuse-0; and LGBTI-1.

Staff Interviews:

A total of 22 staff were interviewed. Twelve random staff from all shifts were interviewed regarding training, their knowledge of first responder duties, reporting mechanisms for staff and residents, and their perception of sexual safety and appropriate offender privacy issues.

The Agency Director, Agency PREA Coordinator and Agency Contract Administrator had been previously interviewed (the auditor is in receipt of the completed interview questionnaires). Specialized staff members were also interviewed. This included the Director, PCM, Investigator, Human Resource staff, Retaliation Monitor, 4 Case Managers, Security Supervisor and staff at The Bridge over Troubled Waters, Inc. and Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital for emergency care and SANE examinations. All interviewed staff demonstrated an understanding of the PREA and their responsibilities under this program, relative to their position or roles with the organization and employment status.

File Review:

Ten (10) employee training records were reviewed. Included in the employee training records included random monitors (direct care staff), supervisors and PREA Compliance manager.

Nine (9) background clearance files including three (3) new hired staff, three (3) staff that had been employed at KE more than five (5) years, and three (3) files of staff that had been promoted during the last 12 months.

Fifteen (15) resident's records were reviewed. These records included the following information.

- Identification Number
- Identification Number Date of Birth
- Date of Arrival
- Date of Screening
- Date of Follow-up Screening
- Date of Initial PREA notification
- Date of PREA orientation

One (1) volunteers file.

Ten Supervisor and management daily, weekly and month security (PREA) rounds log books

Investigations

During the applicable audit period, there was 2 allegation of PREA allegations reported. One allegation of Resident on Resident sexual harassment. One allegation was for staff on resident sexual abuse. A GEO staff member from another facility conducted this investigation. This investigator was a trained sex abuse investigator. It was determined that both allegation were unsubstantiated.

Post-Onsite Phase

During this period of document review, clarifications were sought regarding PAQ entries, and discussions with the facility PREA Compliance Manager and cooperate staff as required. PAQ entries were verified and any modification were corrected by center PCM.

Facility Characteristics

The auditor's description of the audited facility should include details about the facility type, demographics and size of the resident, resident or detainee population, numbers and type of staff positions, configuration and layout of the facility, numbers of housing units, description of housing units including any special housing units, a description of programs and services, including food service and recreation. The auditor should describe how these details are relevant to PREA implementation and compliance.

The Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center is located at 1819 Commerce Street, Houston, Texas. The GEO Group, Inc. took over the ownership and operation of the Leidel Center in 2010 when they acquired the Cornell Corporation, who owned and operated the facility from 1995-2010. The Federal Bureau (BOP) and the United States Probation Office (USPO) contracts with the GEO Group, Inc. to provide community confinement services to their offenders. The majority of residents have previously served time in secure centers. Residents are offered programs which includes Transition Skills, Living Skills and Substance Abuse Education.

The mission of the Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center is to return responsible, productive men and women to their families and communities through comprehensive Offender Community Reentry Plan (OCRP). "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 to GEO's care".

Entering the front of the building, the front door faces the Control Center. Residents and visitors check in and out from the Control Center. Residents scan their ID card and sign in and out on a paper log. This information is also maintained electronically. There is pat-down area

to the left of the Control Center where pat searches may be performed in view of a camera and documented in GEO Track. Residents are pat searched when come to or leaving the facility. Residents are breathalyzed when they return to the facility from being in the community and these are tracked in a BA Book and electronically in GEO Track. Control Center staff observe camera monitors and respond to door alarms.

Bulletin boards are in the front lobby area with PREA information posted in both English and Spanish. A main hallway behind the Control Center leads to living areas. There are pay phones on one side of the hallway resident reporting options listed Residents are allowed to have their own cell phones as well. Locked mail boxes are in this hallway for mail for case managers. Large bulletin boards in the mail hallway have PREA and other information displayed.

The facility is a one-level, concrete building that was built in 1995 with a small addition connected to the main building by a breezeway that was added in 2005. There are total of 5 dormitories at the facility.

Two dormitories are utilized for housing female residents and two are presently being utilized to house male residents. Dormitories vary in size with the largest male dormitory housing up to 70 residents. A newer addition was added to the facility and contains a dormitory and case management offices. During the audit, this dormitory is being utilized to house residents for the first 14 days for quarantine due to the pandemic. The facility has modified receptions days to ensure residents in quarantine do not mix with anyone during the first 14 days.

Each dormitory has an area for resident to shower, change clothing and use the restroom without being in view of person of the other gender. Staff announce their presence prior to entering a dormitory housing resident of the other gender. There are posting in each living unit, day room, work area, visitation room and food service area that includes Zero Policy for sexual abuse or sexual harassment, ways of reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment, victim advocacy group phone number BOP phone number and address and cooperate office address and phone number.

During the facility tour, the toll-free number for the RAINN National Hotline Network (1-800-656-4673) was dialed from a resident pay phone. The number was found to be accessible to residents.

The Food Service area is a large open area with microwave ovens on one wall and vending machines on another. There is a food prep area, and a male dining room. Food is catered by the South Texas Transitional Center (STTC), another GEO facility, with two cold meals and one hot meal delivered to the Center daily.

Across from the Food Service area is a laundry room for Dorm D male residents, and a male TV room with tables used for dining. There is also a male weight room in this area.

In the same area but separated is a female TV room/weight room/visit room/dining room.

There is a laundry room for the use of residents in Dorms A, C and D in the mail hallway and an Employment Room with several computers and desks for Employment Specialists located in the hallway near male dormitories.

The facility has cameras strategically placed inside the facility and areas outside of the facility. There were not cameras notes in areas where residents use the shower, toilet or dress.

There is not a separate intake area or reception areas for new arrivals. There are private rooms to conduct intake interviews. Residents coming into the facility are not strip searched and there are no areas for privacy to strip search as this practice is not acceptable at the facility.

A tour of the center, and review of the cameras system and mirrors provided assurance that the facility had addressed any past concerns of blind spots and any privacy issuers.

Summary of Audit Findings

The summary should include the number and list of standards exceeded, number of standards met, and number and list of standards not met.

Auditor Note: No standard should be found to be "Not Applicable" or "NA". A compliance determination must be made for each standard.

Standards Exceeded

Number of Standards Exceeded:

List of Standards Exceeded: Standard 115.211: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator Standard 115.217: Hiring and promotion decisions Standard 115.221: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations; Standard 115.231: Employee training; Standard 115.233: Resident education; Standard 115.241: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness; Standard 115.251: Resident reporting; Standard 115.253: Resident access to outside confidential support services; Standard 115.287: Data collection

Standards Met

Number of Standards Met:

33

9

 Standards Not Met
 0

 Number of Standards Not Met:
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 List of Standards Not Met:
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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)

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*)

Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The narrative below must include a comprehensive discussion of all the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet the standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

Standard and Documents Reviewed

GEO Group Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult and Community Confinement Facilities Local Policy 0504-1 PREA Staffing & Facility Requirements Corporate PREA Organizational Chart Leidel Organizational Chart

GEO Group Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, Leidel Policy 0504-1 PREA and company and facility organizational charts meet the requirements of this standard. The agency's zero tolerance against sexual abuse is clearly established and the policy outlines the agency's approach to preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations. GEO employs an upper-level, agency-wide PREA Coordinator at the corporate level. The agency's organizational chart depicts his position within the agency. The PREA Coordinator oversees the agency's efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of GEO's facilities. GEO ensures that all of its facilities have a PREA Compliance Manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facilities PREA efforts. The center's organizational chart illustrates the PREA Compliance Manager's position within the facility. Both the GEO Group PREA Coordinator and Center's Compliance Manager advised they have sufficient time and authority to coordinate efforts to comply with PREA standards. The PREA compliance manager (PCM) was extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic about PREA. The center's two assistant directors meet on a continuous basis to review and update PREA concerns.

The GEO Group has implemented a PREA tracking system that includes tracking of PREA incidents, investigations, retaliation monitoring, resident notifications, after action forms to include all areas that must be reviewed by the incident review team, screening dates, rescreening dates, and mental health referrals from screening. All of these components of the system or protected to only allow approved staff access. However the system is available for the PREA coordinator and the Cooperate PREA team to ensure compliance with Standards. Cooperate office is active involved in reviewing this data base including investigations, after action reports and compliance with time lines and best practices.

The agency and center policies outline a zero-tolerance policy for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Residents are informed orally about the zero-tolerance policy and the PREA program during in-processing and additional admission and orientation presentations. The orientation is offered in English and in Spanish. Additional program information is contained in the resident's manual, and postings distributed throughout the center (observed during the tour).

All written documents are available in English and Spanish. Additional interpretive services are available for residents who do not speak or read English. Both center staff and residents are provided with a wealth of opportunities to become aware of PREA policies and procedures. All employees receive initial training and annual training, as well as updates throughout the year. The agency and center exceeds the standards with

all the programs they have implemented to ensure the residents and staff understand its position on zero- tolerance. Exceed Compliance was determined by review of agency organization chart, agency and center policies, both staff and resident training orientation power point presentations, posters, detainee manual, and agency data base. Compliance also included interviews with staff, contractors, and residents to further provide exceed compliance with this standard.

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.) □ 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*)

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

GEO Group Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Local Policy 0504-1 PREA Staffing and Facility Requirement Resident Monitoring Reports

The facility does not contract with other entities to house residents. A review of the documentation submitted substantiates that the US BOP requires the entities which they contract for the confinement of residents (privatized prisons or residential reentry centers or "halfway houses") to adopt and comply with the PREA standards. Compliance was determined by review of facility contract agreement and interviews with the GEO group PREA coordinator and Agency Administrator.

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 facility have a documented staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse? Yes INO
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The physical layout of each facility? ⊠
 Yes □ No

- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse? ☑ Yes □ No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any other relevant factors? ⊠ 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 resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adequate staffing levels? ⊠ Yes □ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Proposed Staffing Plan PREA Unannounced Round Log Annual PREA Facility Assessment Staff Schedule Resident Count Verification Facility Floor Plan with Camera Locations

The GEO Group 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 the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adequate staffing levels in the development of the facility's staffing plan.

In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, the Facility Director would document and justify all deviations from the plan. The Facility Director monitors the staffing plan by reviewed staff rosters. Monthly employee rosters are forwarded to BOP for their review. In interview with the Facility Director, in this audit period there were no times that there were deviations to the staffing plan. Staff vacancies are filled by the use of staff overtime to ensure the correct staff-to-resident ratio.

The staffing plan is reviewed annually by the Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager, the Assistant Director of Security and the Assistant Director of Programs and documented on the PREA Annual Facility Assessment form. This form is then forwarded to the Regional Director, the Director, Quality Assurance, the Divisional Vice President 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. In the 2019 PREA Annual Facility Assessments, no recommendations were made for changes to the established staffing plan. The present staff plan was submitted in December 2019.

Per policy, facility management staff and mid-level supervisors conduct unannounced rounds within their respective areas to identify and deter employee sexual abuse and sexual harassment. There are four counts per shift, which are documented on the Housing Count Roster. Management staff are required to complete, at a minimum, unannounced PREA rounds once a shift each month. These rounds are documented on the Unannounced PREA Rounds Log.

An examination of policy and supporting documentation and all interviews confirms compliance with this standard.

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)

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 the facility does not have female residents.)
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- 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 the facility does not have female 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? (N/A if the facility does not have female residents). ☑ Yes □ No □ NA

115.215 (d)

 Does the facility have policies 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? \boxtimes Yes \Box No

- Does the facility have procedures that enables 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

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? Imes Yes □ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Leidel Policy 0903-1 Resident Searching, Viewing and Contraband PREA Staff Training Curriculum PREA Staff Training Logs Statement of Fact

Pat searches are conducted in the Lobby/Control area in view of security cameras. All residents are searched when entering the facility from being in the community, when leaving onsite work facility assignments and any time a staff deems a search is warranted for the safety and security of the facility. Females are not restricted access to regular available programming or outside opportunities in order to comply with this provision. At all times, there is a female and a male staff member on duty.

Security monitors receive training on how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents. The agency's Guidance in Cross Gender and Transgender Pat Searches curriculum was provided for review. Staff sign a Cross Gender Pat Searches & Searches of Transgender & Intersex acknowledgement form upon completion of this training and sign a Training Record Sign in Log. Receipt of this training was verified through interviews with staff and review of staff training records. Strip searches are not allowed at this center. If a resident has contraband that they will not provide the facility, the resident will removed from the program and transferred to a secure facility to provide for the safety of residents, staff and the community.

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. This practice was observed while on-site and residents and staff interviewed confirmed that this practice is being followed. Residents shared that they feel they have privacy to shower, toilet and change clothing when staff of the opposite gender are in their housing unit.

Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A and facility policy 0903-1, the facility prohibits examining transgender or intersex residents for the sole purpose of determining genital status.

Transgender and intersex residents complete a Statement of Search form indicating the gender of the staff they prefer to conduct pat searches. Transgender and intersex residents shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents. At the time of the audit, there was no transgender resident housed at the facility. Compliance was determined by review of policies, documentation of pat searches, interviews with residents and staff.

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 have intellectual disabilities? X Yes INO
- 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? X Yes INO
- 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.) X Yes D No

- Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing? ⊠ 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? X Yes D 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)

- Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?
 Xes
 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?
 Xes

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities. GEO Annual Data Reports Local Policy 1702-1 PREA Intake and Orientation PREA Education Manual for Residents (English/Spanish) Large Print PREA Education Manual for Residents (English/Spanish) PREA Facility Posters (English/Spanish) Resident Reporting Options Posters (English/Spanish) GEO PREA In-Service Training (Use of Interpreters) Language Line Services, Inc. TTY Device Statement of Fact

GEO and Leidel policies mandates that the facility shall not discriminate against detainees with known disabilities and shall provide reasonable accommodations to ensure access to programs, activities, and services in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the provisions established in this Policy.

Through policy and practice, the facility staff ensures that residents with all disabilities listed in 115.16a have an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The ESL residents interviewed stated they were instructed about PREA compliance and felt safe from sexual abuse. All PREA related information (written information), including postings, brochures and handouts are available in English, and Spanish. The facility has access to translation services for written access in other languages. Staff also may read information to residents when necessary. Agency and facility policies prohibit detainees to be relied on as readers or any types of assistants, except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the detainee's safety. The director provided a memo of

record indicating that the center has not utilized resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants this accreditation period. The use of detainees under these circumstances must be justified and documented in a written investigative report. Staff interviewed knew detainees were not to be used for this purpose. Interviews with first responders, medical, mental health and monitors confirmed their awareness of the prohibition of using resident interpreters for PREA compliance functions. Interviews with three non-English proficient residents confirmed the availability and use of the staff interpreters and telephonic interpretive services. Interviews with staff and residents and an examination of policy/supporting documentation also confirm compliance with this standard. The large number of the staff members are bi-lingual in languages other than English. There were no deaf or blind resident housed at the facility during this audit period. The facility has TTY telephone and hard of hearing telephones for residents. Compliance of this standard was confirmed by review of Agency Policy, contracting services for language interpretation services and interviews with PCM, and ESL residents.

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 center (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? X 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 center (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?
 Xes
 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? X 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 who may have contact with residents? Imes Yes Imes No

115.217 (c)

- 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 centeral employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse? X Yes Xo

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 any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees? I Yes I 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)

 Does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an 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.) X Yes A No A

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating

compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Local Policy 0504-1 PREA Staffing and Facility Requirements Employment Application Questionnaire GEO Background Clearance Customer Background Clearance Employee Annual Disclosure Form Employee Promotional Disclosure Form Statement of Fact

All employees, contractors and volunteers have had criminal background checks completed prior to being employed by Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center (LCSC). The facility does not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with residents, and does not enlist the services of any contractor or volunteer that may have contact with residents, who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other center; 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, or if the person has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity. Incidents of sexual harassment are considered in determining whether to hire or promote anyone or to enlist the services of any contractor or volunteer who may have contact with residents. By contract agreement all staff at LCSC receive a background check each year. The facility contracts with Career Builders to conduct NCIC background checks for LCSC. Once the background is completed the facility notifies BOP that background was cleared and the person has been trained and assigned to the facility. At that time BOP conducts a complete Federal Employment Background check.

Employees have a duty to disclose such misconduct. Material omissions regarding this type of misconduct would be grounds for termination. The submission of false information by any applicant is grounds for not hiring the applicant. The human resource manager confirmed that the agency attempts to contact prior employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or resignations which occurred during a pending investigation of sexual abuse. Interviews with staff and a review of documentation (PREA Screening Form) confirm compliance with this standard. Five new staff member and three promoted staff and five staff that have been employed at LCSC for more than five years personnel files were reviewed and found to have receive background checks completed prior to employment, promotion and or working longer than five years at LCSC.

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.)

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center (LCSC) Policy 0504-1 PREA Staffing and Facility Requirements Annual Facility Assessment Statement of Fact

GEO Group Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) mandates the company will consider the effect of new or upgraded design, acquisition, expansion or modification of physical plant or monitoring technology might have on the facility's ability to protect detainees from sexual abuse. LCSC Policy 0504-1 PREA Staffing and Facility Requirements state that the facility will consider the effect of new or upgraded design, acquisition, expansion or modification of physical plant or monitoring technology might have on the facility's ability to protect detainees from sexual abuse. In interview with the agency head designee at an earlier date stated that the agency uses technology to assist the facilities in keeping residents safe from sexual abuse. There have been no additional modifications or expansions to LCSC during the last audit period. If new facilities are designed or there are modifications to existing facilities, the agency's PREA Coordinator works closely with the project development team to ensure the safety of residents. Compliance was determined by review of facility camera coverage and interviews with Agency Head Designee, GEO Group PREA coordinator, and center director.

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.) Vest Pos 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.) \boxtimes Yes \square No \square 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
- 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)? Imes 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? (N/A if agency *always* makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.) □ Yes
 □ No ⊠ NA
- 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?
 Xes D No

115.221 (f)

 If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating agency 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? (N/A if agency *always* makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.) □ Yes □ No ⊠ NA

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

TX Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Protocol Local Policy 0504-1 PREA Staffing and Facility Requirements Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program PREA Audit Report, V6 Page 31 of 102 Facility Name – double click to change Policy 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior (PREA) and Evidence Collection SAFE/SANE Provider Information Victim Advocacy MOU SAFE/SANE MOU Attempts Statement of Fact

GEO policy 5.1.2-E, outlines the agency's requirements as it applies to this standard. The facility does not have trained facility investigators. When needed trained investigators from other facilities in the region would be called upon to conduct administrative investigations. Under the contract agreement with BOP the director notifies BOP of all allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. BOP will conduct the investigations. If the incident appears to be criminal in nature the Houston Police Department and BOP are responsible for conducting criminal investigations. The center would protect the crime scene and the investigative agency would collect the forensic evidence in accordance with evidence protocols established by the Department of Justice (DOJ). The investigating entities follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence and fulfill all requirements of this standard.

Victims of sexual abuse have access to forensic medical examinations with the victims consent and without cost to the resident regardless if the victim names the abuser or cooperates with an investigation arising out of incident. Forensic exams are not performed at this facility. Victims of sexual abuse are provided through the Harris County Health District and referred to or to the LBJ General Hospital or the Ben Taub General Hospital, both located in Houston, TX. The Harris County Health District will not enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Leidel Center, but provides SANE exams to its residents. In the past 12 months, there have been no residents who have required SANE exams. The facility does not serve youthful offenders.

The Houston Area Women's Center provides services for female residents as part of the program community services. The facility has a MOU with the Bridge over Troubled Waters. Both the Houston Area Women's Center and the Bridge over Troubled Waters provide services to the residents of the Leidel Center. The Bridge over Troubled Waters Inc. was contacted to discuss sexual assault services that they provide to victims of sexual assault. The Hotline Manager reported that besides being a reporting hotline, the agency provides counseling, support groups and victim advocacy services. The agency staff interviewed indicated that they were presently serving resident from the center for past history of domestic abuse. If a resident victim of sexual abuse was referred to the LBJ Hospital for a SANE exam, the hospital would contact their agency to request victim advocacy services.

Residents are made aware of the confidential emotional support services available to them in the PREA Education Manual for Residents, PREA posters displayed throughout the facility and a brochure all residents receive when they arrive at the center. When interviewed, residents

were aware of the confidential emotional support services available to them and how to access them. Exceed compliance was determined by review of policies, MOU, and documentation provided from Victim Advocacy Group. Further interviews with the hospital and victim advocacy group stressed the city of Houston has a proactive program for victim of sexual abuse including the Houston Policy Department, the Houston Area Women Services, several local hospital and The Bridge over Troubled Water advocacy program.

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)

115.222 (b)

- Does the agency document all such referrals? ⊠ Yes □ No

115.222 (c)

If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does the policy 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.

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

GEO Group Policy 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior (PREA) and Evidence Collection Local Policy0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) PREA Investigation Report Incident Tracking Logs GEO Website (PREA Investigations) Houston PD MOU Request Statement of Fact

GEO policy 5.1.2-E and LCSC policy 0803-1, outline the agency's policy and procedures for investigating and documenting incidents of sexual abuse. Policy 0803-1 mandates that the facility shall report all allegations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Residential Reentry Manager and/or local law enforcement for investigation The facility initiates an administrative investigation and if it is determined that the allegation involved potential criminal activity, a referral is made to the Houston Police Department or BOP who conducts a criminal investigation. It is the responsibility of the investigating agencies to ensure that all forensic evidence is collected and preserved in accordance with evidence protocols established by the Department of Justice.

The agency documents all referral of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation. All allegations are tracked on the PREA Monthly Incident Outcome Tracking Log.

In the past 12 months, there was one allegation of staff-on-resident sexual abuse reported. The allegation was referred to OPR and to BOP for investigation. BOP referred the incident back to the GEO Group for investigation. A trained sexual abuse investigator from the GEO Group conducted the investigation. The incident was determined not to rise to the level of criminal and was determine to be unsubstantiated for sexual abuse or sexual harassment. It was determined to be employee misconduct ant staff resigned in lieu of termination. The agency policy regarding the referral of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation is published on the GEO website http://www.geogroup.com/PREA (Documents and Resources Section). Compliance was determined by review of policies, all incident reports including sexual harassment and sexual abuse and review of investigation. GEO Group provided the auditor of investigator credentials.

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: 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 dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement? ☑ Yes □ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims? ☑ 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? Imes Yes Imes 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 comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?
 Xes
 No

115.231 (b)

- 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)

- 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? X 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?
 Xes D 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)

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities GEO Staff Training Curriculum Pre-Service Training Rosters In-Service Training Record

All staff are provided an Employee handbook that includes all areas of PREA training and protocol for sexual abuse prevention, intervention, reporting, and protecting the residents and preserving the possible crime scene. Training includes:

- □ Zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- How to fulfill staff responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures.
- Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- □ Residents on the right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- Dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement.
- □ Common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims.
- □ How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse.
- □ How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents.
- How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents.
- □ How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.
- □ Cross Gender & Pat Searches & Searches of Transgender and Intersex

Newly hired employees receive training relative to PREA standards during their initial training in a classroom setting. Yearly refresher training is required by all staff utilizing a Computer Based PREA training program. Contractors and volunteers are provided training relative to their duties and responsibilities by the facility PREA Compliance Manager. A review of the training curriculum, training sign-in sheets and other related documentation, as well as staff interviews, confirmed staff are required to acknowledge, in writing, not only that they received PREA training, but that they understood it. A review of documentation and staff interviews confirmed that the facility is compliant with this standard. GEO Group Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention program mandates that the facility will be required to modify training to meet needs of the gender population being served at the facility.

A sampling of staff annual training files (15) were reviewed and contained documentation supporting compliance with this standard. In the past 12 months, all Leidel Center staff have received PREA training as verified by review of employee training files. In interview with staff, they were able to confirm receiving this training and knew their responsibilities for preventing and responding to allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The facility exceeds in this standard as was evident by review of the training curriculums, review of staff training records and the overall knowledge of staff in response to interview questions.

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?
 Xes D No

115.232 (b)

115.232 (c)

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

GEO Group Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) Orientation and Training Volunteer Training Acknowledgment Volunteer Orientation Roster Statement of Fact

GEO Group Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program mandates each facility shall ensure that all Contractors or volunteers who have contact with Individuals in a GEO Facility or Programs are trained on their responsibilities under GEO's Sexual Abuse and Harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures. Contracted Medical and Mental Healthcare Practitioners shall receive specialized training, in addition to general training for Contractors and Volunteers (if their duties include evaluating and providing patient care to residents). All volunteer staff are required to receive PREA training annually. A review of volunteer and contractor training curriculum included all aspects of this standard. LCSC did not have any contracts with outside vendors during the review period. In addition, 2020 volunteer training had not been conducted prior to facility accessibility restrictions concerning Covid-19. No volunteers are currently accessing the facility to provide service. Compliance was determined by review if the training curriculum and interviews with PCM who also would serve as the volunteer coordinator.

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

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 deaf? ⊠ Yes □ No

- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Have limited reading skills? Ves Destination

115.233 (d)

115.233 (e)

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Local policy 1702-1 PREA Intake and Orientation PREA Education Manual for Residents PREA Education Posters Acknowledgment of Receipt of PREA Education Manual PREA Video Acknowledgment

Residents receive an education manual during the printed in both English and Spanish. Residents also receive a pamphlet from Bridge of Trouble Water which provides service to the resident population. There are PREA posters throughout the center and in each housing unit, and a PREA "Report Line" telephone number which may be called to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment, is posted on the unit bulletin boards. There is an interpretive language service available for limited English proficient residents. A review of Resident Handbook and PREA Brochure verified that residents received Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse Prevention & Intervention education and relevant written materials. All residents are required to acknowledge in writing they have received PREA education. A staff member conducts an additional education program regarding the PREA for all residents within 30 days of their arrival at the facility. If a resident is transferred to another facility, policy requires that this training process be repeated at the new center, as confirmed through interviews with newly arrived resident. The program includes definitions of sexually abusive behavior and sexual harassment, prevention strategies and reporting modalities.

The auditor reviewed a random sampling of fifteen (15) A&O Checklists/Signature Sheets to verify that resident received the PREA education including relevant written materials. All residents are required to acknowledge completion of PREA education. During the interview process randomly selected residents indicated they received information about the facility's rules against sexual abuse/sexual harassment, when they arrived at the facility. They further indicated they were advised about their right not to be sexually abused/sexually harassed, how to report sexual abuse/sexual harassment and their right not be punished for reporting sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Residents were aware of available services outside of the facility for dealing with sexual abuse. Exceed Compliance was determined by review of resident documented training, training curriculum, observation of training and interviews with case managers and residents.

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 receive 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 Xists 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 図 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

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

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Specialized Investigator Certificate Statement of Fact Email documenting investigator training

GEO ensures that facility investigators receive training on conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings. There are no trained facility investigators as the Leidel Center. The Facility Director would consult with the PREA Coordinator to assign a trained investigator from another GEO facility to conduct investigations. The one allegation of sexual abuse that was investigated. This investigation was conducted by a GEO staff member. The GEO Group provided the auditors with the investigators training records. Compliance was determined by review of sexual abuse investigations, investigators training records, review of policy and interview with GEO Group coordinator and facility director.

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? (N/A if the agency does not have
any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its
facilities.)

 \Box Yes \Box No \boxtimes NA

- 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? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) □
 Yes □ No ⊠ NA
- 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? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) □ Yes □ No ⊠ NA
- 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? (N/A if the

agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) \Box Yes \Box No \boxtimes NA

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 does not employ medical staff or the medical staff employed by the agency 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? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) □ Yes □ No ⊠ NA

115.235 (d)

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.231? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners employed by the agency.)
 □ Yes □ No ⊠ NA
- 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 if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency.) □ Yes □ No ⊠ NA

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Statement of Fact

Leidel Center does not employ medical or mental health staff. The staff from Bridge over Trouble Water, community mental health staff were interviewed for victim advocacy and mental health support services. Their staff have received training prior to the Pandemic. Both group provided an in depth information on the city's support teams that have received training on providing sexual abuse interventions, evaluation and treatment. Compliance was determined by interviews with community support teams and PREA compliance manager.

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 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)

115.241 (d)

- 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?
 Xes
 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 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)? X Yes
- 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

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- 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 centeral violence or sexual abuse? Ves 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

115.241 (h)

115.241 (i)

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities LCSC Policy 1701-1 PREA Screening/Admission PREA Vulnerability Reassessment Questionnaire

All residents are assessed during the intake screening process for their risk of being sexually abused by other residents or being sexually abusive toward other residents. The screening is conducted by a case manager. The screening normally occurs within twenty-four hours, but no more than seventy-two hours after the resident's arrival. Any offender who scores as a "High Risk Sexual Victim" (HRSV) and/or "High Risk Sexual Aggressor" (HRSA) is referred to mental health staff for follow-up. It was evident that staff performs this assessment immediately upon admission. The center provides contact information and make a referral to Cross Creek Mental Health services for BOB residents and Bridge over Trouble Waters and woman's services for follow up for allegations of history of sexual abuse for other residents. Staff from the Bridge over Trouble Water staff interviewed confirmed they had received information and conducted follow up support for residents that have a history of sexual abuse.

Policies and procedures require the use of a screening instrument (reviewed by auditor) to determine proper housing, bed assignment, work assignment, education and other program assignments with the goal of keeping residents at high risk of being sexually abused/sexually harassed separate from those residents who are at high risk of being sexually abusive. The Screening instrument includes all areas noted in this standard. The GEO Group PREA

Coordinator provided guidance on persons conducting the screening instrument to provide their own perception on offender gender orientation by adding the phrase the offender perceive to be gender conforming or gender non-conforming.

The case managers meets with the offender to review any additional information that has been received, overall adjustment to the facility and for job placement. During the offender's risk level is reassessed. Controls are in place to ensure that information received during the screening is only available to staff on a need-to-know basis. Agency policy prohibits residents from being disciplined for refusing to answer or for not disclosing complete information in response to questions regarding their mental/physical health, developmental disability, sexual preferences, sexual victimization history and perception of vulnerability. Housing and program assignments are made on a case-by-case basis and residents are not placed in housing units based solely on their sexual identification or status.

A review of 15 initial and rescreening instruments revealed that all residents were screened and rescreened as required by standards.

Interviews and documentation revealed that intake screenings are taking place within 72 hours of arrival at the LCSC. Also, during intake screening, procedures require staff review available documentation (judgment and sentence, commitment orders, criminal records, investigation reports, field and medical files) for any indication that a resident has a history of sexually aggressive behavior. Housing assignments are made accordingly. The facility uses the agency Screening form and the Screening for Risk of Victimization and Abusiveness as the objective screening instruments. The Screening for Risk of Victimization and Abusiveness include the following:

- Whether the resident has a mental, physical, or developmental disability;
- The age of the resident;
- The physical build of the resident;
- Whether the resident has previously been incarcerated;
- Whether the residents' criminal history is exclusively nonviolent;
- Whether the resident has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child;
- Whether the resident is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming;
- Whether the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization;
- The resident's own perception of vulnerability; and
- Whether the resident is detained solely for civil immigration purposes

Compliance was determined by review of the screening instrument, review of resident records with screening and rescreening instrument, review of company resident data to manage screening instruments. Compliance was further determined by interviews with 2 case managers, PREA compliance manager, and residents. One resident with history of sexual

victimization volunteered during her interview that she was actively involved in a counseling programs through The Bridge over Trouble Waters program.

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)? \boxtimes Yes \Box 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)

115.242 (e)

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? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I residents pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.) ⊠ Yes □ No □ NA
- 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? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I residents pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.) ⊠ Yes □ No □ NA
- 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? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility,

unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I residents pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.) ⊠ Yes □ No □ NA

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Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Policy 1701-1 PREA Screening/Admission PREA Risk Assessment & Referral At Risk Logs LGBTI Logs Transgender Assessment Paperwork Statement of Fact

BOP Residents who score at risk of victimization or abusiveness are referred for further evaluation to Cross Creek Mental Health Services. all residents that claim history of sexual victimization or referred to the Bridge over Trouble Waters for support services. Residents have an option of refusing these services. Those identified to be at risk are tracked on an At-Risk Log. Residents tracked on the At-Risk Log are housed in the first cubicle as you enter the dorms or in the bunks closest to the door in open bay dorms to be more visible to staff, separating potential victims from potential predators.

GEO does not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex residents in dedicated units or wings solely based on such identification. Housing and programming assignments for

transgender and intersex residents shall be reassessed every 6 months using the PREA Vulnerability Reassessment form.

Transgender and intersex residents are given the opportunity to shower alone. At the time of the on-site visit, there was no transgender female housed at the facility.

Compliance was determined by interviews with 2 case managers, PREA compliance manager, and residents. One resident with history of sexual victimization volunteer during her interview that she was actively involved in counseling programs through The Bridge over Trouble Waters program

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: 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
- Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request?
 ☑ Yes □ No

115.251 (c)

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- 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

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) **Resident Reporting Options Poster** PREA Education Manual for Residents Third Party Reporting Options Poster Employee Handbook (Sexual Harassment) GEO Website (Staff Reporting Info) Bureau of Prisons RRM Office (BOP Placements only) US Probation Supervisor (USPO Placements Only) RAINN - National Sexual Assault Hotline (Victim Advocacy) The Bridge over Troubled Waters (Crisis Center) Houston Area Women's Center (Counseling and Victim Advocacy) Page 55 of 102 PREA Audit Report, V6 Facility Name - double click to change Houston Police Department (Anonymous 24/7)

The agency/facility provides multiple ways for detainees to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment and retaliation by other detainees or staff for reporting. Residents can verbally report any staff member, report in writing, by telephone, submit a grievance or by a third party report.

Reporting avenues includes:

- Report to any staff, volunteer, contractor, or medical or mental health staff.
- Report in Writing
- Submit a Grievance
- PREA Compliance Manager:
- RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline (Victim Advocacy)
- The Bridge Over Troubled Waters (Crisis Center)
- Houston Area Women's Center (Counseling and Victim Advocacy)
- Houston Police Department (Anonymous 24/7)
- Report to the Cooperate PREA office at (561) 999-5827

Staff members promptly accept and document all verbal, written, anonymous, private and third-party reports of alleged abuse/sexual harassment.

The PREA hotline was contacted and verified that it is operational. All interviewed residents confirmed awareness of the multiple methods of reporting sexual abuse/sexual harassment allegations. Residents at the facility are not detained solely for civil immigration purposes.

Interviews with staff and residents, the observation of posters addressed reporting methods. GEO Group websites were reviewed and also provided reporting opportunities. Further an examination of policy/documentation confirm the facility's Exceeds compliance with this standard.

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

115.252 (b)

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.) \boxtimes Yes \square No \square 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.)
- 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.).
- 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.) \boxtimes Yes \Box No \Box 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.) \boxtimes Yes \Box No \Box NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- **Exceeds Standard** (Substantially exceeds requirement of standards)
- \mathbf{X} Meets Standard (Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Statement of Fact Policy 0805-1 Grievance Process **PREA Education Manual for Residents**

In review of GEO policy 5.1.2-A 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 in the PREA Education Manual for Residents. Residents are not required to use an informal grievance process and procedures also allow a resident to submit a grievance alleging sexual abuse/sexual harassment without submitting it to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint. Policy 0805-1 Grievance Process have procedures in place for residents

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to submit grievances regarding sexual abuse and the agency has procedures in place for dealing with these grievances. There is no time limit on when a resident may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse. A resident may file an emergency grievance if he/she is subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. Residents are informed of the grievance process through the Resident Handbook. 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. Emergency grievances may be filed if a resident feels he is at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. The warden or his designee will take immediate corrective action to protect the alleged victim upon receiving an emergency grievance of this nature. An initial response will be issued to the resident filing an emergency grievance within 48 hours and final decision will be provided within five calendar days. A final decision will be issued on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing date. The facility may claim an extension of time to respond, up to 70 days, and shall notify the resident of the extension in writing. The agency may discipline a resident for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse if the agency determines that the resident filed the grievance with malicious intent. Immigration Offenders may file a complaint/grievance. complaining about the misconduct of the facility staff directly with the Department of Justice by calling 1-800-869-4499 or by writing to: Department of Justice, P.O. Box 27606, Washington, D.C. 20038-7606.

This information is posted on each living unit bulletin board and is included in the resident handbook. Disciplinary action would generally be taken if a grievance was filed in bad faith. In the past 12 months, the facility has not received any grievances alleging sexual abuse and there were no emergency grievances received. Compliance was determined by review of policies and grievance log, as well as interview with the PCM.

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

115.253 (b)

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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

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- □ **Meets Standard** (Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) Bridge Over Trouble Waters MOU

LCSC has a MOU with The Bridge over Troubled Waters advocates to provide confidential emotional services to residents available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This information is provided to residents in the PREA Education Manual for Residents and on the Resident Reporting Options posters displayed throughout the facility. Residents are informed of the extent to which communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse on providing residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse. Residents are also are given the telephone numbers to the Houston Area Women's Center. Both organizations will forward in reports to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws. When interviewed, residents were aware of the outside confidential support services available to them and how to access them. Compliance was determined by review of MOU and interviews with staff of Bridge over Trouble Waters and the Houston Area Women's Center.

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities PREA Third Party Reporting Sign GEO Website (Reporting Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment)

PREA Reporting Posters and GEO website meet the requirements of this standard. PREA Reporting Posters are visible in the visitation room, lobby and is found in the inmate handbook. GEO provides reporting system on GEO Website https://www.geogroup.com/prea provides information on ways for third party reporting including anonymous reporting. Poster include anyone needed to report abuse/ sexual harassment or to report an allegation of Sexual Abuse/ Sexual Harassment on behalf of an individual who is or was housed in any GEO facility or program, may contact the Facility Administrator's Office in the facility where the alleged incident occurred or where the individual is housed. Reports can be made over the phone, in person, in writing or anonymously if desired. Persons can also contact the Corporate PREA Office directly (561) 999-5827.

Compliance was confirmed by reviewing policies, posters and GEO Website and by interviews with residents, PCM and the Director.

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? X Yes INO
- 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?
 Xes □ 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? \boxtimes Yes \square 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?
 Xes

115.261 (d)

 If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable person's 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

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Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Texas Vulnerable Persons Statute Statement of Fact

Staff, contractors and volunteers must report and respond to allegations of sexually abusive behavior, regardless of the source of the report. Interviewed staff members were aware of their duty to immediately report all allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and retaliation relevant to the PREA standards. The reporting is ordinarily made to the security supervisor on site or PCM but could be made privately or to a third party. Policy requires the information concerning the identity of the alleged inmate victim and the specific facts of the case be shared with staff on a need-to-know basis, because of their involvement with the victim's welfare and/or the investigation of the incident. Staff were aware of the many ways to receive reports from detainees, families, friends or other third parties. The staff were also aware of the several ways they may report this information to the GEO Group or the facility. GEO has developed several methods for staff to make anonymous reports: GEO website has specific instruction for employees to report directly to GEO PREA coordinator or outside resource for anonymous reporting. A review of established policy, websites and interviews with staff members support the finding that the facility compliance with this standard. LCSC had no incidents involving vulnerable persons, which required mandatory reporting to the State entity during the review period.

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

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Does Not Meet Standard (Requires Corrective Action)

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Statement of Fact

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. In interview with the Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and documentation provided, there were no times during the past 12 months that it was necessary for the agency to take immediate action in regards to a resident being in substantial risk of sexual abuse. Staff interviewed were aware of their responsibilities if they felt a resident was at risk for sexual abuse. The Center Director indicated that the facility would maintain direct supervision of the resident and working with the facility Reentry staff would arrange for the resident to be moved to another Reentry program within the Houston area. Compliance was determined by review of policy and interview with Center Director.

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)

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? Imes Yes D No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Federal Detention Center Notification Statement of Fact

GEO policy 5.1.2-A, mandates that upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the allegation will be documented and the Facility Director or his designee shall notify the head of the facility where the sexual abuse was alleged to have occurred and document that notification was provided. This notification is to occur as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours of receiving the allegation and should include all actions taken regarding the incident. Copies of this documentation will be forwarded to the PREA Coordinator and the Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager. In interview with the Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and in review of documentation provided, in the past 12 months, no residents of Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center alleged that sexual abuse had occurred while they were confined to another facility.

If a report is received from another facility regarding alleged sexual abuse occurring at the Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center the allegation will be reported and investigated according to PREA standards. In interview with the Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager, there were one (1) allegations of sexual abuse received from other facilities in March 2019. The allegation was investigated and was determined to be unsubstantiated. There have been on allegation received in the last 12 months. Compliance was determined by review of GEO policy, interviews with intake staff, PCM and facility director.

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: 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? X Yes INO
- 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? Imes Yes □ No

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- **Exceeds Standard** (Substantially exceeds requirement of standards)
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- Does Not Meet Standard (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program Statement of Fact Staff First Responder Cards

LCSC policies and directives establishes mandates for staff, volunteer and contractor's role for inmate allegation of sexual abuse. Policy and several documents (such as the PREA card provided to all staff-interviewed on how to respond to allegations of sexual assaults) provide initial guidance to employees regarding the expected coordinated actions to take place in response to an incident of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Four random staff including administrative, program and support staff were interviewed. All persons interviewed had received PREA training and all responded they would tell the inmate to not destroy any evidence, would remain with the resident and notify the closest correctional staff. There have been no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported to non-correctional staff. Compliance was determined by review of the policy and interviews with non-correctional staff.

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 centeral 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)
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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program PREA Coordinated Response Plan

GEO policy and Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center's PREA Coordinated Response Plan establishes a plan to coordinate actions in response to an incident of sexual abuse. 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 and proper notifications are made. This checklist is filed with the completed investigative packet. The Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager, the Assistant Director of Security and the Assistant Facility Director for Programs are 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? X Yes I 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)
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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program

Facility policy 0803-1 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. Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center does not have a collective bargaining unit. 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. Compliance was determined by review of the policies and review of investigative report where staff member was placed on administrative leave pending 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 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? I Yes INo

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? Ves D 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 reassignments of staff? ⊠ Yes □ No

115.267 (d)

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

115.267 (e)

115.267 (f)

• Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- **Exceeds Standard** (Substantially exceeds requirement of standards)
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Does Not Meet Standard (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program Protection from Retaliation Logs Statement of Fact

GEO policy 5.1.2-A and facility policy 803-1 establishes compliance to this standard. Residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations will be protected from retaliation from other detainees and staff. The PREA Compliance Manager is responsible for monitoring for retaliation. Weekly monitoring is to begin the week following the incident for a minimum of 90 days or longer if warranted. Monitoring will terminate if the allegation is determined to be unfounded. Monitoring for retaliation is documented on the Protection from Retaliation Log. In the past 12 months, there were two incidents of retaliation monitoring that occurred. Compliance was determined by interview with the PREA Compliance Manager and review of retaliation logs.

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).) \boxtimes Yes \square No \square 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? Xes INo

115.271 (f)

 Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse? ⊠ Yes □ No

115.271 (g)

115.271 (h)

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? Ves No

115.271 (k)

• Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.271 (I)

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)

Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior (PREA) and Evidence Collection PREA Investigation Reports Incident Tracking Logs Statement of Fact

An administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment at the LCSC including third party and anonymous reports. The facility does not have trained facility investigators. When needed trained investigators from other GEO facilities conducts administrative investigations.

The supervisor receiving the report of an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment immediately notifies the Facility Director who notifies the PREA Coordinator and the BOP Residential Reentry Manager. According to the BOP Statement of Work for Residential Reentry Centers the facility is not allowed to conduct any investigation of misconduct without the Reentry technical Representative approval. Criminal investigations are investigated by the BOP or by the Houston Police Department pursuant to the requirements of this standard. If an allegation involves a staff member, notification is made to GEO's OPR. All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are documented on the Monthly PREA Incident Tracking Log.

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. The facility shall cooperate with outside investigators and remain informed of the progress of the investigation through communication with outside investigators. A criminal investigation shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial and documentary evidence. The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect or witness is assessed on an individual basis and is not determined by the person's status as resident or

staff. A resident who alleges sexual abuse is not required to submit to a polygraph examination. GEO retains all written reports pertaining to administrative investigations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or staff member is employed by the agency, plus five years. There was one allegations of sexual abuse that was referred back to GEO for investigation by BOP. The investigated was conducted by staff member from a GEO facility. The allegation did not rise to the level of criminal. The allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The agency did find there was employee misconduct. Compliance was determined by review of the investigative report, review of the monthly PREA incident logs and interviews with PREA compliance manager and Director.

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)

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior (PREA) and Evidence Collection

PREA Investigation Reports

The evidence standard is a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether administrative allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated by policy, training, and review of investigative report. Investigators training programs provide in-depth clarification of this standard. Compliance was determined by review of policy, investigation, investigator training curriculum.

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? X
 Yes D No

115.273 (b)

If the agency did not conduct the investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse in the agency's 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? \boxtimes Yes \square 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? If Yes I 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?
 Xes □ No

115.273 (e)

115.273 (f)

• Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program Notifications of Outcome of Allegation Statement of Fact

The policies indicate that following an investigation of sexual abuse of a resident, the resident shall be informed 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. 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. The policy further states that 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. Following a resident's allegation that another resident sexually abused him, the agency shall inform the resident of the outcome of the investigation. The facility's obligation to notify the resident shall terminate if the resident is released from custody. There were two allegation of sexual abuse or sexual assault in the last 12 months. The PREA compliance manager notified each resident of the outcome of the investigations. A review of policies, notification to residents and interview with the PCM verified compliance with this standard.

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)

115.276 (b)

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities

Employee Handbook (Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) Statement of Fact

Staff members are subject to disciplinary sanctions for violating Agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. Discipline would be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history and the sanctions There has been one staff placed on administrative leave pending allegations of sexual abuse during the last twelve months. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy, statement of fact, interviews with Director and Agency PREA coordinator.

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: Relevant licensing bodies? ☑ Yes □ No

115.277 (b)

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Policy 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior (PREA) and Evidence Collection Statement of Fact

Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse/sexual harassment would be prohibited from contact with inmates and would be reported to the appropriate investigator and law enforcement or relevant professional licensing/certifying bodies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal in nature. In cases that were not criminal in nature, the facility would take appropriate remedial measures and consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates. During the previous year, there were no incidents where a contractor or volunteer was accused of, suspected or found guilty of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at LCSC. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy, volunteer/contractor training files and volunteer supervisor interviews.

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 (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)

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? Imes Yes □ No

115.278 (g)

If the agency prohibits all sexual activity between residents, 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

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program Resident Handbook Statement of Fact

According to facility policy 0803-1, BOP and the USPO are the supervising authorities over all residents at the Leidel Center. If a resident is found guilty of engaging in sexual abuse involving another resident, it will be reported to the BOP Residential Reentry Manager who will determine whether to subject the offender to formal disciplinary sanctions. Residents are made aware of sexual misconduct they will be disciplined for and the sanctions that will be imposed in the Resident Handbook. 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. The BOP 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. Disciplining a resident for sexual contact with an employee is prohibited unless it is found that the employee did not consent to the contact. 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 the past 12 months, there were no disciplinary sanctions imposed related to resident sexual misconduct. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy, and interviews with PCM and Assistant Director for Security.

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)

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? Imes □ 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?
 Xes
 No

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities. Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program

Resident victims are referred to the Harris County Hospital District usually LBJ Hospital for emergency treatment and SANE exams at no cost to the resident. Counseling and victim advocacy services would be provided by referral to the Bridge over Troubled Waters.

Resident victims are offered information about access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, where medically appropriate. 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 referrals for emergency medical or mental health services required. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy, and interviews with PCM and Bridge over Troubled Waters staff.

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)

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. *Note: in "all-male" facilities, there may be residents who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors*

should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.) \boxtimes Yes \square No \square 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. Note: in "all-male" facilities, there may be residents who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.) ⊠ Yes □ No □ NA

115.283 (f)

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? Xes INo

115.283 (h)

 Does the facility attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-onresident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners? X Yes INO

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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recommendations where the facility does not meet the standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities. Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program Mental Health Provider MOU Statement of Fact

The facility will offer ongoing medical and mental health care to all the residents of the Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center who have been victimized by sexual abuse. The evaluation and treatment will include follow-up services, treatment plans and referrals for continued care upon transfer or release consistent with the community level of care. Victims will also be offered tests for sexually transmitted infections. Female victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration shall be offered pregnancy tests. If pregnancy results shall receive timely and comprehensive information about access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services. 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 LBJ Hospitals for emergency and ongoing medical services.

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. Mental health services are provided by referral Cold Creek Mental Health services and The Bridge over Troubled Waters, Inc. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy, and interviews with PCM and Bridge over Troubled Waters staff.

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)

115.286 (b)

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

115.286 (c)

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 whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff? Imes Yes D 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?
 Xes □ 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

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities. LCSC Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program After Action Review Reports Statement of Fact

The Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager and the Assistant Director of Programs make up the facility's Incident Review Team. The team meets and the PREA Coordinator may attend via telephone or in person. 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 and forwarded to the PREA Coordinator no later than 10 working days after the review. The facility will implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so. The 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.

In the past 12 months, there were two incident reviews required. When interviewed, the Facility Director/PREA Compliance Manager knew their responsibilities as they relate to the review of sexual abuse incidents. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy, After Actions Reports and interviews with PCM and Director.

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)

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?
 Xes
 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)
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Does Not Meet Standard (Requires Corrective Action)

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities. Local Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program Incident Tracking Logs GEO Annual Data Reports

A review of documentation supports the finding that the GEO and has collected accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control (including two contract facilities), using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. The incident-based data collected includes information required to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice. The agency data has been aggregated at least annually for the last two years. Upon request, the agency would provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30. The facility provides the required data for the preparation of the report. A review of documentation and staff interviews confirmed compliance to this standard. The data collected includes the information necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence, conducted by the Department of Justice. The Agency aggregates and reviews all data annually. Upon request, the Agency would provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30 of each year. Exceeding Compliance with this standard was also determined by a review of policy/documentation and an interview with the PCM and GEO Group PREA coordinator. The computerized data collections system allows the GEO Group with access of continuous and instant uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control (including two contract facilities), using a standardized instrument and set of definitions.

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? Xes Description
- 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)

Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The narrative below must include a comprehensive discussion of all the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet the standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities. GEO Annual Data Reports GEO Log of incident in 2019

The agency and facility review and assess all sexual abuse/sexual harassment data at least annually to improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, to identify any trends, issues or problematic areas and to take corrective action if needed. The PREA Compliance Manager forwards data to the agency PREA Coordinator. A review of Leidel Residential Reentry Center Report revealed the facility had no allegations of sexual abuse that was determined to be unsubstantiated, substantiated or unfounded. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of the annual report and interviews with PREA compliance manager and the GEO Group PREA coordinators.

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? \square Yes \square No

115.289 (c)

115.289 (d)

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- **Exceeds Standard** (Substantially exceeds requirement of standards)
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- Does Not Meet Standard (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Policy 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities. GEO Annual Data Reports

All PREA files and related data is retained in a secure filing system. The final report does not contain any personal identifiers and policy requires that the statistical data be retained for a period of no less than 10 years, unless federal, state or local law requires otherwise. The agency makes the information available on the GEO website. The reports cover all

data required in the elements of this standard. Staff interviews and a review of documentation confirmed compliance with this standard. The required reports cover all data required in this standard and are is retained in a file. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy/documentation and interviews with PCM and Director.

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 prior three-year audit period, 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? (*Note: The response here is purely informational. A "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.*) ⊠ Yes □ No

115.401 (b)

- Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.) ⊠ Yes □ No
- If this is the second year of the current audit cycle, 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 during the first year of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is **not** the second year of the current audit cycle.) □ Yes □ No ⊠ NA
- If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least twothirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is **not** the *third* year of the current audit cycle.) □ Yes □ No ⊠ NA

115.401 (h)

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 residents? ⊠ Yes □ No

115.401 (n)

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- **Exceeds Standard** (Substantially exceeds requirement of standards)
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- Does Not Meet Standard (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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This is the third audit for this facility. The last PREA audit was conducted April 13, 2017. The auditor was allowed access to all areas of the facility and had access to all required supporting documentation. The auditor was able to conduct private interviews with both inmates and staff. The auditor was provided supporting documentation before and during the audit. Notifications of the audit (posted throughout the facilities) allowed inmates to send confidential letters to the auditor. Another auditor was scheduled to complete the audit. This Auditor as unable to accomplish the proposed audit and the GEO Group requested this auditor fulfill the audit. There were no correspondences from resident or staff during this audit period received by the prior auditor or this auditor.

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. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AGENCY AUDIT. 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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- **Exceeds Standard** (Substantially exceeds requirement of standards)
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- Does Not Meet Standard (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The narrative below must include a comprehensive discussion of all the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet the standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The center has fully implemented all policies, practices and procedures outlined in the PREA standards. The auditor reviewed applicable standards and, through the review of supporting documentation, interviews with staff and inmates and the observation of physical evidence, concluded that this facility fully meets and substantially complies in all material ways with the PREA standards for the relevant review period. The agency and facility's leadership are fully committed to eliminating sexual abuse/sexual harassment, as evidenced in the realistic staffing analysis and the recommendations for enhanced supervision techniques.

The center has signed an MOU, however more importantly have formed a partnership with the city of Houston in providing avenues for prior victims that are housed at the center or in the center's in home supervision program.

Allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are processed in accordance with the standards, to include incident reviews, disciplinary actions, if required, outcome notifications and incident review team.

PREA training for staff and inmates is documented and all stakeholders receive the appropriate level of training and are knowledgeable of the intent of the PREA and the tools available to ensure prevention, detection, reporting and response to sexual abuse incidents. Sexual abuse and victimization propensity screening is well established and tracked in an organized fashion. Referrals for mental health counseling are integrated in the intake and allegations of sexual abuse processes. Medical networks for the inmates are established in the community. The public has access to reporting mechanisms and PREA trends data via the website. The Leidel Comprehensive Sanction Center currently meets or exceeds all applicable PREA standards.

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.

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Robert L. Manville

November 3, 2020

Auditor Signature

Date

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² See *PREA Auditor Handbook*, Version 1.0, August 2017; Pages 68-69. PREA Audit Report, V6 Page 101 of 102