### **PREA Facility Audit Report: Final**

Name of Facility: Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility

Facility Type: Prison / Jail

**Date Interim Report Submitted:** NA **Date Final Report Submitted:** 08/21/2024

Auditor Certification		
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.		
I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate/resident/detainee or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.		
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End Date of On-Site Audit:	06/08/2024	

FACILITY INFORMATION		
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### **Facility Characteristics**

Designed facility capacity:	940
Current population of facility:	1044
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	1060
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	Yes
Which population(s) does the facility hold?	Males
Age range of population:	18.4-81.5
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels:	Minimum Custody
Does the facility hold youthful inmates?	No
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with inmates:	251
Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	52
Number of volunteers who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	31

AGENCY INFORMATION		
Name of agency:	Iowa Department of Corrections	
Governing authority or parent agency (if applicable):		
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### **Facility AUDIT FINDINGS**

### **Summary of Audit Findings**

The OAS automatically populates the number and list of Standards exceeded, the number of Standards met, and the number and list of Standards not met.

Auditor Note: In general, no standards should be found to be "Not Applicable" or "NA." A compliance determination must be made for each standard. In rare instances where an auditor determines that a standard is not applicable, the auditor should select "Meets Standard" and include a comprehensive discussion as to why the standard is not applicable to the facility being audited.

Number of standards exceeded:			
2	<ul><li>115.33 - Inmate education</li><li>115.54 - Third-party reporting</li></ul>		
Number of standards met:			
43			
Number of standards not met:			
0			

POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORMATION		
GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION		
On-site Audit Dates		
1. Start date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2024-06-06	
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2024-06-08	
Outreach		
10. Did you attempt to communicate with community-based organization(s) or victim advocates who provide services to this facility and/or who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility?		
a. Identify the community-based organization(s) or victim advocates with whom you communicated:	Rape Victim Advocacy Program  Just Detention International	
AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION		
14. Designated facility capacity:	940	
15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	1060	
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	16	
17. Does the facility ever hold youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees?	Yes  No  Not Applicable for the facility type audited (i.e., Community Confinement Facility or Juvenile Facility)	

### **Audited Facility Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit** Inmates/Residents/Detainees Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit 1041 **36.** Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit: 40 38. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees with a physical disability in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 39. Enter the total number of inmates/ 112 residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 40. Enter the total number of inmates/ 4 residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (visually impaired) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 41. Enter the total number of inmates/ 15 residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 42. Enter the total number of inmates/ 2 residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 7 43. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:

44. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
45. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
46. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	48
47. Enter the total number of inmates/ residents/detainees who were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
48. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit (e.g., groups not tracked, issues with identifying certain populations):	No text provided.
Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Portion of the Audit	Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite
49. Enter the total number of STAFF, including both full- and part-time staff, employed by the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	251
50. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	30

51. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	30	
52. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of staff, volunteers, and contractors who were in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	No text provided.	
INTERVIEWS		
Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews		
Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews		
53. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	26	
54. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees: (select all that apply)	<ul> <li>Age</li> <li>Race</li> <li>Ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic, Non-Hispanic)</li> <li>Length of time in the facility</li> <li>Housing assignment</li> <li>Gender</li> <li>Other</li> <li>None</li> </ul>	

### 55. How did you ensure your sample of The Auditor was provided with the facility RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE incarcerated individual roster for selection of a random representation of incarcerated interviewees was geographically diverse? individuals. The facility roster includes the incarcerated individual's age, gender, race, ethnicity, date received at facility, tentative release date, program assignments, work assignments, classification level, security level, and housing assignment. This allowed the Auditor to accurately select a random representation of incarcerated individuals for the random interview process. 56. Were you able to conduct the ( Yes minimum number of random inmate/ resident/detainee interviews? O No **57. Provide any additional comments** No text provided. regarding selecting or interviewing random inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation): Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews 58. Enter the total number of TARGETED 10 **INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who** were interviewed:

As stated in the PREA Auditor Handbook, the breakdown of targeted interviews is intended to guide auditors in interviewing the appropriate cross-section of inmates/residents/detainees who are the most vulnerable to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. When completing questions regarding targeted inmate/resident/detainee interviews below, remember that an interview with one inmate/resident/detainee may satisfy multiple targeted interview requirements. These questions are asking about the number of interviews conducted using the targeted inmate/resident/detainee protocols. For example, if an auditor interviews an inmate who has a physical disability, is being held in segregated housing due to risk of sexual victimization, and disclosed prior sexual victimization, that interview would be included in the totals for each of those questions. Therefore, in most cases, the sum of all the following responses to the targeted inmate/resident/detainee interview categories will exceed the total number of targeted inmates/ residents/detainees who were interviewed. If a particular targeted population is not applicable in the audited facility, enter "0".

60. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees with a physical disability using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
61. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
62. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Blind or have low vision (i.e., visually impaired) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
63. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
64. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
65. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	2

66. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who identify as transgender or intersex using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	■ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  ■ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The facility reported no incarcerated individuals who identify as transgender or intersex. The Auditor was able to confirm this information during the Auditor's review of documentation provided by the facility staff, through a review of incarcerated individual files, and through interviews conducted with staff.
67. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who reported sexual abuse in this facility using the "Inmates who Reported a Sexual Abuse" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	■ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  ■ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.

b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The facility reported no incarcerated individuals who reported sexual abuse in this facility at the time of the on-site. The Auditor was able to confirm this information during the Auditor's review of documentation provided by the facility staff, through a review of incarcerated individual files, and investigation files and through interviews conducted with staff.
68. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening using the "Inmates who Disclosed Sexual Victimization during Risk Screening" protocol:	3
69. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/ detainees who are or were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization using the "Inmates Placed in Segregated Housing (for Risk of Sexual Victimization/Who Allege to have Suffered Sexual Abuse)" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/ detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The facility reported no incarcerated individuals were placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization or who alleged to have suffered sexual violence. The Auditor was able to confirm this information during the Auditor's review of investigative files, incarcerated individual files, and through interviews conducted with staff.

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70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):	No text provided.	
Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interv	views .	
Random Staff Interviews		
71. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:	12	
72. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that apply)	<ul> <li>Length of tenure in the facility</li> <li>Shift assignment</li> <li>Work assignment</li> <li>Rank (or equivalent)</li> <li>Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken)</li> <li>None</li> </ul>	
73. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?	● Yes ○ No	
74. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random staff (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	No text provided.	
Specialized Staff, Volunteers, and Contractor	Interviews	
Staff in some facilities may be responsible for more than one of the specialized staff duties.  Therefore, more than one interview protocol may apply to an interview with a single staff member and that information would satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.		
75. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):	21	

76. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?	● Yes ○ No
77. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent or their designee?	
78. Were you able to interview the PREA Coordinator?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
79. Were you able to interview the PREA Compliance Manager?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if the agency is a single facility agency or is otherwise not required to have a PREA Compliance Manager per the Standards)</li> </ul>

80. Select which SPECIALIZED STAFF roles were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	Agency contract administrator	
	Intermediate or higher-level facility staff responsible for conducting and documenting unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment	
	Line staff who supervise youthful inmates (if applicable)	
	Education and program staff who work with youthful inmates (if applicable)	
	■ Medical staff	
	Mental health staff	
	Non-medical staff involved in cross-gender strip or visual searches	
	Administrative (human resources) staff	
	Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) staff	
	Investigative staff responsible for conducting administrative investigations	
	Investigative staff responsible for conducting criminal investigations	
	Staff who perform screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing/residents in isolation	
	Staff on the sexual abuse incident review team	
	Designated staff member charged with monitoring retaliation	
	First responders, both security and non- security staff	
	■ Intake staff	

	Other
81. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/ residents/detainees in this facility?	Yes  No
82. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	Yes No
a. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS who were interviewed:	2
b. Select which specialized CONTRACTOR role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	Security/detention  Education/programming  Medical/dental  Food service  Maintenance/construction  Other
83. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.	No text provided.

#### SITE REVIEW AND DOCUMENTATION SAMPLING

#### **Site Review**

PREA Standard 115.401 (h) states, "The auditor shall have access to, and shall observe, all areas of the audited facilities." In order to meet the requirements in this Standard, the site review portion of the onsite audit must include a thorough examination of the entire facility. The site review is not a casual tour of the facility. It is an active, inquiring process that includes talking with staff and inmates to determine whether, and the extent to which, the audited facility's practices demonstrate compliance with the Standards. Note: As you are conducting the site review, you must document your tests of critical functions, important information gathered through observations, and any issues identified with facility practices. The information you collect through the site review is a crucial part of the evidence you will analyze as part of your compliance determinations and will be needed to complete your audit report, including the Post-Audit Reporting Information.

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84. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?			
Was the site review an active, inquiring proce	ess that included the following:		
85. Observations of all facility practices in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., signage, supervision practices, crossgender viewing and searches)?			
86. Tests of all critical functions in the facility in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., risk screening process, access to outside emotional support services, interpretation services)?			
87. Informal conversations with inmates/ residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>		
88. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>		

89. Provide any additional comments regarding the site review (e.g., access to areas in the facility, observations, tests of critical functions, or informal conversations).

The Auditor conducted thirty-eight informal interviews with incarcerated individuals and inquired to each -

Length of time at facility Received PREA Education How would you report an incident of PREA? Do you feel safe at this facility?

### **Documentation Sampling**

Where there is a collection of records to review-such as staff, contractor, and volunteer training records; background check records; supervisory rounds logs; risk screening and intake processing records; inmate education records; medical files; and investigative files-auditors must self-select for review a representative sample of each type of record.

90. In addition to the proof documentation selected by the agency or facility and provided to you, did you also conduct an auditor-selected sampling of documentation?



O No

91. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting additional documentation (e.g., any documentation you oversampled, barriers to selecting additional documentation, etc.).

Documents from incarcerated individual files (38):

IDOC Initial Incarcerated Individual Guide (Orientation) - verifying receipt of IDOC Incarcerated individual Handbook IDOC PREA Staying Safe Guide w/Incarcerated individual name & Signature - verifying receipt of PREA Orientation / Education. Initial Risk Assessment and the Reassessment - verifying initial risk screening assessments and reassessments were completed within the required timeframe.

Housing Facility Logs - April 2023 - March 2024 - Unannounced Rounds and Opposite Gender Rounds for the auditing period. Grievances involving SA, PREA hotline reports / documentation.

7 - Investigative files of SA & SH.

# SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS FACILITY

### Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations and Investigations Overview

Remember the number of allegations should be based on a review of all sources of allegations (e.g., hotline, third-party, grievances) and should not be based solely on the number of investigations conducted. Note: For question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, or detainee sexual abuse allegations and investigations, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

## 92. Total number of SEXUAL ABUSE allegations and investigations overview during the 12 months preceding the audit, by incident type:

	# of sexual abuse allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	
Inmate- on- inmate sexual abuse	1	0	1	0
Staff- on- inmate sexual abuse	4	0	4	0
Total	5	0	5	0

## 93. Total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT allegations and investigations overview during the 12 months preceding the audit, by incident type:

	# of sexual harassment allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate-on- inmate sexual harassment	2	0	2	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	2	0

### Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

#### **Sexual Abuse Investigation Outcomes**

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently (i.e., if a criminal investigation was referred for prosecution and resulted in a conviction, that investigation outcome should only appear in the count for "convicted.") Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detainee sexual abuse investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

### 94. Criminal SEXUAL ABUSE investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/ Court Case Filed	Convicted/ Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

## 95. Administrative SEXUAL ABUSE investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	1
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	1	0	3	0
Total	1	0	3	1

#### **Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes**

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently. Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detained sexual harassment investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

## 96. Criminal SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/ Court Case Filed	Convicted/ Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

## 97. Administrative SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	2	0	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2	0	0

# Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review

**Sexual Abuse Investigation Files Selected for Review** 

98. Enter the total number of SEXUA	۱L
ABUSE investigation files reviewed/	
sampled:	

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99. Did your selection of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation	files
100. Enter the total number of INMATE- ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	1
101. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
102. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</li> </ul>
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation fil	es
103. Enter the total number of STAFF- ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	4
104. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)

105. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</li> </ul>
Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Select	ed for Review
106. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	2
107. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investig	jation files
108. Enter the total number of INMATE- ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	2
109. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT files include criminal investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
110. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)

Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files			
111. Enter the total number of STAFF- ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0		
112. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?	No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)		
113. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)		
114. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.	No text provided.		
SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION			
DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support S	taff		
115. Did you receive assistance from any DOJ-CERTIFIED PREA AUDITORS at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the preonsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	Yes  No		

Non-certified Support Staff			
116. Did you receive assistance from any NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the preonsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	Yes  No		
AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND	COMPENSATION		
121. Who paid you to conduct this audit?	<ul> <li>The audited facility or its parent agency</li> <li>My state/territory or county government employer (if you audit as part of a consortium or circular auditing arrangement, select this option)</li> <li>A third-party auditing entity (e.g., accreditation body, consulting firm)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>		
Identify the name of the third-party auditing entity	PREA Auditors of America		

#### **Standards**

#### **Auditor Overall Determination Definitions**

- Exceeds Standard (Substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the stand for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective actions)

#### **Auditor Discussion Instructions**

Auditor discussion, including 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 standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

115.11	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility (MPCF) PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Organizational Chart
	Iowa Department of Corrections, Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility (MPCF) Organizational Chart
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
	Interviews conducted with:
	PREA Coordinator

PREA Compliance Manager

Facility Warden Designee

Site Review Observations:

During the tour of the facility, the Auditor witnessed standardized bulletin boards, throughout the facility, in multiple locations, consisting of current agency and facility PREA Zero-Tolerance PREA packets, Audit Notices printed on bright colored paper, internal and external reporting information for incarcerated individuals.

Findings (By Provision):

115.11 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states it is the policy of the IDOC to provide a safe, humane, and secure environment, free from the threat of sexual violence or retaliation for all incarcerated individuals under correctional supervision whether in institutional, residential, parole, probation and work release status, by maintaining a program of education, prevention detection, response, investigation, prosecution, and tracking. IDOC has a zero-tolerance for sexual violence of any kind which includes sexual violence and sexual harassment.

115.11 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the person designated by the Director with the sufficient time and authority to serve as the department-wide coordinator to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA Standards in all IDOC institutions. Responsibility includes direct supervision of the PREA Compliance Managers and PREA compliance within the institutions and CBCs. The position of the PREA Coordinator in the agency's organizational structure is the Supervisor of the Division of Investigative Services. The agency's organizational chart reflects the PREA Coordinator position is an upper-level position and is agency wide. The PREA Coordinator reports to the Deputy Director of Institution Operations.

During the pre-on-site phase of the audit, the Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Coordinator who verified he has sufficient time and authority in his position to accomplish PREA responsibilities for the agency. The PREA Coordinator oversees nine prison PREA Compliance Managers and eight Community District PREA Compliance Managers who monitor and support PREA compliance at each of their designated facilities. The PREA Coordinator reports directly to the Deputy Director of Institution Operations. A review of the IDOC organizational chart provided evidence that the

agency has designated an upper-level position as the PREA Coordinator.

115.11 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states each IDOC institution shall designate a PREA Compliance Manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the institutions efforts to comply with the PREA standards. The MPCF organizational chart reflects the MPCF PREA Compliance Manager reports to the Associate Warden of Security and the Facility Warden.

Evidence shows that the Iowa Department of Corrections has designated a facility PREA Compliance Manager as verified through a review of the MPCF organizational chart and through interviews with the PREA Compliance Manager and the Facility Warden. The Auditor interviewed the PREA Compliance Manager assigned to the Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility (MPCF) and verified he has sufficient time and authority in his position to accomplish the PREA responsibilities.

The Auditor interviewed the Facility Warden Designee and confirmed the responsibilities of the PREA Compliance Manager assigned to the Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility (MPCF). The Facility Warden Designee verified that the PREA Compliance Manager is provided sufficient time and authority in his position to accomplish these responsibilities.

Upon review of the policy, the agency organizational chart, and upon completion of interviews, Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility (MPCF) demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates
Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
Auditor Discussion
Document Review:
MPCF PAQ
Interviews conducted with:

Agency Contract Administrator

Findings (By Provision):

115.12 (a-b) – Iowa Department of Corrections does not contract with other agencies for the confinement of incarcerated individuals. The agency has not entered or renewed a contract for the confinement of incarcerated individuals since the last PREA audit.

The Auditor conducted interviews with the Facility Warden Designee and PREA Coordinator who confirmed that MPCF does not contract for the confinement of incarcerated individuals.

Upon review of the policy and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

	115.13	Supervision and monitoring
		Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
		Auditor Discussion
		Document Review:

MPCF PAQ

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-03, Administration & Management

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-01, Institutional Operations

Iowa Department of Corrections MPCF 2024 Staffing Plan

Facility Blueprint

Facility Housing Logs (all shifts)

Interviews conducted with:

Warden or Designee

PREA Coordinator

PREA Compliance Manager

Intermediate or Higher-Level Facility Staff

Site Review Observations:

Daily operational functions

Documentation of unannounced rounds

Findings (By Provision):

115.13 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-03, *Administration & Management* states IDOC shall ensure that each facility it operates shall develop, document, and make its best efforts to comply on a regular basis with a staffing plan that provides adequate staffing levels, and where applicable, video monitoring, to protect incarcerated individuals against sexual violence. In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, facilities shall take into consideration:

- Generally accepted detention and correctional practices, as in planning their budget process.
- Any judicial findings of inadequacy.
- Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies.
- Any inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies.
- All the components of the facility's physical plant (including blind spots or areas where staff or offenders may be isolated);
- Composition of incarcerated individual population.
- · Number of and placement of supervisory staff.
- Institution programs occurring on a particular shift.
- Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards.
- Prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual violence.
- Any other relevant factors.

115.13 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-03, *Administration & Management* states in circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, the facility shall document and justify all deviations from the plan. These documented deviations and justifications shall be sent to the Deputy Director of Institution Operations for review.

During the pre-on-site phase of the audit, the Auditor reviewed documentation of the deviations from the staffing plan that occurred in the 12 months prior to the on-site visit. During the on-site phase of the audit, the Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee and discussed the deviations from the staffing plan. The Facility Warden Designee confirmed that all instances of non-compliance with the staffing plan are documented in accordance with agency policies and procedures.

The average daily number of incarcerated individuals on which the facility-staffing plan was predicated was 1,060. The facility reported no deviations from the staffing plan in the last twelve months.

115.13 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-03, Administration & Management states whenever necessary, but no less frequently than once each year, for each facility the IDOC operates, in consultation with the PREA Coordinator, the IDOC shall assess, determine, and document whether adjustments are needed to:

- The staffing plan established pursuant to procedures outlined.
- The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies; and
- Resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan.

During the pre-on-site phase of the audit, the Auditor reviewed the Iowa Department of Corrections *MPCF Annual Staffing Plan 2024*. The MPCF Annual Staffing Plan provided a detailed review of the facility as well as addressing the required considerations outlined in the agency policy and provision (a) of this standard.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee regarding the *MPCF Staffing Plan*. The Facility Warden Designee discussed how the facility's staffing levels are based on each facility's design, mission, incarcerated individual population, and custody level. The Facility Warden Designee confirmed when developing a staffing plan, several items are taken into consideration such as internal reviews, components of the physical plant, composition of the incarcerated individual population, the prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated allegations of sexual violence, incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual assaults, and uses of force. To ensure compliance with the staffing plan, Facility Warden Designee and Supervisory / Executive Staff conduct rounds throughout the facility for visual verification of the staffing plan.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Compliance Manager and confirmed the process of developing a staffing plan previously described by the Facility Warden. The PREA Compliance Manager also confirmed that an assessment of the facility-staffing plan is conducted annually, and each are consulted regarding any adjustments to the staffing plan.

115.13 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-01, *Institutional Operations* states Shift Supervisors or designated alternate supervisor, shall tour every main living unit of the institution at least once each shift. Satellite living units such as minimum live out sites shall be routinely inspected by supervisory staff at least weekly. The Associate Warden of Security shall routinely review logs and other documentation of such tours.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-01, *Institutional Operations* states staff is prohibited from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless the announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility.

The Auditor reviewed the average daily number of incarcerated individuals' report, staff rosters, facility blueprint, and daily incarcerated individual activity schedules to verify adequate staff coverage in comparison to incarcerated individual population, incarcerated individual movement, and facility size and layout.

The Auditor toured the facility and observed the daily operational functions, staff interacting with incarcerated individuals, general incarcerated individual movement, incarcerated individuals out at recreation, incarcerated individuals participating in programs, incarcerated individuals completing job assignments, and supervisory staff conducting rounds. These observations provided additional verification of policy and of standard compliance.

The Auditor reviewed twelve months of housing logs documenting supervisor unannounced rounds and verified the unannounced rounds are being conducted and documented in accordance with agency policy and the PREA Standard. The housing logs reviewed covered the twelve-month auditing period, were from each housing facility, and covered all shifts. In the housing logs reviewed, the Auditor did not find any consistent patterns or inadequacies.

The Auditor conducted supervisory level staff interviews and inquired how

unannounced rounds are completed without staff knowledge. Supervisory level staff indicated this is completed by observing staff movement, monitoring radio transmissions, alternating movement patterns or being unpredictable with times or walking pattern and listening to staff conversations while conducting rounds throughout the facility. Supervisory staff also indicated that all staff are aware of the existing agency policy governing unannounced rounds and any violation of policy will be handled with disciplinary action.

Upon review of the policies and documentation provided and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.14	Youthful inmates
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-CL-07, Institutional Services, Classification
	Interviews conducted with:
	Facility Warden
	PREA Compliance Manager
	Site Observation:
	The facility tour and formal and informal interviews with incarcerated individuals and staff demonstrated youthful incarcerated individuals were not housed at the facility.
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.14 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-CL-07, <i>Institutional Services, Classification</i> designates specific IDOC facilities to house youthful, incarcerated individuals.

MPCF is not designated as a youthful incarcerated individual facility. This was verified during interviews with the Facility Warden, PREA Compliance Manager, and Classification Staff.

Upon review of the policy and upon completion of the interviews, the MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.15	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	lowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-17, Institutional Operations, Cross-

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-18, Institutional Operations, Searches

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-704, *Health Services, Management of Gender Dysphoria* 

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-04, Administration & Management, Training & Staff Development

Iowa Department of Corrections Training Curriculum / Records

Interviews conducted with:

Gender Supervision

Random sample of Incarcerated individuals

Random sample of Staff

Site Review Observations:

Daily operational functions

Staff interaction with Incarcerated individuals

Unannounced rounds documentation

Incarcerated individual movement

Findings (By Provision):

115.15 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-18, *Institutional Operations, Searches* states unclothed body searches shall be conducted by staff of the same gender as the incarcerated individual being searched or gender as identified per HSP-704 unless search procedures are otherwise outlined in the treatment plan.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-704, *Health Services, Management of Gender Dysphoria* states incarcerated individuals diagnosed with gender dysphoria shall identify the incarcerated individual's preference for the gender of staff who shall conduct strip searches. Searches or physical examinations of transgender or intersex incarcerated individuals by any staff member other than a physician for the purpose of determining a patient's genital status are prohibited.

115.15 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-18, *Institutional Operations, Searches* states staff of the opposite sex may perform an unclothed body search and visual body search, in exigent circumstances. Searches conducted under exigent circumstances require two staff members and the search has been approved by the Warden or Institution Duty Officer.

115.15 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-18, *Institutional Operations, Searches* states staff shall document the reasons for the opposite sex search by memorandum and forward to the Warden through the Associate Warden of Security.

Documentation provided by the facility indicated there were no cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches conducted during the twelvemonth auditing period. The Auditor confirmed this information during her interviews with the PREA Compliance Manager and the Facility Warden.

The Auditor reviewed the provided documentation to include shift rosters, shift assignments, and daily incarcerated individual activity schedule. The Auditor observed the facility operations throughout the day, to include continuous incarcerated individual movement throughout the facility, continuous physical

interactions between staff and incarcerated individuals, incarcerated individuals participating in-group activities, and incarcerated individuals performing job assignments throughout the facility and within the compound grounds. The Auditor also observed opposite gender announcements being conducted throughout the facility tour. The Auditor compared the information reviewed with her observations made during the facility tour and noted the number of male staff members is more than adequate and covers all shifts.

115.15 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-17, *Institutional Operations, Cross-Gender Supervision* states the facility shall implement procedures that enable incarcerated individuals to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except when viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. Incarcerated individuals shall be made aware of the fact that staff of the opposite gender will be present in the housing unit.

The Auditor conducted a review of twelve months of unannounced rounds and observed entries indicating opposite gender entering housing unit with notification to incarcerated individuals being announced prior to opposite gender entry. The sample of unannounced rounds reviewed covered the entire auditing period and were from all shifts. The Auditor also observed the announcement of an opposite gender entering a housing unit throughout the on-site tour of the facility, which provided additional documentation and the facility's compliance with this standard.

The Auditor requested an up-to-date incarcerated individual facility roster. The facility roster provides a list of all incarcerated individuals currently at the facility and is organized by housing facility, provides incarcerated individual characteristics such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, date received at facility, tentative release date, program assignments, work assignments, classification level, security level, gang affiliation, and housing assignment. This allowed the Auditor to accurately select a random representation of incarcerated individuals for the interview process. All incarcerated individuals selected for interviews were selected under the guidance of the National PREA Resource Center, *PREA Compliance Audit Instrument - Interview Guide for Inmates*.

The Auditor conducted twenty-six incarcerated individual interviews, and all twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed confirmed they have privacy while showering, changing clothes, or using the bathroom facilities. Additionally, all twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed confirmed staff of the opposite gender announce their presence prior to entering the housing facility.

115.15 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-17, *Institutional Operations, Cross-Gender Supervision* states institutional security staff shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex incarcerated individual for the sole purpose of determining the incarcerated individual's genital status. If the incarcerated individual's genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversations with the incarcerated individual, by reviewing medical records, or if necessary, as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner.

The Auditor reviewed documentation provided by the facility showed the facility has had zero searches of a transgender or intersex for the sole purpose of determining the incarcerated individual's genital status.

The Auditor requested interviews with transgender or intersex incarcerated individuals. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which depicted there were no transgender incarcerated individuals in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

115.15b (f) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-18, *Institutional Operations, Searches* states staff shall be trained on how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches and searches of transgender and intersex incarcerated individual in a professional and respectful and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs.

lowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-04, *Administration & Management, Training & Staff Development* states such training shall be tailored to the gender of the incarcerated individuals at the employee's facility. The employee shall receive additional training if the employee is reassigned from a facility that houses only male incarcerated individuals to a facility that houses only female incarcerated individuals or vice versa.

The Auditor reviewed the training records and training curriculum provided to staff members who may have contact with incarcerated individuals, how to perform cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex incarcerated individuals. Training records indicated staff members receive training on the agency's PREA policies and how to perform cross-gender pat-down searches annually. The training curriculum outlined the agency's policy on cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex incarcerated individuals, policy prohibiting search of incarcerated individuals for the sole purpose of determining the

incarcerated individual's genital status, defining exigent circumstances, and conducting searches in a professional and respectful manner.

The Auditor interviewed twelve random staff members and inquired to each if they have received training on how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex incarcerated individuals in a professional manner, consistent with security needs. Each staff member confirmed receiving training on cross-gender searches and searches of transgender and intersex incarcerated individuals annually during Annual In-Service Training. Additionally, staff confirmed receiving refresher training on a monthly and quarterly basis.

Upon review of staff training records and training curriculum, observations during the on-site visit, and information obtained during interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and with the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

# 115.16 Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

Document Review:

**MPCF PAQ** 

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* 

Iowa Department of Corrections Contract with Language Link

Iowa Department of Corrections Staying Safe: A Guide for Offender Conduct (English/Spanish)

Interviews conducted with:

Facility Warden

Targeted Incarcerated individuals (Limited English Proficient, Hearing, Vision, Physical or Cognitive Impaired)

Random sample of Staff

Site Review Observation:

Standardized PREA bulletin boards (English & Spanish)

Findings (By Provision):

115.16 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states the IDOC shall take appropriate steps to ensure that incarcerated individuals with disabilities, including incarcerated individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who are blind or have low vision, or those who have intellectual, psychiatric, or speech disabilities, have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of IDOC's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual assault, sexual violence, and sexual harassment.

115.16 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states the IDOC shall take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the department's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual assault, sexual violence, and sexual harassment to incarcerated individuals who are limited English proficient, including steps to provide interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.

lowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states IDOC shall ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with incarcerated individuals with disabilities, including incarcerated individuals who have intellectual disabilities, limited reading skills, or who are blind or have low vision.

115.16 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states IDOC shall not rely on incarcerated individual interpreters, incarcerated individual readers, or other types of incarcerated individual assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the incarcerated individual's safety, the performance of first-response duties or the investigation of the incarcerated individual's allegations. Staff shall follow appropriate IDOC policies and procedures for obtaining a qualified interpreter. In the last 12 months the facility has had zero instances where incarcerated individuals were used as interpreters.

The Auditor conducted interviews with twelve random staff members. Each staff member confirmed the agency policy prohibiting the use of an incarcerated individual to provide translation services except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an interpreter could compromise the incarcerated individual's safety; all staff members acknowledged the use of either the language line (interpreter services) or contacting another staff member to translate.

The Auditor interviewed five targeted incarcerated individuals with either a physical, hearing, vision, or cognitive impairment or who were Limited English Proficient. Each incarcerated individual acknowledged receiving PREA information during the intake / transfer process. Each incarcerated individual described receiving the comprehensive PREA orientation within the first few days after arriving at the facility. Additionally, each incarcerated individual acknowledged the information was provided to him in an accessible format specific to his individual needs. For the targeted interviews with an LEP incarcerated individual, the Auditor utilized a certified interpreter for translation services.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Compliance Manager regarding how the facility takes appropriate steps to ensure that all incarcerated individuals have an equal opportunity to participate in the facility's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual violence and sexual harassment. The PREA Compliance Manager detailed the efforts made by the facility to ensure impaired incarcerated individuals are provided opportunities and benefits equal to those of unimpaired incarcerated individuals. Incarcerated individuals with either impairments or LEP incarcerated individuals are provided with alternatives to accommodate participation in PREA education such as videos and brochures tailored to their primary language.

Upon review of the policies, IDOC incarcerated individual intake procedures, and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

Hiring and promotion decisions								
Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard  Auditor Discussion  Document Review:								
					MPCF PAQ			
					Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-05, Administration & Management,			

Personnel

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-GA-13, Administration & Management, General Administration

Interviews conducted with:

Administrative / Human Resources Staff

Site Review Observation:

Personnel files were reviewed, and each demonstrated completed background checks upon hire and every five years thereafter. Administrative questions are asked during the application process. The agency does represent being able to show institutional reference are requested during the hiring process.

Findings (By Provision):

115.17 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-05, *Administration & Management, Personnel* states the IDOC shall not hire or promote anyone, who may have contact with incarcerated individuals, who:

- Has engaged in sexual violence in a prion, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution, as defined in 42 USC 1997;
- 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
- Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the
  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.

115.17 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-05, *Administration & Management, Personnel* states the institution/community-based corrections shall consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, who may have contact with incarcerated individuals.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-GA-13, Administration & Management, General Administration states IDOC shall consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with incarcerated individuals.

115.17 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-05, *Administration & Management, Personnel* states before hiring new employees who may have contact with incarcerated individuals, the following shall be completed:

- Perform a criminal records check in accordance with IDOC Policy AD-PR-07, Background Checks for Applicants and Current Employees and maintain documentation in the designated local Human Resources Office; and
- Consistent with Federal, State, and local law, contact all prior institutional/ facility employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual violence or any resignation during pending investigation of allegations of sexual violence.

According to the information provided in the PAQ, MPCF reported in the twelve months prior to the audit, forty-one criminal background checks were performed of persons hired or promoted who may have contact with incarcerated individuals.

115.17 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-GA-13, Administration & Management, General Administration states IDOC shall also perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with incarcerated individuals. The MPCF reported, in the twelve months prior to the audit, eight criminal background checks were performed on all staff covered in the contract who may have contact with incarcerated individuals.

115.17 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-07, *Background Checks for Applicants and Current Employees* states IDOC shall conduct criminal background records checks must be conducted on all employees every five years.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-GA-13, Administration & Management, General Administration states IDOC shall conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of contractors who may have contact with incarcerated individuals.

115.17 (f) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-05, Administration &

Management, Personnel states the institution/community-based corrections shall ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with incarcerated individuals directly about previous misconduct in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions and in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees.

115.17 (g) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-05, *Administration & Management, Personnel* states the institution/community-based corrections shall also impose on employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct. Material omissions regarding misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination.

115.17 (h) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-05, Administration & Management, Personnel states unless prohibited by law, IDOC shall provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual violence involving a former employee after receiving a request from an institutional/community-based corrections employer for whom such employee has applied to work. The request must include permission to release such information signed by the former employee.

The Iowa Department of Corrections conducts criminal background records checks for all applicants, employee, or contractor who may have contact with incarcerated individuals. Each criminal background records check includes fingerprints, NCIC, prior employment, Iowa Corrections Offender Network (ICON), and ICON View by social security number.

The Auditor conducted an interview with Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility's Administrative/ Human Resources personnel who confirmed the facility conducts the required criminal background checks prior to hiring a new employee, employees who are considered for promotions, or enlisting the services of a contractor or volunteer and at least once every five years. The HR Staff Member confirmed the IDOC requirement imposed upon all employees to disclose any previous misconduct and the agency's requirement to provide information regarding a former employee upon request of another institution or agency.

Upon review of the policies and review of personnel files, background checks, and upon completion of interviews, the MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.18	Upgrades to facilities and technologies			
113.18				
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard			
	Auditor Discussion			
	Document Review:			
	MPCF PAQ			
	Iowa Department of Corrections Security Operations Manual 07.02, Security Surveillance Systems			
	Interviews conducted with:			
	Agency Head Designee			
	Facility Warden			
	115.18 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Security Operations Manual 07.02, Security Surveillance Systems outlines the agency's procedures for conducting annual reviews of video monitoring systems and the installation of new video surveillance equipment to ensure adequate coverage is provided to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual violence.			
	The MPCF PAQ states the facility has not acquired a new facility or made substantial expansions or modifications to existing facilities since the last PREA audit.			
	115.18 (b) - The MPCF PAQ states the facility has installed additional video cameras and received additional software upgrades to the video monitoring system since the last PREA audit.			
	The Auditor conducted an interview with the Agency Head Designee and discussed if the agency considers how modifications or expansions to a facility effects the ability to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual violence. The Agency Head Designee explained how facility modification has always been focused on providing safety to both staff and incarcerated individuals. The agency considers the custody classification of incarcerated individuals housed at the facility, past incidents, input from the PREA Coordinator, input from the incident review team at the facility, national standards and best practices.			

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee who confirmed that prior to designing or acquiring any new facility or when planning any substantial expansion or modification, of existing facilities, the facility shall consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification might have upon the facility's ability to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual violence. The Facility Warden Designee confirmed to the Auditor that MPCF has not undergone modifications or expansions to the facility since the last audit.

The Facility Warden Designee also confirmed that prior to the installation of cameras the facility shall consider how the addition of such technology would enhance the agency's ability to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual violence. The Facility Warden Designee confirmed to the Auditor that MPCF has added additional cameras in addition to upgrading to digital cameras and software upgrade since the last audit.

Upon review of the policy and upon completion of the interviews conducted, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

Document Review:

**MPCF PAQ** 

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-13, Administration & Management, Employee Investigations & Discipline

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-22, *Institutional Operations, Evidence Handling* 

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Patient Sexual Violence* 

IDOC, Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility MOU w/Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP)

SANEs / SAFEs Uniform Evidence Protocol

Interviews conducted with:

Medical Staff

Random sample of Staff

Incarcerated individuals who reported sexual violence

Victim Advocate

Findings (By Provision):

115.21 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination

Act (PREA) states the designated Deputy Director/Designee shall ensure that an

115.21 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the designated Deputy Director/Designee shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual violence, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or retaliation.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states all allegations and incidents of incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual violence, retaliation, and staff neglect or violation of duty that may have contributed to such an incident shall be reported to the Warden, the institution's sexual violence investigator, and the Deputy Director of Institution Operations/ Designee.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-13, Administration & Management, Employee Investigations & Discipline states incidents of staff sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, retaliation, or staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents shall be reviewed and assigned for investigation by the IDOC Division of Investigative Services (DIS) Unit.

115.21 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-22, *Institutional Operations, Evidence Handling* states in cases of suspected sexual assault, shall follow the established uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions. The protocol shall be developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable, and as appropriate, shall be 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

The Auditor established, from a thorough review of IDOC policy, and the SANEs/SAFEs evidence protocol, that investigators assigned to the IDOC Division of Investigative Services (DIS) Unit follow the United States Department of Justice, A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceeding and criminal prosecutions.

The Auditor interviewed twelve random staff members regarding his/her role as a First Responder to an allegation of sexual violence. The staff members provided specific details of their responsibilities as a First Responder. These responsibilities include separating the victim and abuser, preserving, and protecting the crime scene, requesting that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, ensuring the alleged abuser does not take any actions, which would destroy physical evidence, and to immediately notify shift supervisor, Medical and Mental Health Practitioners. In addition, each staff member acknowledged the importance of the agency's response protocol to a sexual violence allegation as well as his or her role as a First Responder.

115.21 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-SC-22, *Institutional Operations, Evidence Handling* states the institution shall offer all victims of sexual assault access to forensic medical examinations, at an outside medical facility, without financial cost, where evidentiary or medically appropriate. Such examination shall be performed by a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) where possible. If SAFE nor SANE cannot be made available, the examination may be performed by other qualified medical practitioners at the outside medical facility. The institution shall document its efforts to provide SAFE or SANE.

According to the information previously reported in the PAQ, there were no forensic exams completed during the twelve months prior to the audit. The Auditor conducted an interview with medical staff responsible for the coordination of forensic examinations. The Medical Practitioner provided the Auditor with an overview of the procedures if a forensic exam was needed, such services are provided at the nearest local hospital with the forensic exam being completed by a certified SANE Nurse. The Medical Practitioner also confirmed there were no forensic examinations completed within the past twelve months for MPCF.

115.21 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Patient Sexual Violence* states the Shift Supervisor shall attempt to make available to the

patient a victim advocate from a community crime victim center. If a community crime victim center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the Shift Supervisor shall make these services available through a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified IDOC staff member. The Shift Supervisor shall document such efforts.

The Auditor requested interviews with incarcerated individuals who reported an incident of sexual abuse. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which reflected the incarcerated individuals who reported incidents of sexual abuse were no longer in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

115.21 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states if requested by the alleged victim, the victim advocate or qualified IDOC staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member shall:

- Accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews; and
- Provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals.

The Auditor reviewed the existing MOU between Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility and the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP). The contract uses clear and concise language, detailing the facilities responsibilities, the contractor's responsibilities, and the mutual responsibilities for each.

Located in Iowa City, Iowa, the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP) is a non-profit organization that serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in eight eastern Iowa counties including Cedar, Des Moines, Henry, Iowa, Johnson, Lee, Washington, and Van Buren. Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP) provides free, confidential, trauma-informed advocacy to individuals affected by sexual violence. Services provided by RVAP include support services, medical advocacy, accompaniment during forensic exam, crisis counseling, safety planning, legal advocacy, and a 24-hour crisis hotline.

The Auditor conducted an interview with an advocate from the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP) and she confirmed the existing agreement, responsibilities within the agreement, and an overview of services provided to incarcerated individual victims of sexual assault. The services include safety planning and support services, accompaniment and support during forensic exams or investigatory interviews if

requested and provide the victim with resources and information.

115.21 (f, g, h) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the designated Deputy Director/Designee shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual violence, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or retaliation.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states any State entity or Department of Justice component that conducts such investigations shall do so pursuant to these requirements.

Upon review of the policies, documentation, observations made during the facility tour, and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.22 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investiga
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Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

## **Auditor Discussion**

Document Review:

**MPCF PAQ** 

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-13, Administration & Management, Employee Investigations & Discipline

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections, Division of Investigative Services Investigator Training, Credentials

Iowa Department of Corrections Agency Website

Interviews conducted with:

Agency Head Designee

Investigative Staff
Site Review Observation:
SA/SH Investigation files (7)
Findings (By Provision):
115.22 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, <i>Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> states the designated Deputy Director/Designee shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual violence, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or retaliation.
The Auditor conducted an interview with the Agency Head Designee regarding how the agency ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for allegations of sexual violence or sexual harassment. The Agency Head Designee explained once an allegation is received and after the initial protective steps are taken, an incident report is submitted by the institution to the IDOC Division of Investigative Services (DIS). The report is approved by the supervisor of DIS and is assigned to an investigator. Upon completion of the investigation, the investigative report is submitted to the Deputy Director of Institutions, the Assistant Deputy Director, the DIS Supervisor, the Warden, and the PREA Coordinator. In cases of substantiated findings, the proper administrative corrective action is utilized and any appropriate criminal referrals for prosecution are made.
115.22 (b-c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, <i>Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> states all allegations and incidents of incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual violence, retaliation, and staff neglect or violation of duty that may have contributed to such an incident shall be reported to the Warden, the institution's sexual violence investigator, and the Deputy Director of Institution Operations/Designee.
Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-13, Administration & Management, Employee Investigations & Discipline states incidents of staff sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, retaliation, or staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents shall be reviewed and assigned for investigation

by the IDOC Division of Investigative Services (DIS) Unit.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states Deputy Director of Institution Operations/Designee shall determine when the evidence is sufficient for criminal prosecution and shall refer appropriate incidents to criminal authorities. All referrals shall be documented.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states IDOC shall publish the sexual violence investigation policies on its website <a href="https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act">https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act</a>

115.22 (d) - This provision of the standard does not apply. Iowa Department of Corrections Division of Investigative Services (DIS) Unit is responsible for conducting investigations of sexual violence.

The Auditor conducted an interview with an Investigator assigned to MPCF and requested an overview of the investigative process and the documentation required in a case when an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment incident occurs within the facility.

The Facility Investigator explained when an allegation of sexual violence is received and after the initial response and protective steps are taken, an initial incident report is submitted by the institution to the IDOC Division of Investigative Services (DIS). The initial report is reviewed and approved by the supervisor of DIS, who then assigns the investigation to a Facility Investigator. The investigation is initiated promptly by the assigned Facility Investigator who has received training and education and has the legal authority to conduct such investigations.

The Facility Investigator provided an overview of the investigative process, which includes reviewing the initial report of the allegation, conducting scene investigation, review of evidence collected, photographs, video footage, conduct a complete media summary review – including emails, messages, phone calls, conduct interviews with victim, staff, witnesses, and alleged perpetrator, and complete a summary report and finalize the investigation.

The Facility Investigator also provided an overview of the various documentation contained in each case file to include but not limited to the Field Incident Report, Notice of Investigation, statements – victim, witness, perpetrator, medical documentation, victim advocacy form, summaries of video and media review, investigative findings and summary, Closure Letter(s) – victim, witness, perpetrator,

Retaliation Tracking, and Sexual Violence Incident Review.

During the pre-on-site, the Auditor reviewed seven investigation files. The Auditor reviewed each investigation thoroughly and systematically to ensure each case contained all the correct procedures, completed documentation, and that all processes were completed as required.

Each file reviewed by the Auditor contained all the appropriate documentation, and each incident was investigated promptly, thoroughly, and objectively by a qualified investigator who has the training and the authority to conduct such investigations. Each file contained documentation to include but not limited to the initial incident reports – summary of the allegation, demographics of involved staff or incarcerated individual(s) to include relevant history and current sentence, medical documentation and notes, photos of incarcerated individual victim and alleged aggressor, advocacy acceptance or refusal, victim, witness, and alleged aggressor statements, review of communications – emails, messages, and phone calls, review of video surveillance, investigative summary, investigative findings, notification of case disposition to incarcerated individual, sexual violence incident reviews, and monitoring for retaliation forms.

Upon review of the policies, documentation, and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

113.31					
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard  Auditor Discussion  Document Review:				
	MPCF PAQ				
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-04, Administration & Management, Orientation & New Employee Training				
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-05, Administration & Management, Training & Staff Development				

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

115.31 Employee training

Iowa Department of Corrections PREA Training Curriculum & eLearning
Iowa Department of Corrections MPCF Training Completion Documentation (iadocLearn)
Interviews conducted with:
Random sample of Staff
Site Review Observations:
PREA Informational Posters
Findings (By Provision):

115.31 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-04, *Administration & Management, Orientation & New Employee Training* and Policy AD-TS-05, Administration & Management, Training & Staff Development states all employees who may have contact with incarcerated individuals shall be trained on the IDOC's zero-tolerance policy for sexual violence and sexual harassment and how to fulfill their responsibilities under IDOC sexual violence and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting and response policies and procedures.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-04, Administration & Management, Orientation & New Employee Training states the institution shall train all employees who have contact with incarcerated individuals on:

- IDOC's zero tolerance for sexual violence and sexual harassment.
- How to fulfill responsibilities under the sexual violence and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures.
- Incarcerated individuals' rights to be free from sexual violence and sexual harassment.
- The right of incarcerated individuals & employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual violence and sexual harassment.
- They dynamics of sexual violence and sexual harassment in confinement.
- The common reactions of sexual violence and sexual harassment victims.
- How to detect and respond to signs of threatened & actual sexual violence.
- How to avoid inappropriate relationships with incarcerated individuals.
- How to communicate effectively & professionally with incarcerated individuals, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender

nonconforming incarcerated individuals.

115.31 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-05, Administration & Management, Training & Staff Development states such training shall be tailored to the gender of the incarcerated individuals at the employee's facility. The employee shall receive additional training if the employee is reassigned from an institution that houses only male incarcerated individuals to an institution that houses only female incarcerated individuals, or vice versa.

115.31 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-05, Administration & Management, Training & Staff Development states IDOC shall provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual violence and sexual harassment policies and procedures.

115.31 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-05, Administration & Management, Training & Staff Development states IDOC shall document through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they received.

The Auditor reviewed the training curriculum and electronic verification that MPCF staff training comprehension and attendance. The training curriculum outlined the staff member's responsibilities in preventing, detecting, and response to incarcerated individual sexual violence and sexual harassment. The curriculum also provided staff with communicating effectively and professionally with incarcerated individuals, understanding that incarcerated individuals have the right to be free from sexual violence and sexual harassment.

The lowa Department of Corrections PREA training curriculum provided to the Auditor, includes an incarcerated individual's right to be free from sexual violence and sexual harassment, including the right to dress, shower, and use toilet facilities out of view of staff of the opposite sex. The training also included the appropriate method to introduce/announce "opposite gender" correctional officers and supervision staff into an all-male or all-female housing facility and how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex incarcerated individuals in a professional and respectful manner consistent with security correctional environments.

The Auditor conducted twelve random staff interviews, and each staff member articulated the agency's zero tolerance policy on sexual violence and sexual harassment, their role and responsibilities regarding sexual violence and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response, how to communicate effectively and professionally with incarcerated individuals, and an incarcerated individual right to be free from sexual violence and sexual harassment. All staff members acknowledged receiving the training every year during his/her In-service training.

Upon review of the policies and training documentation listed above and previously discussed, and after completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.32	2 Volunteer and contractor training				
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard				
	Auditor Discussion				
	Document Review:				
	MPCF PAQ				
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-04, Administration & Management, Orientation & New Employee Training				
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-CI-01, Administration & Management, Citizen Involvement & Volunteers  Iowa Department of Corrections Volunteer & Community Partners Training Curriculary				
	lowa Department of Corrections MPCF Volunteer & Community Partners Training Tracking				
	Interviews conducted with:				
	Volunteer or Community Partners (Contractors) who have contact with Incarcerated individuals				
	Findings (By Provision):				

115.32 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-TS-04, Administration & Management, Orientation & New Employee Training states all employees who may have contact with incarcerated individuals shall be trained on the IDOC's zero-tolerance policy for sexual violence and sexual harassment and how to fulfill their responsibilities under IDOC sexual violence and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting and response policies and procedures.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-CI-01, Administration & Management, Citizen Involvement & Volunteers states all community partners and volunteers shall be trained regarding the IDOCs zero tolerance policy regarding sexual violence and harassment.

115.32 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-CI-01, *Administration & Management, Citizen Involvement & Volunteers* states an orientation/training session shall be with community partners and volunteers appropriate for their functions and service they provide.

115.32 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-CI-01, Administration & Management, Citizen Involvement & Volunteers states training shall be completed and documented prior to initiation of the volunteer service. This may be completed electronically.

The Auditor reviewed training documentation to include training curriculum and attendance roster for contract and volunteer staff. Additional documentation included signatures from each contract staff and volunteer staff confirming understanding of policies and training received. The volunteer and contractor training were tailored based on the services they provide and the level of contact they have with incarcerated individuals and included the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual violence and sexual harassment along with how to report such incidents.

The Auditor conducted interviews with contract and volunteer staff members and each staff member confirmed and acknowledged their understanding of the agency's zero tolerance policy and PREA standards and reporting responsibilities.

Upon review of the policy and documentation and after completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.33	Inmate education					
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard					
	Auditor Discussion					
	Document Review:					
	MPCF PAQ					
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-01, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)					
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)					
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)					
	lowa Department of Corrections Incarcerated Individual Rules & Handbook (multiple languages)					
	lowa Department of Corrections Acknowledgement of Receipt of PREA Orientation					
	Iowa Department of Corrections Staying Safe: A Guide for Offender Conduct  PREA / Sexual Awareness Brochures (multiple languages)					
	Interviews conducted with:					
	PREA Compliance Manager Intake Staff					
	Random Sample of Incarcerated individuals					
	Targeted Incarcerated individuals (Limited English Proficient, Hearing, Vision, Physical or Cognitive Impaired)					
	Site Review Observations:					
	Incarcerated individual files - Comprehensive PREA Education					
	PREA Informational Signage posted throughout facility					
	Findings (By Provision):					
	115.33 (a) -lowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-01, <i>Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> states all incarcerated individuals shall receive PREA orientation training within three days of admission to IDOC, including information on the IDOCs zero-tolerance policy regarding unwanted sexual behavior and how to report incidents or					

suspicions of unwanted sexual behavior. All incarcerated individuals shall be given a copy of the handout, *Staying Safe: A Guide for Incarcerated Individual Conduct.* 

115.33 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-01, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states within 30 days of intake, IDOC shall provide comprehensive education to incarcerated individuals either in person or through video regarding their rights to be free from unwanted sexual behavior and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents and regarding IDOC policies and procedures for responding to such incidents.

115.33 (c) – The MPCF PAQ states that of those who were not educated during 30 days of intake, all incarcerated individuals have been subsequently educated. Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-01, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states upon transfer to a different institution, incarcerated individuals shall receive training within the first seven days concerning how the policies and procedures of the incarcerated individual's new institution differ from those of the previous institution. Replacement copies of the handout, *Staying Safe: A Guide for Incarcerated Individual Conduct*, shall be provided as needed.

The Auditor reviewed the comprehensive PREA educational video transcript, provided in multiple languages, which is given to all IDOC incarcerated individuals within seven days of arriving at a permanent facility. The facilities utilize the PREA Resource Center's educational video titled PREA Adult Intake – Captioned English. The facility also provides a version of the video in Spanish for LEP incarcerated individuals.

During the pre-on-site phase of the audit, the Auditor reviewed documentation from the twelve-month auditing period showing incarcerated individuals received into the facility were provided with comprehensive PREA education. The comprehensive documentation included rosters with incarcerated individual signatures and acknowledgment of understanding. The facility maintains documentation of incarcerated individual participation in Iowa Correctional Offender Network (ICON).

The Auditor requested an up-to-date facility Incarcerated Individual roster. The facility incarcerated individual roster provides a list of all incarcerated individuals currently at the facility and is organized by housing facility, provides incarcerated individual characteristics such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, date received at facility, tentative release date, program assignments, work assignments, classification level, security level, gang affiliation, and housing assignment. This allowed the Auditor to accurately select a random representation of incarcerated individuals for the interview process. All incarcerated individuals selected for interviews were selected under the guidance

of the National PREA Resource Center, *PREA Compliance Audit Instrument - Interview Guide for Inmates.* 

The Auditor conducted twenty-six incarcerated individual interviews and inquired if each incarcerated individual had received PREA education upon arrival at the facility. All twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed recalled receiving both the initial PREA orientation and the comprehensive (video) orientation. All incarcerated individuals interviewed acknowledged the zero-tolerance policy on sexual violence sexual harassment and the various ways to report such incidents.

Incarcerated individuals referred to utilizing the multiple PREA informational bulletins, pamphlets, and brochures, which are posted throughout the facility, as a source of information. All twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed referred to notifying a staff member, unit manager, counselor, or family member as the most direct method to report or inquire about PREA information. All twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed also referred to calling a family member or friend as their source outside the facility and all twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed confirmed their knowledge of third-party reporting. Twenty-two of the twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed were aware of the availability of submitting an anonymous PREA report.

115.33 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-01, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states IDOC shall provide incarcerated individual education in formats accessible to all incarcerated individuals, including those who are Limited English Proficient (LEP), deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as to incarcerated individuals who have limited reading skills. Resources for incarcerated individuals with hearing impairment (closed captioning), vision impairment (large print material or reading of material to incarcerated individual by staff), or translation for LEP incarcerated individuals (language line services).

The Auditor interviewed five targeted incarcerated individuals with either a physical, hearing, vision, or cognitive impairment or who were Limited English Proficient. Each incarcerated individual acknowledged receiving PREA information during the intake / transfer process. Each incarcerated individual described receiving the comprehensive PREA orientation within the first few days after arriving at the facility. Additionally, each incarcerated individual acknowledged the information was provided to him in an accessible format specific to his individual needs. For the targeted interviews with an LEP incarcerated individual, the Auditor utilized a certified interpreter for translation services.

115.33 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-01, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states IDOC shall maintain documentation of incarcerated individual participation in these education sessions either by generic note or the signed copy of Form 1 scanned into Iowa Correctional Offender Network (ICON) incarcerated individual attachments.

115.33 (f) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-01, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states in addition to providing such education, IDOC shall ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to incarcerated individuals through posters, bulletin boards, or other written formats.

The Auditor conducted a tour of the facility and observed PREA informational bulletins. These PREA bulletins are posted in multiple languages, located inside every housing unit, as well as several informational bulletins were posted in common areas (educational and vocational buildings) throughout the facility. The bulletins display phone numbers and addresses, advocacy services and the PREA Coordinator and are displayed in multiple languages.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Compliance Manager and discussed the incarcerated individual comprehensive PREA orientation and documentation process. The PREA Compliance Manager provided specific details on the process of educating incarcerated individuals including the initial orientation upon intake into the facility, the comprehensive orientation video, and the continued educational process through PREA informational pamphlets, No Means No signage, Stay Safe Guide, and the signage posted throughout the facility.

Upon review of the policy and documentation listed above and previously discussed, in addition to the observations made throughout the on-site tour, and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with and exceeds the PREA standard.

115.34	Specialized training: Investigations				
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard				
	Auditor Discussion				
	Document Review:				

MPCF PAQ Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Specialized Training Curriculum & Training Certificates Interviews conducted with: **Investigative Staff** Site Review Observations: Training documentation / file review Findings (By Provision): 115.34 (a) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states in addition to the general training provided to all employees, the Deputy Director of Institution Operations shall ensure that, to the extent IDOC conducts sexual violence investigations, its sexual violence investigators have received specialized training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings. 115.34 (b) - Iowa Department of Corrections PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states specialized training shall include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, Miranda and Garrity warnings, the impact of the Peace Officer's Bill of Rights, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, characteristics and behavior indicators of sexual violence perpetrators and victims in correctional settings, credibility assessments, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral. 115.34 (c) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states the Deputy Director of Institution Operations shall maintain documentation that sexual violence investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting such investigations.

The Auditor reviewed training records, which included the specialized training

curriculum National Institute of Corrections (NIC), *PREA: Investigating Sexual Abuse in Confinement Settings* and training certificates of completion verifying facility investigative staff that conduct sexual violence investigations attended and completed the required specialized training.

The Auditor interviewed a Facility Investigator who confirmed attending and successful completion of the required specialized training. The Facility Investigator clearly articulated the comprehensive training received which included investigating sexual harassment allegations, investigating sexual violence allegations, understanding the impact of victim trauma, techniques for interviewing sexual violence victims, preservation of crime scene and evidence collection, proper use of *Miranda* and *Garrity* and the importance of each, and criteria required for administrative action and prosecution referrals.

Upon review of the policy and documentation listed above and previously discussed, and after completion of interviews, in addition to the observations made throughout the on-site visit, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.35	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care					
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard					
	Auditor Discussion  Document Review:  MPCF PAQ					
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, Health Services, Acute/Specialty Services					
	Iowa Department of Corrections Medical & Mental Health Training Curriculum					
lowa Department of Corrections Training Roster w/signatures (Medical / Men Staff)						
	Interviews conducted with:					
	Medical / Mental Health Staff					

Site Observation: Medical Staff Training Records Findings (By Provision): 115.35 (a) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, Health Services, Acute/ Specialty Services states each institution shall ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care staff who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: • How to detect and assess signs of sexual violence. How to preserve physical evidence of sexual violence. How to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual violence; and • How and who to report allegations or suspicions of sexual violence. 115.35 (b) - MPCF medical staff do not conduct forensic medical exams; forensic examinations are conducted at the local hospital. This provision of the standard is not applicable. 115.35 (c) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, Health Services, Acute/ Specialty Services states the institution shall maintain documentation that Medical and Mental Health Practitioners have received the training reference in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere. 115.35 (d) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, Health Services, Acute/ Specialty Services states medical and mental health care practitioners shall also receive the training mandated for all employees, depending on the practitioner's status at the agency. Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, Health Services, Acute/Specialty Services states medical and mental health care practitioners shall also receive training on how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual violence to outside authorities. The Auditor reviewed the training records of Medical and Mental Health Practitioners

currently assigned to the facility; training records included the training curriculum and certificates of completion (with signatures). The training curriculum included the required elements of the agency policy and of the PREA standard.

The Auditor conducted interviews with Medical & Mental Health Practitioners and confirmed receipt of specialized training on how to preserve physical evidence of sexual violence, how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual violence and sexual harassment, and how to report allegations of sexual violence and sexual harassment. Medical and Mental Health Practitioners also confirmed receiving the agency's general PREA training, which included the zero tolerance to sexual violence and sexual harassment.

Upon review of the policy and documentation listed above and previously discussed, and after completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.41	Screening	for risk	of victimization	and abusiveness
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Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

Document Review:

**MPCF PAQ** 

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-01, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* 

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* 

Iowa Department of Corrections Sexual Violence Propensity (SVP) -Intake Screening Tool

Interviews conducted with:

Incarcerated individuals who disclosed prior SV at Intake

Random sample of Incarcerated individuals

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening

PREA Compliance Manager

PREA Coordinator

Site Review Observations:

IDOC SVP - Intake Screening Tool

**IDOC SVP Scoring Guide** 

Findings (By Provision):

115.41 (a, d-e) – lowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-01, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states all incarcerated individuals shall be assessed immediately upon arrival using the paper IDOC *SVP – Intake Screening Tool* and shall be assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other incarcerated individuals or sexually abusive toward other incarcerated individuals. This tool is confidential for staff use only and shall not be self-administered by the incarcerated individual and shall only be administered by the intake staff.

lowa Department of Corrections *SVP – Intake Screening Tool* is divided into two sections, *Sexual Victimization Potential* and *Sexual Violence Potential* and includes the following criteria to assess incarcerated individuals for risk of sexual victimization potential or sexual violence potential:

## **Risk of Victimization:**

- Physical build of incarcerated individual.
- Unassertive, projects weakness or expresses concern regarding physical or sexual victimization while in prison.
- Age less than 25 or over 65.
- Vulnerable to victimization due to nature of crime (hate crime, sexual assault against child, high profile crime).
- Lives an alternative lifestyle (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, fluid, or gender non-conforming).
- Prior sexual victimization as a child or adult.
- · Prior incarcerations.
- · Presents as having a mental, physical, or developmental disability.
- · History of physical or sexual victimization in prison or the community.

Incarcerated individual's own perception of vulnerability.

# **Risk of Abusiveness:**

- Prior incarcerations.
- Displays intimidating or aggressive attitude.
- Appears prison-wise, highly familiar with prison environment.
- Is confirmed or suspected STG.
- Has history of criminal charges and/or convictions for sexual related offenses against an adult or child.
- Whether criminal history is exclusively nonviolent.
- Has prior reports for sexual misconduct, sexual assaults on incarcerated individuals, or assaults on incarcerated individuals or ever been a perpetrator of prior sexual abuse.
- Required to register as a sex offender or convicted of a sex offense.

Each question has a designated value and when totaled, each section of the risk screening will yield a Sexual Violence Propensity Assessment Code. The SVP Assessment Code will then determine if the incarcerated individual is at a low risk, at risk of victimization, or at risk of abusiveness.

115.41 (b) – MPCF reported in the PAQ the number of incarcerated individuals entering the facility (either through intake or transfer) within the past 12 months (whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more) who were screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other incarcerated individuals with 72 hours of their entry into the facility was 988, 100% of incarcerated individuals.

The Auditor requested an up-to-date incarcerated individual roster, which provides a list of all incarcerated individuals currently at the facility and is organized by housing facility, provides incarcerated individual characteristics such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, date received at facility, tentative release date, program assignments, work assignments, classification level, security level, gang affiliation, and housing assignment. This allowed the Auditor to accurately select a random representation of incarcerated individuals for the interview process. All incarcerated individuals selected for interviews were selected under the guidance of the National PREA Resource Center, *PREA Compliance Audit Instrument - Interview Guide for Inmates*.

Twenty-two of the twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed arrived at the facility twelve months or longer, therefore this interview question was not posed to them. Of the remaining twenty-two incarcerated individuals interviewed, all twenty-two incarcerated individuals recalled the initial risk assessment interview, and all twenty-two incarcerated individuals confirmed receiving the second risk assessment interview occurring within a few weeks after the initial assessment.

115.41 (c) – MPCF PAQ states the facility conducts risk assessments by using an objective screening instrument. Risk screenings are completed using the IDOC SVP – Intake Screening Tool in the Iowa Correctional Offender Network (ICON) data collection system.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Compliance Manager regarding the responsibility to conduct screenings for risk of victimization and abusiveness. The PREA Compliance Manager provided the Auditor with a complete overview of the incarcerated individual classification process and the incarcerated individual risk screening process to include how all incarcerated individuals are screened within 72 hours (or less) of their arrival at the facility. The PREA Compliance Manager also confirmed all interviews are conducted privately and the interviews include the classification and risk assessment process, program opportunities, qualifications for job assignments, and educational opportunities.

115.41 (f) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-01, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states within a set time not to exceed 30 days from the incarcerated individual's arrival at an institution, the institution shall reassess the incarcerated individual's SVP code based on any additional, relevant information received by the institution since the most recent SVP assessment.

The Auditor reviewed thirty-six IDOC SVP – Intake Screening Tool forms completed during the auditing period. The initial risk assessments and reassessments reviewed included incarcerated individuals from the random and targeted interviews and incarcerated individuals that risk assessment warranted a referral or reassessment. All forms were filled out accurately and completely and in accordance with agency policy.

The Auditor conducted interviews with three incarcerated individuals who disclosed prior sexual victimization during intake. All three incarcerated individuals confirmed to the Auditor that each were offered the opportunity to meet with a medical or mental health care practitioner during the risk screening process. Two of the three incarcerated individuals confirmed accepting the meeting with mental health.

115.41 (g) – Iowa Department of Corrections Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-01, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states an incarcerated individual's risk level shall be reassessed when warranted due to significant events, a referral, request, incident of sexual assault or sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the incarcerated individual's SVP code.

115.41 (h) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states incarcerated individuals may not be disciplined for refusing to answer questions, or not disclosing complete information.

The Auditor inquired to the PREA Compliance Manager what actions are taken against incarcerated individuals who refuse to cooperate or answer the questions in the risk screening process. The PREA Compliance Manager responded that incarcerated individuals are not required to provide answers, if an incarcerated individual refuses to answer, another staff member will conduct a follow-up interview. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed that incarcerated individuals are not disciplined for refusing to cooperate or answer the questions in the risk screening process.

115.41 (i) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-01, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states IDOC shall implement appropriate controls on the dissemination of responses to questions asked pursuant to risk screenings in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the incarcerated individual's detriment by staff or other incarcerated individuals.

The Auditor inquired to the PREA Compliance Manager how the facility protects such sensitive information. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed access to such information is strictly limited and any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to Medical and Mental Health Practitioners and other staff, as necessary, to assist with making treatment plans and informed management decisions (housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments).

The Auditor inquired to the PREA Coordinator how the facility protects sensitive information, in particular an incarcerated individual's risk assessment. The PREA Coordinator explained how the risk assessments are maintained electronically, in a secure program, and only PREA Compliance Manager, PREA Compliance Manager Assistant, Facility Investigators, and Medical and Mental Health Practitioners have access to the risk assessment information.

Upon review of the policies, on-site file, and documentation review, and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.42	Use of screening information
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-01, <i>Institutional Services, Reception &amp; Orientation</i>
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, <i>Institutional Services, Reception &amp; Orientation</i>
	Iowa Department of Corrections Sexual Violence Propensity (SVP) -Intake Screening Tool
	Interviews conducted with:
	PREA Compliance Manager
	PREA Coordinator
	Staff Responsible for Risk Screening
	Transgender & non-heterosexual inmates
	Site Observation:
	Incarcerated individual initial risk assessment & reassessment
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.42 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, <i>Institutional Services, Reception &amp; Orientation</i> states IDOC shall use information from the SVP Assessment

to evaluate housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of providing staff supervision for incarcerated individuals at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.

115.42 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states IDOC shall make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each incarcerated individual.

115.42 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states in deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex incarcerated individual to a facility for male or female incarcerated individuals, and in making other housing and programming assignments, IDOC shall consider on a case-by-case basis would ensure the incarcerated individual's health and safety. and whether the placement would present potential management or security problems.

The Auditor conducted an interview with PREA Compliance Manager regarding the responsibility to conduct screenings for risk of victimization and abusiveness. The PREA Compliance Manager provided the Auditor with a complete overview of the incarcerated individual classification process and the incarcerated individual risk screening process to include how all incarcerated individuals are screened within 72 hours (or less) of their arrival at the facility.

The PREA Compliance Manager explained how the facility uses the information obtained from the risk screening assessment interviews to determine housing assignment for each incarcerated individual, which is done strictly on a case-by- case basis. The PREA Compliance Manager further explained a transgender or intersex incarcerated individual's own views on safety is given consideration during this process and if placed in protective custody, such placement is done at the request of the incarcerated individual or solely based on the incarcerated individual's classification/security level. Additionally, the PREA Compliance Manager explained that the institution has a Transgender Care Committee which consists of Mental Health professionals, medical professionals, counselors, and management staff who meet quarterly to review and discuss any issues a transgender incarcerated individual might be experiencing. Transgender incarcerated individuals also meet with their counselors every 90 days.

The Auditor requested an up-to-date incarcerated individual roster for gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex incarcerated individuals to conducted targeted incarcerated individual interviews. All incarcerated individual interviews were

conducted with the guidance of the National PREA Resource Center, *PREA Compliance Audit Instrument - Interview Guide for Incarcerated individuals.* 

The Auditor conducted two interviews with incarcerated individuals who identified as gay or bisexual incarcerated individuals. The incarcerated individuals were questioned whether they were placed in a housing area only for gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex incarcerated individuals. Both incarcerated individuals acknowledged being housed in a general population housing area for all incarcerated individuals of the same level of classification.

The Auditor requested interviews with transgender or intersex incarcerated individuals. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which depicted there were no transgender incarcerated individuals in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

115.42 (d) – Iowa *Department* of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex incarcerated individual shall be reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the incarcerated individual

115.42 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states a transgender or intersex incarcerated individual's own view with respect to his or her own safety will be given serious consideration.

115.42 (f) –lowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states transgender and intersex incarcerated individuals shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other incarcerated individuals.

115.42 (g) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-02, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states IDOC shall not place LGBTI incarcerated individuals in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless the 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 such incarcerated individuals.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Coordinator and inquired how the

agency ensures against placing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex incarcerated individuals in dedicated facilities or wings. The PREA Coordinator informed the Auditor that there is no procedure or practice in the IDOC for this to occur, it is not supported by agency policy or institutional procedure. The PREA Coordinator confirmed IDOC is not under such legal judgment.

Upon review of the policies and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility- wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

L15.43	Protective Custody
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	lowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, Institutional Operations, Housing Operations
	Interviews conducted with:
	Facility Warden
	Staff who supervise Incarcerated individuals in Segregated Housing
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.43 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, <i>Institutional Operations, Housing Operations</i> states incarcerated individuals at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed in involuntary PC housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there are no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If the facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, the facility may hold the incarcerated individual in involuntary PC housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee regarding incarcerated individuals at high risk of victimization. The Facility Warden Designee explained incarcerated individuals who are at a high risk of sexual victimization are rarely placed in involuntary segregated housing as the facility has the available housing to ensure their safety. However, if this were to occur, the incarcerated individual would be placed in involuntary segregated housing until an assessment of all other available alternatives has been made and it is determined that there are no available alternative means of separation from likely violence.

The Facility Warden Designee explained If the assessment cannot be completed immediately, the facility may hold the incarcerated individual in involuntary segregated housing while completing the assessment, for no longer than 24 hours. The Facility Warden Designee reiterated that placing an incarcerated individual at a high risk of sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing is a rare occurrence, the status of the incarcerated individual and/or the incident is reviewed as soon as possible, and the incarcerated individual will be released from segregation as soon as it can be determined that the incarcerated individual is no longer in imminent danger, or as soon as alternative means of separation from an alleged abuser can be arranged.

115.43 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, *Institutional Operations, Housing Operations* states the Unit Team or other designated authority shall determine the programs and services available to incarcerated individuals placed in protective housing for this purpose both in terms of the operation of the living unit and individual restrictions. If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, all such restrictions, including the authorizing official, shall be logged into the Area Logbook. A record of the restriction shall be provided to the Associate Warden of Security or other person designated in institutional procedures and documented in ICON Generic Notes.

The Auditor conducted an interview with a Facility Staff Member who supervises incarcerated individuals in segregated housing. The Auditor inquired to the Facility Staff Member if an incarcerated individual is placed in segregated housing for protection from sexual violence or after having alleged sexual violence, what restrictions are placed on the incarcerated individual. The Facility Staff member articulated that incarcerated individuals who are at a high risk for sexual victimization or after alleging sexual violence are rarely placed in involuntary segregated housing. The Facility Staff Member explained that if this were to occur, the incarcerated individual placed in involuntary segregated housing does not have restrictions and retain the same privileges as incarcerated individuals in general population housing, to include participating in programs and education opportunities. The Facility Staff Member explained if an incarcerated individual has restrictions placed on him/her it would be a result of behavior or actions, and such action (being placed on

restrictions) would require documentation explaining what has been restricted, duration of restriction, and reasons for initiating the restriction.

During the twelve months prior to the audit, the facility reported in the PAQ there were no incarcerated individuals at risk of sexual victimization being assigned to involuntary segregated housing. During the on-site phase of the audit, the Auditor interviewed a Unit Supervisor and the PREA Compliance Manager and both confirmed the information previously provided by the facility in the PAQ. Therefore, incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

115.43 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, *Institutional Operations, Housing Operations* states every 30 days, the facility shall conduct a review to determine if there is a continuing need for separation of the incarcerated individual from the general population.

115.43 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, *Institutional Operations, Housing Operations* states the Warden or Designee shall, within 72 hours, make a determination regarding the need for continued placement and conformity with policy and procedures, and document the review on the ICON Segregation Notice.

115.43 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, *Institutional Operations, Housing Operations* states within seven days of placement, the Protection Custody Review Committee (PCRC) shall conduct a PC review to determine the need for continued placement in PC. The status of all incarcerated individuals placed in PC shall be reviewed every seven days for the first two months and every 30 days thereafter to determine whether the reasons for placement still exist.

Upon review of the policy and documentation provided and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.51	Inmate reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:

MPCF PAQ

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-01, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

lowa Department of Corrections Incarcerated Individual Rules & Handbook (multiple languages)

Iowa Department of Corrections Acknowledgement of Receipt of PREA Orientation

Iowa Department of Corrections Staying Safe: A Guide for Offender Conduct

Iowa Department of Corrections PREA Zero Tolerance Poster (English/Spanish)

Interviews conducted with:

Random sample of Incarcerated individuals

PREA Compliance Manager

Random sample of Staff

Site Observations:

PREA informational signage - No Means No

Findings (By Provision):

115.51 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-01, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states incarcerated individual may report sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or sexual misconduct or retaliation for reporting such incidents to a staff member, send a kite or letter to the Institution Warden, send a letter Victim and Restorative Justice Director, or the Ombudsman.

115.51 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states an incarcerated individual may report sexual violence and sexual harassment privately to the Iowa Ombudsman Office, Office of Citizens Aide/ Ombudsman (sending correspondence to Office of Ombudsman, Ola Babcock Miller Building, 1112 East Grand, Des Moines, Iowa 50319).

115.51 (c) – The Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states any staff member who receives a report of sexual violence or retaliation, whether verbally or in writing from an incarcerated individual or anonymously or from third parties, shall immediately notify the Shift supervisor and complete an incident report.

115.51 (d) – The Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states each institution shall establish a method for staff to privately report sexual violence against incarcerated individuals. To include calling the Ombudsman at 1.888.426.6283 or sending them correspondence at Office of Ombudsman, Ola Babcock Miller Building, 1112 East Grand, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

lowa Department of Corrections *No Means No* informational poster provides direction on reporting sexual harassment or sexual violence and information on victim advocacy. The informational poster is in bright, vibrant colors. The information includes:

### **RIGHT TO REPORT**

If you, or someone you know, are experiencing sexual abuse or sexual harassment, Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility staff wants to know. We want you to report right away! Why?

- We want to keep YOU safe; it is our job! It is your right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- We want to conduct an investigation of the reported incident.
- We want to hold the perpetrator accountable for his/her actions.
- We want to provide YOU with relevant information and support services.

## **HOW TO REPORT**

Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility offers multiple ways to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Reports can be made anonymously.

- Report to any staff, volunteer, contractor, or medical or mental health staff.
- Submit a sick slip.
- Report to the PREA Compliance Manager, Nick Peitz
- Tell a family member, friend, legal counsel, or anyone else outside the facility. They can report on your behalf by calling 319.385.9511.

- You can also submit a report on someone's behalf, or someone at the facility can report for you using the ways listed here.
- Each offender has the free number 515.281.3592 to report any incidents they feel affect your life or someone else's life.
- 3rd Party reporting -
  - DW Dave Smith at 319.385.9511 or
  - TD Nick Peitz 319.385.9511 or
  - By writing at 1200 East Washington St. Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641.
- Reports can also be submitted to the Ombudsman, or
  - By writing the Division of Investigative Services at 510 E. 12th St, Des Moines, IA 50319.

#### **VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES**

Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility has partnered with Rape Victim Advocacy Program to provide survivors of sexual abuse with emotional support services. To access these services, contact 319.335.6000, or write 108 River Street, Iowa City, IA 52246.

During the facility tour, the Auditor observed PREA Zero-tolerance, and the *No Means No* informational signage posted in all housing units, educational and program buildings, in the religious programs / services building, and incarcerated individual work areas. The PREA informational signage was posted in multiple languages.

The Auditor conducted informal interviews with incarcerated individuals in the housing units, various work assignments, and while touring the programs, educational, and vocational buildings. The Auditor inquired to each incarcerated individual on various PREA reporting methods available and each confirmed reporting to any staff member, submit a request, send an email on the Kiosk, or utilizing an outside reporting method – calling a family member or friend and request a report be submitted on their behalf.

The Auditor requested an up-to-date facility incarcerated individual roster, organized by housing facility, and provides incarcerated individual characteristics such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, date received at facility, tentative release date, program assignments, work assignments, classification level, security level, gang affiliation, and housing assignment. This allowed the Auditor to accurately select a random representation of incarcerated individuals for the interview process. All incarcerated individuals selected for interviews were selected under the guidance of the National PREA Resource Center, *PREA Compliance Audit Instrument - Interview Guide for Inmates*.

The Auditor conducted twenty-six incarcerated individual interviews and inquired to each on the PREA reporting methods. All twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed referred to notifying a staff member, counselor, or family member as the most direct method to report or inquire about PREA information. All incarcerated individuals interviewed also referred to contacting a family member as their source outside the facility and all twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed confirmed knowledge of third-party reporting. Twenty-two of the twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed were aware of the availability of submitting an anonymous PREA report.

The Auditor-conducted interviews with twelve random staff members and asked each staff member how an incarcerated individual can privately report sexual violence and sexual harassment or retaliation by other incarcerated individuals or staff for previously reporting sexual violence and sexual harassment.

Each staff member interviewed was able to articulate the various methods an incarcerated individual may privately report an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment (family member, third party reporting, PREA Coordinator). Staff members also explained that reports concerning sexual violence or sexual harassment, whether reported verbally or in writing, are considered confidential and must be documented immediately.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Compliance Manager to verify reporting methods for sexual violence or sexual harassment allegations that are available for incarcerated individuals and staff. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed the multiple methods of reporting available for incarcerated individuals and staff, these reports can be made either verbally, in writing, by a third party and may be done so in private or anonymously and all reports, no matter the method used to report, are confidential and handled promptly and professionally. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed that the Office of Ombudsman is the designated outside entity for incarcerated individual reporting.

Upon review of the policies, contracts, employee handbook, IDOC incarcerated individual handbook, and viewing of the PREA informational brochures and signs and upon completion of interviews conducted, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.52	Exhaustion of administrative remedies
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-OR-06, Institutional Operations, Offender Rights
	Iowa Department of Corrections Incarcerated Individual Rules & Handbook
	Interviews conducted with:
	Incarcerated individuals who reported sexual violence
	Site Observation:
	Grievance and mailboxes located throughout the facility.
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.52 (a-g) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-OR-06, <i>Institutional Operations, Offender Rights</i> states allegations of incarcerated individual on incarcerated individual sexual abuse or sexual assault or staff, contractor, or volunteer sexual misconduct or sexual harassment, or retaliation are not processed as a grievance. However, if an incarcerated individual submits a complaint to the grievance officer, it will be sent to the Inspector General's Office in Central Office for investigation. Incarcerated individuals may, at any time, seek assistance to their problems through the Office of Ombudsman.
	The Auditor requested interviews with incarcerated individuals who reported an incident of sexual violence. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which reflected the incarcerated individuals who reported incidents of sexual violence were no longer in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

During the pre-on-site phase of the audit, the Auditor reviewed the Iowa Department of Corrections Incarcerated Individual Rules & Handbook and confirmed the handbook contains information about the grievance process to include explanation of the two types of grievance, informal and formal. The handbook informs incarcerated individuals that additional and more detailed grievance information is covered during orientation.

Upon review of policies, documentation, case files, and of the IDOC Incarcerated individual Handbook, and upon completion of interviews conducted during the on-site visit, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

# 115.53 Inmate access to outside confidential support services

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

### **Auditor Discussion**

**Document Review:** 

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-01, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

IDOC, Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility MOU w/ Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP)

Iowa Department of Corrections Incarcerated Individual Rules & Handbook (English/Spanish)

Iowa Department of Corrections Staying Safe: A Guide for Offender Conduct

Interviews conducted with:

Random sample of Incarcerated individuals

Incarcerated individuals who reported sexual violence

Site Review Observations:

IDOC No Means No Informational Poster (English/Spanish)

IDOC PREA Zero Tolerance Poster (English/Spanish)

Findings (By Provision):

115.53 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the institution shall provide incarcerated individuals with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual violence by giving incarcerated individuals mailing addresses and telephone numbers. The institution shall enable reasonable communication between incarcerated individuals and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible.

115.53 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the institution shall be inform incarcerated individuals prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent of which reports of violence will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws.

The Auditor requested an up-to-date incarcerated individual roster, organized by housing facility, which provides characteristics such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, date received at facility, tentative release date, program assignments, work assignments, classification level, security level, gang affiliation, and housing assignment. This allowed the Auditor to accurately select a random representation of incarcerated individuals for the interview process. All incarcerated individuals selected for interviews were selected under the guidance of the National PREA Resource Center, *PREA Compliance Audit Instrument - Interview Guide for Inmates*.

The Auditor inquired to each incarcerated individual interviewed, if needed, are there services available outside of the facility for dealing with sexual violence. Twenty-four of twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed confirmed being provided such information in the MPCF Incarcerated Individual Rules & Handbook during the comprehensive PREA orientation as well as the No Means No informational posters displayed throughout the facility. During the facility tour, the Auditor noted PREA Zero-Tolerance informational posters, and the No Means No informational posters displayed in all the above areas and buildings and while touring the programs and educational buildings.

115.53 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the institution PREA Compliance Manager/PREA Coordinator shall

enter into or attempt to enter into a memorandum of understanding or other agreement with community rape crisis service providers. Each institution shall maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements.

During the pre-on-site phase of the audit, the Auditor reviewed the Iowa Department of Corrections Incarcerated Individual Orientation Handbook. The IDOC Incarcerated Individual Handbook provides information regarding victim advocacy services for incarcerated individuals and all information provided will be kept confidential, except information that requires mandatory reporting. In addition, the Auditor reviewed documentation which included the existing MOU between Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility and the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP). The contract uses clear and concise language, detailing the facilities responsibilities, the contractor's responsibilities, and the mutual responsibilities for each.

The Auditor conducted an interview with an advocate from the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP) and she confirmed the existing agreement, responsibilities within the agreement, and an overview of services provided to incarcerated individual victims of sexual assault. The services include safety planning and support services, accompaniment and support during forensic exams or investigatory interviews if requested and provide the victim with resources and information.

The Auditor requested interviews with incarcerated individuals who reported an incident of sexual violence. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which reflected the incarcerated individuals who reported incidents of sexual violence were no longer in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

Upon review of the policies and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.54	Third-party reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:

MPCF PAQ

Iowa Department of Corrections Staying Safe: A Guide for Incarcerated Individual Conduct

Iowa Department of Corrections, MPCF Incarcerated Individual Rules & Handbook (multiple languages)

IDOC No Means No Informational Poster (English/Spanish)

Iowa Department of Corrections Website <a href="https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act">https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act</a>

Interviews conducted with:

Random sample of Incarcerated individuals

Site Review Observation:

PREA informational signage

Findings (By Provision):

115.54 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections *Staying Safe: A Guide for Incarcerated Individual Conduct* states incarcerated individuals may report incidents of sexual violence or sexual harassment by having a family member, friend, or by contacting the Ombudsman's Office (Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, Ola Babcock Miller Building, 1112 East Grand Des Moines, Iowa 50319).

lowa Department of Corrections publishes agency policy regarding the referral of allegations of sexual violence or sexual harassment for criminal investigation on the agency website <a href="https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act">https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act</a> and provides directions on how to report sexual violence allegations on behalf of incarcerated individuals on the agency website <a href="https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act/how-report-allegations-sexual-violence-idoc">https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act/how-report-allegations-sexual-violence-idoc</a>

The Auditor requested an updated incarcerated individual roster, organized by housing unit, provides incarcerated individual characteristics such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, date received at facility, tentative release date, program assignments, work assignments, classification level, security level, gang affiliation, and housing

assignment. This allowed the Auditor to accurately select a random representation of incarcerated individuals for the interview process. All incarcerated individuals selected for interviews were selected under the guidance of the National PREA Resource Center, *PREA Compliance Audit Instrument - Interview Guide for Inmates.* 

The Auditor conducted twenty-six incarcerated individual interviews and inquired if each incarcerated individual had received PREA education upon arrival at the facility. All twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed recalled receiving both the initial PREA education and the comprehensive (video) orientation. All twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed acknowledged the zero-tolerance policy on sexual violence sexual harassment and the various ways to report such incidents.

When questioned about third party reporting, all twenty-six incarcerated individuals interviewed acknowledged how to submit a third-party report (ask a family member or friend to submit a report or contact the Ombudsman's Office). In addition, twenty of the twenty-six incarcerated individuals referred to the *No Means No* informational posters throughout the facility, which contains directions on how to submit a third-party report.

During the pre-on-site phase of the audit, the Auditor visited the agency's website and confirmed the availability for the public to submit a report of sexual violence or sexual harassment on behalf of an incarcerated individual. The report may also be submitted anonymously.

The IDOC website is an extremely user-friendly website to navigate, and provides the user with multiple PREA related links, to include the purpose and establishment of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) in 2003, Iowa DOC Policy link which provides all policies related to PREA, link to the Annual IDOC PREA Report to include a link to all prior years ( <a href="http://publications.iowa.gov/">http://publications.iowa.gov/</a>), link to Facility PREA Audits to include a link to prior years, and a link to the Federal PREA Standards that provides the user options to review the PREA Standards as well as a link to the National PREA Resource Center.

Upon review of the policies and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility- wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with and exceeds the PREA standard.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion Document Review:** MPCF PAQ Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, Health Services, Acute/Specialty Services Interviews conducted with: Random sample of Staff Medical / Mental Health Staff Facility Warden Site Observations: Staff reporting documentation of incarcerated individual information, incident reports and investigations being completed, and reports of allegations are addressed timely. Findings (By Provision): 115.61 (a) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states all staff shall report immediately, any knowledge, suspicion, or information whether verbally or in writing regarding: An incident of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct, or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, where or not it is part of IDOC. · Retaliation against incarcerated individuals or staff who reported an incident, Any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. 115.61 (b) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination

Act (PREA) states all sexual violence investigations are confidential under Iowa Code 904.602 and 201.5. Other than reporting to supervisors or the institution's sexual violence investigator or PREA Compliance Manager/PREA Coordinator, staff shall not reveal any information related to a report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in IDOC policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security or management decisions.

The Auditor conducted interviews with a random sample of staff members. Each staff member interviewed articulated the agency's zero tolerance policy on sexual violence and sexual harassment, their role and responsibilities regarding sexual violence and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response, how to communicate effectively and professionally with incarcerated individuals, and an incarcerated individual right to be free from sexual violence and sexual harassment. Staff members also acknowledged that reports concerning sexual violence or sexual harassment, whether reported verbally or in writing, are considered confidential and must be documented immediately.

115.61 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Acute/ Specialty Services* states medical and mental health care practitioners also receive training on how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual violence to outside authorities.

The Auditor conducted interviews with Medical and Mental Health Practitioner regarding responsibilities to disclose to incarcerated individuals the confidentiality limitations and reporting incidents of sexual violence or sexual harassment. Each Medical and Mental Health Practitioner articulated in detail step-by- step process when reporting incidents of sexual violence or sexual harassment as well as expressed the requirement to report such incidents immediately. Each Medical and Mental Health Practitioner acknowledged disclosing the confidentiality limitation prior to the initiation of services with any incarcerated individual. The Auditor inquired if any incarcerated individuals had reported an incident of sexual violence or harassment during the past twelve months and only the Mental Health Practitioner confirmed receiving such a report and reported immediately to security staff.

115.61 (d) - The MPCF does not house incarcerated individuals under the age of 18 nor incarcerated individuals who are considered vulnerable adults.

115.61 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states each institution shall immediately report all allegations of sexual violence, including third-party and anonymous reports, and allegations to the Deputy

Director of Institution Operations/Designee and to the institution's sexual violence investigator.

The Auditor inquired to the Facility Warden Designee are allegations of sexual violence and sexual harassment, to include third party and anonymous sources, reported to designated facility investigators. The Facility Warden Designee indicated all allegations of sexual violence and sexual harassment, no matter the origin of reporting, are reported directly to the designated facility investigators and the IDOC Division of Investigative Services (DIS).

Upon review of the policies and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility- wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.62	Agency protection duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, Institutional Operations, Housing Operations
	Interviews conducted with:
	Agency Head Designee
	Facility Warden Designee
	Random sample of Staff
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.62 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination

Act (PREA) states all staff shall report immediately, any knowledge, suspicion, or information whether verbally or in writing regarding:

- An incident of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct, or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, where or not it is part of IDOC.
- Retaliation against incarcerated individuals or staff who reported an incident, and
- Any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.

lowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, *Institutional Operations, Housing Operations* states incarcerated individuals at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed in involuntary PC housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there are no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If the facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, the facility may hold the incarcerated individual in involuntary PC housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment.

During the twelve months prior to the audit, the facility reported in the PAQ there were no incarcerated individuals at risk of imminent sexual violence. The Auditor conducted formal and informal interviews with facility staff to include the PREA Compliance Manager and the Facility Warden Designee, and each interview the Auditor was able to confirm the information provided previously was correct.

The Auditor conducted interviews with twelve random staff members and inquired about his/her actions if they received information that an incarcerated individual was at imminent risk of sexual violence. Each staff member articulated the agency's response protocol to receiving such information and all staff members interviewed confirmed the priority is ensuring the safety of the incarcerated individual. Staff indicated they would safeguard the incarcerated individual and immediately notify their supervisor to investigate the threat to the incarcerated individual and to find safe housing for the incarcerated individual.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee and inquired as to what action is taken upon learning an incarcerated individual is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual violence. The Facility Warden Designee informed the Auditor that once a staff member receives information that an incarcerated individual may be at risk for sexual violence, that incarcerated individual is immediately safeguarded. The incarcerated individual victim's SVP Score is reviewed and updated, and Unit Staff determines proper housing which would ensure the

incarcerated individual is protected from possible violence and/or retaliation.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Agency Head Designee regarding what action is taken upon learning an incarcerated individual is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual violence. The Agency Head Designee stated the incarcerated individual is removed from any immediate threat they identify, the imminent risk, perception of the threat by the incarcerated individual, and other information is reviewed to determine the course of action. An investigation is conducted if the information provided or observed warrant an investigation. Additionally, the Agency Head Designee stated programming and access to mental health resources is made available if the perceived risk by the incarcerated individual is due to prior victimization.

Upon review of the policy, observations made during the on-site facility tour, and upon completion of the interviews with staff, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.63	Reporting to other confinement facilities
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	lowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
	Interviews conducted with:
	Agency Head Designee
	Facility Warden
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.63 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, <i>Prison Rape Elimination</i>

Act (PREA) states upon receiving an allegation that an incarcerated individual was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the Warden shall immediately notify the Deputy Director of Institution Operations/Designee. The Deputy Director of Institution Operations/Designee shall notify the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred.

115.63 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states such notification shall be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation. The Deputy Director of Institution Operations/Designee shall document that such notification has been provided.

115.63 (c) – In the twelve months prior to the audit, MPCF reported receiving no allegation of sexual violence from another facility, and four allegations were received from a MPCF incarcerated individual alleging sexual violence while confined at another facility. The Auditor reviewed the Warden-to-Warden notifications and the completed investigations for each allegation, verifying the facility's response in accordance with agency policy.

115.63 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the Deputy Director of Institution Operations/Designee shall ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with the requirements of the PREA standards.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee and asked what the process is when your facility receives an allegation from another facility or agency that an incident of sexual violence or sexual harassment occurred at the facility. The Facility Warden Designee explained the facility, which houses the alleged victim, handles protective measures, and notification would be made to the Division of Investigative Services (DIS), PREA Coordinator, and the PREA Compliance Manager for investigation.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Agency Head Designee and inquired if another agency or facility refers allegations of sexual violence that occurred within one of your facilities if there a designated point of contact. The Agency Head Designee explained that the point of contact for all sexual violence related incidents is the Supervisor of the Division of Investigative Services (DIS)/PREA Coordinator.

Upon review of the policy, documentation, and investigative files, and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are

consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

# 115.64 Staff first responder duties

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

**Document Review:** 

MPCF PAQ

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Interviews conducted with:

Security Staff / Non-Security Staff First Responders

Random sample of Staff

Incarcerated individuals who reported sexual violence

Findings (By Provision):

115.64 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the first security staff on the scene of an incident of sexual abuse/ assault shall:

- Separate the alleged victim and perpetrator.
- Preserve and protect the crime scene, until appropriate steps can be taken to collect evidence.
- If it is alleged that a sexual abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, request that the alleged victim and perpetrator not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating.

The Auditor conducted twelve random staff interviews and three targeted staff interviews regarding his/her role as a First Responder to an allegation of sexual violence. The Staff Members interviewed provided specific details of his/her responsibilities as a First Responder to include separating the victim and abuser,

preserving, and protecting the crime scene, requesting that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, ensuring the alleged abuser does not take any actions, which would destroy physical evidence, and to immediately notify Medical and Mental Health Practitioners and an immediate Supervisor.

In addition, each Staff Member acknowledged the importance of the agency's response protocol to a sexual violence allegation as well as his or her role as a First Responder. Each Staff Member interviewed articulated in detail the responsibilities of a First Responder and the importance of his/her responsibility when responding to an incident of sexual violence or sexual harassment as well as the importance of ensuring the victim is safe.

115.64 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states if the first responder is not a security staff member, after ensuring that the alleged victim is free from harm, the staff member shall advise the alleged victim not to take any action that could destroy physical evidence. The non-security staff member shall notify Security of the situation immediately.

The Auditor requested interviews with incarcerated individuals who reported an incident of sexual violence. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which reflected the incarcerated individuals who reported incidents of sexual violence were no longer in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

Upon review of the policy, documentation, and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.65	Coordinated response
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections, MPCF Sexual Assault Response Plan

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
Interviews conducted with:
Facility Warden
Findings (By Provision):

115.65 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* outlines the facility's written plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an allegation that an incarcerated individual was sexually assaulted. Any staff member who receives a report of sexual violence or retaliation, whether verbally or in writing from an incarcerated individual or anonymously or from third parties, shall immediately notify the Shift Supervisor.

Iowa Department of Corrections MPCF Sexual Violence Coordinated Response Plan states upon learning of an allegation that an incarcerated individual was sexually abused, the first correctional officers to responding to the report shall:

- Separate the alleged victim and perpetrator.
- Preserve and protect the crime scene, where abuse occurred, for the PREA Investigator to take appropriate steps to collect any evidence.
- Notify a supervisor.
- If the abuse or assault occurred within 72 hours:
  - Request victim does not take any action that could destroy physical evidence.
  - This would include washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, eating or drinking.
  - Ensure same for perpetrator.
- If the abuse occurred within 24 hours:
  - Secure scenes/area for the investigator. This means the area is closed off to staff and offenders.
  - Only Investigators and personnel from DIS will be allowed to enter the area.
  - The scene/area will remain secure until released by investigator or DIS.
- When appropriate, before the end of shift, document your observations in an incident report and forward it to investigators.
- All physical evidence shall be immediately secured a chain of custody initiated.

The Auditor established, from a thorough review of IDOC policy, that investigators assigned to the Division of Investigative Services (DIS) follow the United States Department of Justice, *A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations* a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceeding and criminal prosecutions.

During the pre-on-site phase of the audit, the Auditor reviewed *MPCF PREA Coordinated Response Plan*. The plan is detailed, provides systematic instructions, and outlines the roles and responsibilities for all staff responding to an incident of sexual violence.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee and inquired as to the implementation of the MPCF Sexual Violence Coordinated Response Plan. The Facility Warden Designee provided a detailed description of the response plan and each staff member's responsibility when responding to an allegation of sexual violence.

Upon review of the policies and upon completion of interviews, the MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.66	Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Interviews conducted with:
	Agency Head Designee
	Findings (By Provision):

115.66 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections does not have a collective bargaining agreement.

The Auditor verified that the IDOC and the facility does not engage in collective bargaining during interviews with the Facility Warden, the PREA Coordinator, and Agency Head Designee.

Upon review of the policies and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility- wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

Agency protection against retaliation
Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
Auditor Discussion
Document Review:
MPCF PAQ
Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
Interviews conducted with:
Designated Member Charged with Monitoring Retaliation
Incarcerated individuals who reported sexual violence
Facility Warden Designee
Agency Head Designee
On Site Observation:
Investigation file review

Findings (By Provision):

115.67 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the institution shall protect all incarcerated individuals and staff who report sexual violence or who cooperate with investigations from retaliation by other incarcerated individuals or staff and shall designate which staff members or institution departments are charged with monitoring retaliation.

lowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states staff shall not retaliate upon knowledge of sexual violence or precursor behavior allegations.

115.67 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the institution shall employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for incarcerated individual victims or perpetrators, removal of alleged staff aggressors or incarcerated individual perpetrators from contact with victims, and emotional support services for incarcerated individuals or staff who fear retaliation for reporting for cooperating with investigations.

115.67 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states for at least 90 days, following a report of sexual violence, the institution shall monitor the conduct and treatment of incarcerated individuals or staff who reported the sexual violence and of incarcerated individuals who were reported to have suffered sexual violence to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by incarcerated individuals or staff, and shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation.

115.67 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states in the case of incarcerated individuals, such monitoring shall also include periodic status checks.

During the twelve months prior to the audit, the agency reported no allegations of retaliation were reported nor were there any incarcerated individuals placed in segregated housing due to risk of sexual victimization. Therefore, incarcerated individuals in these targeted categories were not interviewed.

The Auditor requested interviews with incarcerated individuals who reported an

incident of sexual abuse. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which reflected the incarcerated individuals who reported incidents of sexual abuse were no longer in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

115.67 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states if any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, the institution shall take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Staff Member designated with monitoring retaliation. The Staff Member articulated that to prevent retaliation against incarcerated individuals who report sexual violence or harassment or those who cooperate with an investigation, the Staff Member would monitor those individuals for at least 90 days. The Staff Member reviews disciplinary reports, incarcerated individual housing or transfers, as well as monitor any changes in the incarcerated individual's behavior (withdrawn) or demeanor. If a concern that potential retaliation might occur beyond the 90 days, the Staff Member would continue to monitor conduct and treatment until the issue or threat is resolved.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee and inquired on the different measures taken to protect incarcerated individuals and staff from retaliation for reporting allegations of sexual violence or sexual harassment. The Facility Warden Designee confirmed the facility would take all necessary steps to protect any person who reports a sexual violence / harassment incident from retaliation. The Facility Warden Designee explained that housing changes or transfers of incarcerated individuals, disciplinary action against staff members – including possible dismissal – or other means of removal of those who retaliate against someone who reports an allegation.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Agency Head Designee and inquired how the agency protects incarcerated individuals or staff from retaliation for sexual violence or sexual harassment allegations. The Agency Head Designee explained the IDOC enforces a zero-tolerance policy regarding retaliation. The district and institution PREA Compliance Managers monitor staff and inmates involved in investigations for retaliation and investigate any/all report of retaliation.

The Agency Head Designee explained that incarcerated individuals are educated on retaliation and methods to report retaliation, including reporting retaliation to a third-party/non-agency entity (Office of the Ombudsman). The PREA Compliance Manager

monitors for retaliation, and all allegations of retaliation are fully investigated with corrective action used in substantiated cases.

The Agency Head Designee also explained that staff members might be afforded the ability to change posts or facilities to protect them from retaliation. They are also monitored for retaliation for at least 90 days following a report of sexual violence or sexual harassment.

The Auditor inquired to the Agency Head Designee if an individual cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, what measures does the agency take to protect that individual against retaliation. The Agency Head Designee explained the same process previously described is utilized. If the individual is an incarcerated individual, he may be afforded a housing change or transfer to another facility. That incarcerated individual will also be subject to 90-day monitoring. If the individual is a staff member, they may be provided with the opportunity to change posts or institutions and will be subject to 90-day monitoring.

Upon review of the policy, investigative files, and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.68	Post-allegation protective custody
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-05, Institutional Operations, Short-Term Restrictive Housing (STRH)
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, Institutional Operations, Housing Operations
	Interviews conducted with:
	Facility Warden

Staff who supervise incarcerated individuals in Segregated Housing

Findings (By Provision):

115.68 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-05, *Institutional Operations, Short-Term Restrictive Housing (STRH)* states any use of restrictive housing to protect an incarcerated individual who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse shall be subject to the requirements of § 115.43.

lowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, *Institutional Operations, Housing Operations* states incarcerated individuals at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed in involuntary PC housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there are no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If the facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, the facility may hold the incarcerated individual in involuntary PC housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, *Institutional Operations, Housing Operations* states the Warden or Designee shall, within 72 hours, make a determination regarding the need for continued placement and conformity with policy and procedures, and document the review on the ICON Segregation Notice.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, *Institutional Operations, Housing Operations* states every 30 days, the facility shall conduct a review to determine if there is a continuing need for separation of the incarcerated individual from the general population.

lowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, *Institutional Operations, Housing Operations* states within seven days of placement, the Protection Custody Review Committee (PCRC) shall conduct a PC review to determine the need for continued placement in PC. The status of all incarcerated individuals placed in PC shall be reviewed every seven days for the first two months and every 30 days thereafter to determine whether the reasons for placement still exist.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-HO-06, *Institutional Operations, Housing Operations* states the Unit Team or other designated authority shall determine the

programs and services available to incarcerated individuals placed in protective housing for this purpose both in terms of the operation of the living unit and individual restrictions. If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, all such restrictions, including the authorizing official, shall be logged into the Area Logbook. A record of the restriction shall be provided to the Associate Warden of Security or other person designated in institutional procedures and documented in ICON Generic Notes.

The Auditor conducted an interview with a Facility Staff Member who supervises incarcerated individuals in segregated housing. The Auditor inquired to the Facility Staff Member if an incarcerated individual is placed in segregated housing for protection from sexual violence or after having alleged sexual violence, what restrictions are placed on the incarcerated individual. The Facility Staff Member articulated those incarcerated individuals placed in Protective Custody (placed in segregated housing for protection) do not have restrictions and retain the same privileges as incarcerated individuals in general population housing, to include participating in programs, education, and work opportunities. The Facility Staff Member explained if an incarcerated individual has restrictions placed on him/her it would be a result of behavior or actions, and such action (being placed on restrictions) would require documentation explaining what has been restricted, duration of restriction, and reasons for initiating the restriction.

According to the information provided in the PAQ, MPCF reported there were no incarcerated individuals alleging sexual violence assigned to involuntary segregated housing. Additionally, during the twelve months prior to the audit, the agency reported there were no incarcerated individuals placed in segregated housing due to risk of sexual victimization. The Auditor was able to confirm the information provided in the PAQ during her review of the allegations / investigative case files.

Additionally, the Auditor interviewed a Unit Supervisor, the PREA Compliance Manager, and the Facility Warden Designee and each confirmed the information previously provided by the facility in the PAQ. Therefore, incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee regarding incarcerated individuals who alleged sexual violence. The Facility Warden Designee explained incarcerated individuals who alleged sexual violence are rarely placed in involuntary segregated housing as the facility has the available housing to ensure their safety. However, if this were to occur, the incarcerated individual would be placed in involuntary segregated housing until an assessment of all other available alternatives has been made and it is determined that there are no available

alternative means of separation from likely violence.

The Facility Warden Designee explained if an incarcerated individual who have made an allegation of sexual violence and expressed that they are in fear for their safety will be placed in segregated housing (Protective Custody), either voluntarily or involuntarily, on a temporary basis until a review can be conducted to verify the extent of the danger. The incident is reviewed as soon as possible, and the incarcerated individual will be released from segregation as soon as it can be determined that the incarcerated individual is no longer in imminent danger, or as soon as alternative means of separation from an alleged abuser can be arranged.

Upon review of the policy and documentation provided and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

# 115.71 Criminal and administrative agency investigations

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

**Document Review:** 

**MPCF PAQ** 

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-13, Administration & Management, Employee Investigations & Discipline

Interviews conducted with:

**Investigative Staff** 

Incarcerated individuals who reported sexual violence

Site Review Observations:

Investigative files (7)

Training documentation

Findings (By Provision):

115.71 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states all allegations and incidents of incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual violence, retaliation, and staff neglect or violation of duty that may have contributed to such an incident shall be reported to the Warden, the institution's sexual violence investigator, and the Deputy Director of Institution Operations/Designee.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-PR-13, Administration & Management, Employee Investigations & Discipline states incidents of staff sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, retaliation, or staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents shall be reviewed and assigned for investigation by the IDOC Division of Investigative Services (DIS) Unit.

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states Deputy Director of Institution Operations/Designee shall determine when the evidence is sufficient for criminal prosecution and shall refer appropriate incidents to criminal authorities. All referrals shall be documented.

115.71 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states in addition to the general training provided to all employees, the Deputy Director of Institution Operations shall ensure that, to the extent IDOC conducts sexual violence investigations, its sexual violence investigators have received specialized training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings.

115.71 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states sexual violence investigators shall gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electric monitoring data; interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses; review prior complaints and reports of sexual violence involving the suspected perpetrator, include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse.

115.71 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states when the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, the investigators shall conduct compelled interviews only after the designated Deputy Director/Designee has determined, including but not limited to consultation with prosecutors, if compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution.

115.71 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and shall not be determined by the person's status as an incarcerated individual or staff. IDOC shall not require an incarcerated individual who alleges sexual violence shall not be required to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of the allegation.

The Auditor requested interviews with incarcerated individuals who reported an incident of sexual violence. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which reflected the incarcerated individuals who reported incidents of sexual violence were no longer in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

115.71 (f) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states investigators shall prepare a final written report that includes a description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings. The report shall include whether staff actions or failures contributed to the abuse. The report shall be provided to the designated Deputy Director and the Warden. The report shall be a confidential record.

115.71 (g) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states IDOC shall make best efforts to ensure that criminal investigations by outside agencies are to be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and copies of all documentary evidence are attached where feasible.

115.71 (h) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the designated Deputy Director/Designee shall determine when the evidence is sufficient for criminal prosecution and shall refer appropriate incidents to criminal authorities. All referrals shall be documented.

115.71 (i) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the institution, and the Division of Investigation Services shall retain all written sexual violence investigation reports for long as the alleged perpetrator is incarcerated or employed by agency, plus five years.

115.71 (j) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the departure of the alleged perpetrator or victim from employment or control of IDOC shall not be the basis for terminating an investigation.

115.71 (k) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states IDOC shall make best efforts to ensure that any State entity or Department of Justice component that conducts such investigations shall do so pursuant to the above requirements.

115.71 (I) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states when outside agencies investigate sexual violence, IDOC shall cooperate with outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed and keep the appropriate Deputy Director informed about the progress of the investigation.

The Auditor established, from a thorough review of IDOC policy, and the SANEs/SAFEs evidence protocol, that investigators assigned to the IDOC Division of Investigative Services (DIS) Unit follow the United States Department of Justice, A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceeding and criminal prosecutions.

The Auditor interviewed a Facility Investigator who confirmed attending and successful completion of the required specialized training. The Facility Investigator clearly articulated the comprehensive training received which included investigating sexual harassment allegations, investigating sexual violence allegations, understanding the impact of victim trauma, techniques for interviewing sexual violence victims, preservation of crime scene and evidence collection, proper use of *Miranda* and *Garrity* and the importance of each, and criteria required for administrative action and prosecution referrals.

The Auditor conducted an interview with an Investigator assigned to MPCF and requested an overview of the investigative process and the documentation required

in a case when an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment incident occurs within the facility.

The Facility Investigator explained when an allegation of sexual violence is received and after the initial response and protective steps are taken, an initial incident report is submitted by the institution to the IDOC Division of Investigative Services (DIS). The initial report is reviewed and approved by the supervisor of DIS, who then assigns the investigation to a Facility Investigator. The investigation is initiated promptly by the assigned Facility Investigator who has received training and education and has the legal authority to conduct such investigations.

The Facility Investigator provided an overview of the investigative process, which includes reviewing the initial report of the allegation, conducting scene investigation, review of evidence collected, photographs, video footage, conduct a complete media summary review – including emails, messages, phone calls, conduct interviews with victim, staff, witnesses, and alleged perpetrator, and complete a summary report and finalize the investigation.

The Facility Investigator also provided an overview of the various documentation contained in each case file to include but not limited to the Field Incident Report, Notice of Investigation, statements – victim, witness, perpetrator, medical documentation, victim advocacy form, summaries of video and media review, investigative findings and summary, Closure Letter(s) – victim, witness, perpetrator, Retaliation Tracking, and Sexual Violence Incident Review.

During the pre-on-site, the Auditor reviewed seven investigation files. All investigations were selected and reviewed based upon the initial reporting method, the outcome or investigation status (closed or open), and the Auditor's requirement to review all the required steps and processes to verify compliance with multiple PREA Standards. The Auditor reviewed each investigation thoroughly and systematically to ensure each case contained all the correct procedures, completed documentation, and that all processes were completed as required.

The Auditor reviewed seven allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; five sexual abuse allegations and two sexual harassment allegations. The five sexual abuse allegations included one incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual allegation which was closed as substantiated. The remaining four sexual abuse allegations were staff-on-incarcerated individuals with three investigations closed as unsubstantiated and one investigation was pending at the time of the Auditor's review. The two sexual harassment allegations were incarcerated individual-on-

incarcerated individual allegations with both investigations were closed as unfounded. At the time of the Auditor's review, there were no investigations referred for prosecution.

Each file reviewed by the Auditor contained all the appropriate documentation, and each incident was investigated promptly, thoroughly, and objectively by a qualified investigator who has the training and the authority to conduct such investigations. Each file contained documentation to include but not limited to the initial incident reports – summary of the allegation, demographics of involved staff or incarcerated individual(s) to include relevant history and current sentence, medical documentation and notes, photos of incarcerated individual victim and alleged aggressor, advocacy acceptance or refusal, victim, witness, and alleged aggressor statements, review of communications – emails, messages, and phone calls, review of video surveillance, a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments and the investigative facts, findings, and investigative summary, notification of case disposition to incarcerated individual, monitoring for retaliation forms, and sexual violence incident reviews.

Additionally, each completed report included an assessment as to whether staff actions or a failure to act on the part of staff contributed to the violence. The Auditor reviewed each case thoroughly and systematically to ensure each investigation followed procedures, contained all required and completed documentation, and that all processes were followed in accordance with policy and the PREA standards.

Upon review of the policies and documentation listed above, and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations
Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
Auditor Discussion
Document Review:
MPCF PAQ
Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Interviews conducted with:

**Investigative Staff** 

Findings (By Provision):

115.72 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states IDOC shall impose no standard higher than the preponderance of evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual violence are substantiated.

The Auditor conducted an interview with a Facility Investigator and inquired what standard of evidence is required to substantiate allegations of sexual violence or sexual harassment. The Investigator confirmed no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence for the sexual violence or sexual harassment allegation to be substantiated.

Upon review of the policy and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility- wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.73	Reporting to inmates
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
	Interviews conducted with:
	Incarcerated individuals who reported sexual violence
	Investigative Staff

Facility Warden
Site Review Observations:
Final Notifications - Closure Letters
Findings (By Provision):
115.73 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, <i>Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> states following an investigation into an allegation of incarcerated individual sexual misconduct the sexual violence investigator shall inform the incarcerated individual victim as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded, using the Investigator's Closure Letter to Incarcerated Individual.
115.73 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, <i>Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> states if IDOC did not conduct the investigation, it shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the incarcerated individual.
115.73 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, <i>Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> states following a substantiated or unsubstantiated investigation of an allegation of staff sexual misconduct, the institution shall subsequently inform the incarcerated individual victim whenever
<ul> <li>The staff member is no longer posted within the incarcerated individual's unit.</li> <li>The staff member is no longer employed at the facility.</li> <li>The staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual violence within the facility; or</li> <li>The staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual violence within the facility.</li> </ul>
115.73 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, <i>Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> states following a substantiated or unsubstantiated investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse the institution shall subsequently inform the incarcerated individual victim whenever:

• The institution learns that the alleged perpetrator has been indicated on a

- charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
- The institution learns that the alleged perpetrator has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

115.73 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states all such notification or attempted notifications shall be documented.

115.73 (f) Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-03, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states IDOCs obligation to report under this standard shall terminate if the incarcerated individual is released from IDOC custody.

The Auditor requested interviews with incarcerated individuals who reported an incident of sexual violence. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which reflected the incarcerated individuals who reported incidents of sexual violence were no longer in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

The Auditor inquired to the Facility Investigator about the agency's notification procedures, to an alleged victim of sexual violence, when the case is closed and whether the allegation has a final determination of substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded. The Facility Investigator confirmed such notifications are completed by the Facility Investigator and is documented upon completion.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee and inquired regarding how the facility notifies an incarcerated individual who makes an allegation of sexual violence when the case is closed and a determination as to either substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded. The Facility Warden Designee confirmed that once the investigation has been completed, the Facility Investigator completes the notification process to the incarcerated individual.

Upon review of the policies and upon completion of the interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

## 115.76 Disciplinary sanctions for staff

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion Document Review:** MPCF PAQ Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Interviews conducted with: Administrative (Human Resources) Staff Findings (By Provision): 115.76 (a) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states staff shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including for violating IDOC policies relating to sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, retaliation, or for any neglect or violation of duty that may have contributed to such incidents. 115.76 (b) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual misconduct. 115.76 (c) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states disciplinary sanctions for violations of IDOC policies relating to sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, retaliation, or for any neglect or violation of duty that may have contributed to such incidents, shall be 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. 115.76 (d) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states all terminations for violations of IDOC policies relating to sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, retaliation, or for any neglect or violation of duty that may have contributed to such incidents or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, shall be referred for criminal prosecution by the designated Deputy Director when the evidence is sufficient for a criminal referral, and by the appropriate institution management team member to any relevant licensing bodies.

The facility reported no staff violations, resignations prior to termination, or terminations for violating the agency's sexual abuse or sexual harassment polices during the twelve months prior to the audit.

The Auditor conducted an interview with Administrative / HR Staff Member who confirmed that MPCF had no staff member violate, resign prior to termination, or be terminated for violating the agency's policy against sexual violence or sexual harassment during the past twelve months.

Upon review of the policy, facility documentation, and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.77	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	lowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-CI-01, Administration & Management
	Interviews conducted with:
	Facility Warden
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.77 (a) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-CI-01, Administration & Management states any volunteer who engages in sexual assault, sexual abuse, or
	sexual harassment shall be prohibited from contact with incarcerated individuals and

shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies.

115.77 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy AD-CI-01, *Administration & Management* states the institution shall take appropriate remedial measures and shall consider whether to prohibit further contact with incarcerated individuals, in the case of any other violation of IDOC sexual violence or sexual harassment policies by the contractor or volunteer.

The facility reported there have been no contractor or volunteer violations or terminations of the agency's sexual violence or sexual harassment polices during the twelve months prior to the audit as the contractor resigned prior to allegations being reported.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee regarding any violation of the facility's sexual violence and sexual harassment by a contractor or volunteer. The Facility Warden Designee explained that the incident would be reported to the Division of Investigative Services (CID) and an investigation would be conducted. If the investigation shows the activity was criminal, then the incident will be reported to local law enforcement. The Facility Warden Designee also explained the incident would be reported to any relevant licensing entities and the contractor or volunteer would be prohibited from any further contact at MPCF or any facility within the agency.

Upon review of the policy and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.78	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-RD-03, Institutional Operations, Rules & Discipline

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy OP-SOP-08, Offender Programs, Sex Offense Programs
Interviews conducted with:
Facility Warden
Medical / Mental Health Staff
Findings (By Provision):
115.78 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-RD-03, <i>Institutional Operations, Rules &amp; Discipline</i> states it is the policy of the IDOC to use appropriate disciplinary action in the management of offender violations of IDOC and institutional rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. Where the use of informal action or minor disciplinary report procedures are not appropriate or insufficient to achieve correctional goals, the major report process shall be used.
115.78 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-RD-03, <i>Institutional Operations, Rules &amp; Discipline</i> states the class of an offense determines the range of authorized sanction(s) that can be imposed by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for violation of rules listed in policy.
115.78 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-RD-03, <i>Institutional Operations, Rules &amp; Discipline</i> states if an offender is in a special needs or mental health status at the time of the incident, the investigator must obtain a statement from a mental health professional as to the offender's responsibility for the offender's conduct as stated in the report. The ALJ shall make a record of this statement.
115.78 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-RD-03, <i>Institutional Operations, Rules &amp; Discipline</i> states if the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct possible underlying reasons or motivations for the violence, consideration shall be made to determine if participation should be a requirement for access to programming or other benefits.
Iowa Department of Corrections Policy OP-SOP-08, Offender Programs, Sex Offense Programs states incarcerated individuals shall be reviewed by their institutional

classification team and the team shall forward the incarcerated individual name and information for a referral to Sex Offense Treatment Program (SOTP) review to the SOTP Director if the incarcerated individuals who score Aggressor Incarcerated (AI) on the Sexual Violence Propensity Assessment.

115.78 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-RD-03, *Institutional Operations, Rules & Discipline* states an incarcerated individual may be disciplined for proposing a consensual sexual contact or relationship with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not explicitly or implicitly consent to or encourage such a proposal.

115.78 (f) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-RD-03, *Institutional Operations, Rules & Discipline* states a report of sexual assault or sexual abuse made in good faith, based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.

115.78 (g) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-RD-03, *Institutional Operations, Rules & Discipline* states sexual misconduct between incarcerated individuals is prohibited and shall result in disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the IDOC Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for incarcerated individuals. However, sexual misconduct between incarcerated individuals shall not constitute sexual violence if it is determined the activity is consensual.

During the auditing period, the facility reported one substantiated case of incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The Auditor reviewed the Disciplinary Notice and the Institution Hearing Report and was able to determine that all processes were followed in accordance with policy and the PREA standards.

IDOC Incarcerated Individual Rules & Handbook and Iowa Department of Corrections Staying Safe: A Guide for Offender Conduct states sexual misconduct between incarcerated individuals is prohibited and shall result in disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IO-RD-03, *Institutional Operations, Rules & Discipline*.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee and discussed the facility's policy on disciplinary sanctions for an incarcerated individual after an administrative or criminal finding that the incarcerated individual engaged in incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual sexual violence. The Facility Warden Designee referred to the existing policy that an incarcerated individual would be subject to disciplinary sanctions, which would be conducted in accordance with the formal disciplinary process.

The Auditor conducted an interview with Medical and Mental Health Practitioners and discussed the victim advocacy services available to incarcerated individuals and counseling services available for abusers. Both Medical and Mental Health Practitioners explained the services provided at the facility include one-on-one counseling, and support groups. These services are offered for victims of sexual violence or sexual harassment as well as incarcerated individuals of sexual violence.

Upon review of the policy, IDOC Incarcerated Individual Rules & Handbook, and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.81	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-01, Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, Health Services, Acute/Specialty Services
	Interviews conducted with:
	Incarcerated individuals who disclose Sexual Victimization at Risk Screening
	Staff responsible for Risk Screening
	Medical & Mental Health Staff
	Findings (By Provision):

115.81 (a, c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-01, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states if the paper SVP – Intake Screening Tool or the Sexual Violence Propensity (SVP) Assessment in ICON indicates that the incarcerated individual has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure the incarcerated individual is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical and mental health practitioner within 14 days of the SVP.

115.81 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy IS-RO-01, *Institutional Services, Reception & Orientation* states if the Sexual Violence Propensity (SVP) Intake Screening Tool or the Sexual Violence Propensity (SVP) assessment in ICON indicates that the incarcerated individual has previously perpetrated sexual violence, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure the incarcerated individual is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical and mental health practitioner within 14 days of the SVP.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Compliance Manager and inquired if an incarcerated individual discloses prior sexual victimization or if a screening indicates an incarcerated individual has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, do you offer a follow-up meeting with Medical or Mental Health Practitioner. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed incarcerated individuals meeting this requirement are offered follow-up meetings with medical or mental health practitioner.

The Auditor conducted interviews with three incarcerated individuals who disclosed prior sexual victimization during intake. All three incarcerated individuals confirmed to the Auditor that each were offered the opportunity to meet with a Medical or Mental Health Care Practitioner during the risk screening process. Two of the three incarcerated individuals interviewed confirmed accepting the meeting with Mental Health Practitioner.

115.81 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Acute/ Specialty Services* states any information related to sexual violence that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to Medical and Mental Health Practitioners and other staff, as necessary, to inform of treatment plans and security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law.

115.81 (e) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, Health Services, Acute/

Specialty Services states Medical and Mental Health Practitioners shall obtain informed consent from incarcerated individuals before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the incarcerated individual is under the age of 18.

The Auditor conducted interviews with Medical and Mental Health Practitioners and inquired if informed consent is obtained from inmates before reporting about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting. Both Medical and Mental Health Practitioners confirmed that they do obtain informed consent from incarcerated individuals prior to reporting about sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting.

Upon review of the policy, documentation, and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.82	Access to emergency medical and mental health services
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, Health Services, Acute/Specialty Services
	Interviews conducted with:
	Incarcerated individuals who reported sexual violence
	Medical / Mental Health Staff
	Security Staff / Non-Security Staff First Responders
	Site Review Observations:
	Secondary Medical Records

Findings (By Provision):

115.82 (a, b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services*, *Acute/Specialty Services* states incarcerated individual victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature, and scope of which are determined by Medical and Mental Health Practitioners according to their professional judgement.

The Auditor conducted interviews with twelve random staff members regarding his/ her role as a First Responder to an allegation of sexual violence. The staff members provided specific details of their responsibilities as a First Responder. These responsibilities include separating the victim and abuser, preserving, and protecting the crime scene, requesting that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, ensuring the alleged abuser does not take any actions, which would destroy physical evidence, and to immediately notify Medical and Mental Health. In addition, each staff member acknowledged the importance of the agency's response protocol to a sexual violence allegation as well as his or her role as a First Responder.

115.82 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Acute/Specialty Services* states incarcerated individual victims of sexual abuse will be offered timely information and access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis in accordance to professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate.

The Auditor requested interviews with incarcerated individuals who reported an incident of sexual violence. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which reflected the incarcerated individuals who reported incidents of sexual violence were no longer in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

115.82 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Acute/Specialty Services* states treatment services shall be consistent with the community level of care and provided without financial cost regardless of whether the victim names the aggressor or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

The Auditor conducted interviews with Medical and Mental Health Practitioners and

inquired about the required protocols that would be completed if an incarcerated individual reported an incident of sexual violence within the facility. Each Medical and Mental Health Practitioner described the process to the Auditor to include a systematic overview of the initial treatment process and the documentation required when an incarcerated individual receives medical or mental health care services.

Additionally, during the interview Medical Practitioner's confirmed incarcerated individual victims are provided immediate access to medical treatment as well as crisis intervention, therapy, and counseling services. Each Medical and Mental Health Practitioner explained the services provided at the facility and include counseling and emotional support services.

Upon review of the policy and upon completion of staff interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.83	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims
	and abusers

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

## **Auditor Discussion**

Document Review:

**MPCF PAQ** 

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Acute/Specialty Services* 

Interviews conducted with:

Medical / Mental Health Staff

Incarcerated individuals who reported sexual violence

Findings (By Provision):

115.83 (a) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, Health Services, Acute/

Specialty Services states incarcerated individuals who report sexual abuse while incarcerated shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services.

115.83 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Acute/ Specialty Services* states the evaluation and treatment of victims of sexual violence in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility shall include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, another facility, or their release from custody.

115.83 (c, g) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Acute/Specialty Services* states treatment services shall be consistent with the community level of care and provided without financial cost regardless of whether the victim names the aggressor or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

115.83 (d, e) – Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility houses male inmates; therefore, these provisions of the standard are not applicable.

115.83 (f) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Acute/ Specialty Services* states medical staff shall offer incarcerated individuals of sexual abuse timely information and access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care where medically appropriate.

115.83 (h) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy HSP-628, *Health Services, Acute/Specialty Services* states all institutions shall attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual aggressors within 60 days of learning of such violence history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners.

The Auditor conducted an interview with Medical and Mental Health Practitioners at the facility and both Medical and Mental Health Practitioners confirmed that incarcerated individual victims are provided immediate access to medical treatment as well as crisis intervention, therapy, and counseling services. Each medical and mental health practitioner explained the services provided at the facility include advocacy and emotional support services. These services are offered for victims of sexual violence or sexual harassment as well as incarcerated individuals of sexual

violence.

The Auditor requested interviews with incarcerated individuals who reported an incident of sexual violence. The facility provided the Auditor with documentation which reflected the incarcerated individuals who reported incidents of sexual violence were no longer in custody at the MPCF, therefore incarcerated individuals in this targeted category were not interviewed.

Upon review of the policy and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.86	Sexual abuse incident reviews
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
	Iowa Department of Corrections Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews
	Interviews conducted with:
	Facility Warden Designee
	Incident Review Team
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.86 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, <i>Prison Rape Elimination</i>
	Act (PREA) states the institution, in association with the PREA Coordinator, shall conduct a sexual violence incident review at the conclusion of every sexual violence
	investigation that results in a substantiated or unsubstantiated finding.

115.86 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states such review shall ordinarily occur withing 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation.

MPCF PAQ reported in the past twelve months, excluding investigations determined to be unfounded, four criminal/administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse were completed at the facility and were followed by a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days. During the Auditor's review of the closed investigations, a sexual violence incident review was completed for each closed investigation and all sexual violence incident reviews were completed within the required 30 days.

115.86 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the review team shall include:

- Warden/District Director or designee.
- Unit Managers or other upper-level management team members responsible for the areas of the institution where the incident occurred.
- Shift supervisors involved with the case or the shift on which the misconduct occurred.
- At least one of the sexual violence investigators on the case.
- Medical or mental health practitioners when involved with the perpetrator or the victim.
- Institution's PREA Compliance Manager/PREA Coordinator.
- PREA Coordinator in substantiated cases of staff sexual misconduct incarcerated individual sexual abuse.

115.86 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the review team shall:

- Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual violence.
- 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 was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the institution.
- Examine the areas where the incident occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse;
- Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts;
- Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff; and
- Prepare a report of its findings and include any recommendations for improvement.

115.86 (e) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-02, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the institution shall implement recommendations for improvement or shall document its reasons for not doing so.

The Auditor conducted an interview with a Sexual Abuse Incident Review (SAIR) Team staff member and inquired if the SAIR Team considers whether an incident or allegation was motivated by race, ethnicity, or gender identity and if the SAIR Team examines the area in the facility were the incident allegedly occurred. The SAIR Team staff member confirmed the SAIR Team does consider whether the incident was motivated by race, ethnicity, or gender identity, and gang affiliation. The SAIR Team also tours the area where the alleged incident occurred as well as considering if the addition of monitoring technology should be deployed to supplement supervision by staff. The SAIR Team member explained how touring the area provides the team with the best possible representation of an incident and assists the SAIR Team in determining if adding monitoring technology is warranted.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Facility Warden Designee and discussed the incident review process. The Facility Warden Designee explained the SAIR Team includes upper-level management with input from Investigators, Line Staff, and Medical and Mental Health Practitioners. The Facility Warden Designee articulated the process of the incident review, including listing the elements required per the PREA standard. The Facility Warden Designee explained how the SAIR Team uses the information obtain from the review to determine if changes need to be made to the physical plant, policy and procedure or any other change that would improve the safety of the incarcerated individual population and prevent sexual violence.

Upon review of the policy and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.87	Data collection
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ

Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Iowa Department of Corrections Annual PREA Report (2023) Department of Justice, Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV) Findings (By Provision): 115.87 (a) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states the PREA Coordinator shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual violence at all institutions using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. 115.87 (b) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states the incident based sexual violence data shall be aggregated at least annually. 115.87 (c) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states the incident-based data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV) conducted by the Department of Justice. 115.87 (d) - Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states the PREA Coordinator shall maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and incident reviews. 115.87 (e) - Iowa Department of Corrections does not contract for the confinement of incarcerated individuals; therefore, this provision of the standard does not apply. 115.87 (f) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) states the PREA Coordinator shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30 each year.

the Auditor reviewed the recent IDOC Annual Report which contained sexual violence data collected with a standardized instrument. The standardized instrument used

contained a set of definitions and data collected from incident reports, investigative files, and sexual violence incident reviews. The Iowa Department of Corrections publishes the reports on the agency website <a href="https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act">https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act</a>

Upon review of the policy, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.88	Data review for corrective action
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	lowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
	lowa Department of Corrections Annual PREA Report (2023)
	Interviews conducted with:
	PREA Compliance Manager
	PREA Coordinator / Coordinator
	Agency Head Designee
	Findings (By Provision):
	115.88 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, <i>Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> states the Office of the Deputy Direct of Institution Operation shall review data collected and aggregated in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of IDOC's sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by:
	Identifying problem areas.

Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and

• Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each

institution, as well as the department.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Compliance Manager and inquired if the agency reviews data collected and aggregated pursuant to §115.87. The PREA Compliance Manager explained how the institution data is reviewed and retained for use in annual reporting, submission to the DOJ for the Survey of Sexual Violence and retained for any other DOJ request. The information from the facilities is also reviewed to determine any facility trends, training gaps or deficiencies, education gaps for the population, or any policy/procedure updates that need to be implemented.

115.88 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states the annual report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of IDOC's progress in addressing sexual violence.

The Auditor reviewed the recent IDOC Annual Report, which contained sexual violence data collected with a standardized instrument. The standardized instrument used contained a set of definitions and data collected from incident reports, investigative files, and sexual violence incident reviews. The lowa Department of Corrections publishes the reports on the agency website <a href="https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act">https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act</a>

115.88 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states annual reports shall be approved by the Director and posted on the IDOC website.

115.88 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states specific material from the reports may be redacted when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of an institution, but IDOC shall indicate the nature of the material redacted.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Coordinator regarding how data is collected pursuant to PREA Standard §115.87. The PREA Coordinator acknowledged that the data collected is securely retained on the Sexual Violence Database, which is only accessible by the PREA Coordinator, Central Office Executive Staff, Institutional Executive Staff (only access to their institutions), PREA Compliance Managers, and Sexual Violence Investigators.

The PREA Coordinator confirmed the preparation of an annual report which contains data collected from all IDOC facilities. The PREA Coordinator confirmed the agency redacts sensitive information and all public data information.

The Auditor conducted an interview with the Agency Head Designee and inquired how the agency uses incident-based sexual violence data to assess and improve sexual violence prevention, detection, and response polices, practices, and training. The Agency Head Designee explained that the data is used to determine at risk facilities and areas of facilities, identify training issues, identify issues in policy, procedure, and practice, and to assess prevention and detection practices. The data is used to develop policy and procedures, to develop or improve training, and is used in determining staffing plans and technology use and improvement.

The Auditor inquired as to who is responsible for approving annual reports written pursuant to §115.88. The Agency Head Designee confirmed, as the Deputy Director of Institution Operations, he is responsible for reviewing and approving the annual PREA report.

Upon review of the policy, SSV reports, and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.89	Data storage, publication, and destruction
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:
	MPCF PAQ
	Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
	Iowa Department of Corrections Annual PREA Report (2023)
	Interviews conducted with:
	PREA Coordinator

Findings (By Provision):

115.89 (a) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states all data collected shall be securely maintained.

115.89 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states aggregated sexual violence data, from all IDOC operated facilities, including privately contracted facilities, shall be readily available to the public at least annually, through a website or other means.

115.89 (c) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states personal identifiers and sensitive information shall be redacted from the reports in instances when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, while maintaining the nature of the material.

115.89 (d) – Iowa Department of Corrections Policy PREA-04, *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)* states all sexual violence data collected shall be maintained for at least ten years after the date of the initial collection unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise.

The Auditor reviewed the recent IDOC Annual Report, which contained sexual violence data collected with a standardized instrument. The standardized instrument used contained a set of definitions and data collected from incident reports, investigative files, and sexual violence incident reviews. The lowa Department of Corrections publishes the reports on the agency website <a href="https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act">https://doc.iowa.gov/prison-rape-elimination-act</a>

The Auditor conducted an interview with the PREA Coordinator regarding how data is collected pursuant to PREA Standard §115.87. The PREA Coordinator acknowledged that the data collected is securely retained on the Sexual Violence Database, which is only accessible by the PREA Coordinator, Central Office Executive Staff, Institutional Executive Staff (only access to their institutions), PREA Compliance Managers, and Sexual Violence Investigators. The PREA Coordinator confirmed the agency redacts sensitive information and all public data information.

Upon review of the policy and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated

facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

## 115.401 Frequency and scope of audits Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** 115.401 (a) - During the prior three-year audit period, the agency ensured that each facility operated was audited, once. 115.401 (b) - Iowa Department of Corrections, MPCF had its first PREA audit conducted on June 30 - July 2, 2015; the second year of the first three-year cycle. The facility had its second PREA audit March 20 - 22, 2018; the second year of the second three-year auditing cycle. The facility had its third PREA audit conducted on March 22 - 24, 2021; the second year of the third three-year auditing cycle. This was the facility's fourth PREA audit and was conducted on June 6 - 8, 2024; the second year of the fourth three-year auditing cycle. 115.401 (h) - The Auditor was granted complete access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the facility. 115.401 (i) - The Auditor was permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information). 115.401 (m) - The Auditor was permitted to conduct private interviews with incarcerated individuals and staff. 115.401 (n) - The Auditor verified through incarcerated individual and staff interviews that incarcerated individuals and staff were permitted to send confidential correspondence to the Auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel. Upon review of the policy and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

115.403	Audit contents and findings
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	115.403 (b) – Iowa Department of Corrections publishes all PREA Audit Reports for all facilities within the IDOC on the agency website. MPCF has published the prior PREA Audit Reports on the agency website. The Auditor reviewed the prior PREA Audit Report (March 2021) for the MPCF.
	Upon review of the policy and upon completion of interviews, MPCF demonstrated facility-wide practices that are consistent with policy and the requirements that complies with the PREA standard.

Appendix: Provision Findings		
115.11 (a)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment coordinator	nt; PREA
	Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.11 (b)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment coordinator	nt; PREA
	Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator?	yes
	Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy?	yes
	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
115.11 (c)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment coordinator	nt; PREA
	If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes
	Does the PREA compliance manager have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes
115.12 (a)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement o	f inmates
	If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its inmates 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 inmates.)	na
115.12 (b)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement o	f inmates
	Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure	na

	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 inmates.)	
115.13 (a)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Does the facility have a documented staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Generally accepted detention and correctional practices?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any judicial findings of inadequacy?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: All components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated)?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The composition of the inmate population?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The number and placement of supervisory staff?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The institution programs occurring on a particular shift?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into	yes

	consideration: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards?	
	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
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any other relevant factors?	yes
115.13 (b)	Supervision and monitoring	
	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.)	na
115.13 (c)	Supervision and monitoring	
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan?	yes
115.13 (d)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Has the facility/agency implemented a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts?	yes
	Does the facility/agency have a policy prohibiting staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility?	yes

115.14 (a)	Youthful inmates	
	Does the facility place all youthful inmates in housing units that separate them from sight, sound, and physical contact with any adult inmates through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
115.14 (b)	Youthful inmates	
	In areas outside of housing units does the agency maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
	In areas outside of housing units does the agency provide direct staff supervision when youthful inmates and adult inmates have sight, sound, or physical contact? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
115.14 (c)	Youthful inmates	
	Does the agency make its best efforts to avoid placing youthful inmates in isolation to comply with this provision? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
	Does the agency, while complying with this provision, allow youthful inmates daily large-muscle exercise and legally required special education services, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
	Do youthful inmates have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
115.15 (a)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?	yes
115.15 (b)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat- down searches of female inmates, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)	na
	Does the facility always refrain from restricting female inmates' access to regularly available programming or other out-of-cell opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A if the	na

	facility does not have female inmates.)	
115.15 (c)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?	yes
	Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates)?	na
115.15 (d)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility have policies that enables inmates 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
	Does the facility have procedures that enables inmates 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
	Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit?	yes
115.15 (e)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex inmates for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status?	yes
	If an inmate's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the inmate, 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
115.15 (f)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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
	Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex inmates in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?	yes

115.16 (a)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates 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: inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates 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: inmates who are blind or have low vision?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates 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: inmates who have intellectual disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates 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: inmates who have psychiatric disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates 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: inmates who have speech disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other (if "other," please explain in overall determination notes.)	yes
	Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication	yes

	with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have intellectual disabilities?	
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have limited reading skills?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: are blind or have low vision?	yes
115.16 (b)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English
	Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
115.16 (c)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English
	Does the agency always refrain from relying on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistance except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's	yes
	safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations?	
115.17 (a)	safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations?	
115.17 (a)	safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations?	yes
115.17 (a)	safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations?  Hiring and promotion decisions  Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile	yes
115.17 (a)	safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations?  Hiring and promotion decisions  Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?  Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates 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	

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	may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two bullets immediately above?	
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two bullets immediately above?	yes
115.17 (b)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates?	yes
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates?	yes
115.17 (c)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, does the agency perform a criminal background records check?	yes
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, does the agency, consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse?	yes
115.17 (d)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates?	yes

115.17 (e)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?	yes
115.17 (f)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions?	yes
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees?	yes
	Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?	yes
115.17 (g)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?	yes
115.17 (h)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.)	yes
115.18 (a)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	
	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 inmates 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.)	na
115.18 (b)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	

	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 inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	yes
115.21 (a)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
115.21 (b)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
	Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/ Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
115.21 (c)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	1
	Does the agency offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate?	yes
	Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?	yes
	If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)?	yes

	Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?	yes
115.21 (d)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?	yes
	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 the agency always makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.)	yes
	Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?	yes
115.21 (e)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews?	yes
	As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?	yes
115.21 (f)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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.)	na
115.21 (h)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	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
115.22 (a)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations

	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?	yes
115.22 (b)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations
	Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior?	yes
	Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?	yes
	Does the agency document all such referrals?	yes
115.22 (c)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations
	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 criminal investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.31 (a)	Employee training	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?	yes

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	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?	yes
115.31 (b)	Employee training	
	Is such training tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility?	yes
	Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa?	yes
115.31 (c)	Employee training	
	Have all current employees who may have contact with inmates received such training?	yes
	Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures?	yes
	In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies?	yes
115.31 (d)	Employee training	
	Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?	yes
115.32 (a)	Volunteer and contractor training	

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	Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures?	yes
115.32 (b)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates)?	yes
115.32 (c)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?	yes
115.33 (a)	Inmate education	
	During intake, do inmates receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do inmates receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
115.33 (b)	Inmate education	
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?	yes
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?	yes
115.33 (c)	Inmate education	
	Have all inmates received the comprehensive education referenced in 115.33(b)?	yes

	Do inmates receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the inmate's new facility differ from those of the previous facility?	yes
115.33 (d)	Inmate education	
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills?	yes
115.33 (e)	Inmate education	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions?	yes
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115.33 (f)	Inmate education	
115.33 (†)	In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats?	yes
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	In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats?	yes
115.34 (a)	In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats?  Specialized training: Investigations  In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.31, 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	
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	Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	
	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 115.21(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.34 (c)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	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 115.21(a).)	yes
115.35 (a)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	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.)	yes
	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
	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

	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.)	
115.35 (b)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams or the agency does not employ medical staff.)	na
115.35 (c)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	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
115.35 (d)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.31? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners employed by the agency.)	yes
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.32? (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
115.41 (a)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all inmates assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?	yes
	Are all inmates assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?	yes
115.41 (b)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?	yes
115.41 (c)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective	yes

	screening instrument?	
115.41 (d)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (2) The age of the inmate?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (3) The physical build of the inmate?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (5) Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the inmate about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener's perception whether the inmate is gender nonconforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (9) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10)	no

	Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes?	
115.41 (e)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse?	yes
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses?	yes
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?	yes
115.41 (f)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening?	yes
115.41 (g)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a referral?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a request?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to an incident of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness?	yes
115.41 (h)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Is it the case that inmates are not ever disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs $(d)(1)$ , $(d)(7)$ , $(d)(8)$ , or $(d)(9)$ of this section?	yes
115.41 (i)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive	yes

	information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates?	
115.42 (a)	Use of screening information	
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Housing Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Bed assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Work Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Education Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments?	yes
115.42 (b)	Use of screening information	
	Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate?	yes
115.42 (c)	Use of screening information	
	When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, does the agency consider, on a case-by-case basis, whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns inmates to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)?	yes
	When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex inmates, does the agency consider, on a case-by-case basis, whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether a placement would	yes

	present management or security problems?	
115.42 (d)	Use of screening information	
	Are placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate?	yes
115.42 (e)	Use of screening information	
	Are each transgender or intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments?	yes
115.42 (f)	Use of screening information	
	Are transgender and intersex inmates given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates?	yes
115.42 (g)	Use of screening information	
	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 inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual inmates 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 inmates pursuant to a consent degree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
	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 inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: transgender inmates 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 inmates pursuant to a consent degree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
	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 inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: intersex inmates 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	yes

	solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent degree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	
115.43 (a)	Protective Custody	
	Does the facility always refrain from placing inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers?	yes
	If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, does the facility hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment?	yes
115.43 (b)	Protective Custody	
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Programs to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Privileges to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Education to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Work opportunities to the extent possible?	yes
	If the facility restricts any access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the opportunities that have been limited? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	yes
	If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the duration of the limitation? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	yes
	If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the reasons for such limitations? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	yes
115.43 (c)	Protective Custody	

	Does the facility assign inmates at high risk of sexual victimization to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged?	yes
	Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days?	yes
115.43 (d)	Protective Custody	
	If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety?	yes
	If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged?	yes
115.43 (e)	Protective Custody	
	In the case of each inmate who is placed in involuntary segregation because he/she is at high risk of sexual victimization, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS?	yes
115.51 (a)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?	yes
115.51 (b)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency also provide at least one way for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency?	yes
	Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?	yes
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	Does that private entity or office allow the inmate to remain	yes

	anonymous upon request?	
	Are inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security? (N/A if the facility never houses inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes.)	na
115.51 (c)	Inmate reporting	
	Does staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?	yes
	Does staff promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.51 (d)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates?	yes
115.52 (a)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Is the agency exempt from this standard?  NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because an inmate 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
115.52 (b)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency permit inmates to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Does the agency always refrain from requiring an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.52 (c)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency ensure that: An inmate 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	na

	this standard.)	
	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.)	na
115.52 (d)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	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 inmates in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	If the agency claims the maximum allowable extension of time to respond of up to 70 days per 115.52(d)(3) when the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision, does the agency notify the inmate 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.)	na
	At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may an inmate consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.52 (e)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Are third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates? (If a third party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, 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.)	na
	If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the inmate's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.52 (f)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	

	Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate 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.).	na
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	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.)	na
	Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	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.)	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.)	na
115.52 (g)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	If the agency disciplines an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.53 (a)	Inmate access to outside confidential support service	es .
	Does the facility provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?	yes
	Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers,	na

	including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies? (N/A if the facility never has persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes.)	
	Does the facility enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?	yes
115.53 (b)	Inmate access to outside confidential support service	:S
	Does the facility inform inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws?	yes
115.53 (c)	Inmate access to outside confidential support service	:s
	Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?	yes
115.54 (a)	Third-party reporting	
	Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate?	yes
115.61 (a)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	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
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against inmates or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
	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	yes

	abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?	
115.61 (b)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, does staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions?	yes
115.61 (c)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?	yes
115.61 (d)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws?	yes
115.61 (e)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	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
115.62 (a)	Agency protection duties	
	When the agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the inmate?	yes
115.63 (a)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate 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
115.63 (b)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?	yes

115.63 (c)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
115.63 (d)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?	yes
115.64 (a)	Staff first responder duties	
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate 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
115.64 (b)	Staff first responder duties	
	If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff?	yes
115.65 (a)	Coordinated response	
	Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in	yes

	response to an incident of sexual abuse?	
115.66 (a)	Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact abusers	ct with
	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 limit the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?	yes
115.67 (a)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Has the agency established a policy to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff?	yes
	Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?	yes
115.67 (b)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations?	yes
115.67 (c)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	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 inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff?	yes
	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 inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of	yes

	sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation?	
	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 inmate disciplinary reports?	yes
	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 inmate housing changes?	yes
	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 inmate program changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor negative performance reviews of staff?	yes
	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
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
115.67 (d)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
115.67 (e)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation?	yes
115.68 (a)	Post-allegation protective custody	
	Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.43?	yes
115.71 (a)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations	yes

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	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 115.21(a).)	
	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 115.21(a).)	yes
115.71 (b)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.34?	yes
115.71 (c)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?	yes
	Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?	yes
	Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator?	yes
115.71 (d)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	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
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115./1 (e)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
115./1 (e)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations  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 inmate or staff?	yes
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	Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings?	yes
115.71 (g)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible?	yes
115.71 (h)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
115.71 (i)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.71(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years?	yes
115.71 (j)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?	yes
115.71 (I)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.72 (a)	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigation	S
	Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated?	yes
115.73 (a)	Reporting to inmates	
	Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?	yes

115.73 (b)	Reporting to inmates	
	If the agency did not conduct the investigation into an inmate's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.)	na
115.73 (c)	Reporting to inmates	
	Following an inmate'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 inmate has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit?	yes
	Following an inmate'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
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
115.73 (d)	Reporting to inmates	
	Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, 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
	Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually	yes

	abused by another inmate, 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?	
115.73 (e)	Reporting to inmates	
	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
115.76 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?	yes
115.76 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes
115.76 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	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
115.76 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	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
	Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.77 (a)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with inmates?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?	yes

	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.77 (b)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates?	yes
115.78 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	Following an administrative finding that an inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, are inmates subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?	yes
115.78 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories?	yes
115.78 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior?	yes
115.78 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	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 inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits?	yes
115.78 (e)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	Does the agency discipline an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact?	yes
115.78 (f)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	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	yes

	evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation?	
115.78 (g)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	If the agency prohibits all sexual activity between inmates, does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between inmates to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between inmates.)	yes
115.81 (a)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison).	yes
115.81 (b)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison.)	yes
115.81 (c)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a jail inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a jail).	na
115.81 (d)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law?	yes
115.81 (e)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior	yes

	sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18?		
115.82 (a)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services		
	Do inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?	yes	
115.82 (b)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services		
	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 § 115.62?	yes	
	Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes	
115.82 (c)	) Access to emergency medical and mental health services		
	Are inmate 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	
115.82 (d)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices	
	Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?	yes	
115.83 (a)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers		
	Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?	yes	
115.83 (b)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse	
	Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody?	yes	
115.83 (c)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse		

	victims and abusers		
	Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?	yes	
115.83 (d)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers		
	Are inmate 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 inmates 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.)	na	
115.83 (e)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse	
	If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.83(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 inmates 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.)	na	
115.83 (f)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers		
	Are inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?	yes	
115.83 (g)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers		
	Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?	yes	
115.83 (h)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse	
	If the facility is a prison, does it attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners? (NA if the facility is a jail.)	yes	

115.86 (a)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded?	yes
115.86 (b)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	yes
115.86 (c)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?	yes
115.86 (d)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	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
	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
	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
	Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?	yes
	Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?	yes
	Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.86(d)(1)-(d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?	yes
115.86 (e)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	yes

115.87 (a)	Data collection	
	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
115.87 (b)	Data collection	
	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
115.87 (c)	Data collection	
	Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice?	yes
115.87 (d)	Data collection	
	Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews?	yes
115.87 (e)	Data collection	
	Door the agency also obtain incident based and agreement of data	
	Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its inmates.)	na
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	to § 115.87 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?	
115.88 (b)	Data review for corrective action	
	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
115.88 (c)	Data review for corrective action	
	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
115.88 (d)	Data review for corrective action	
	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
115.89 (a)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?	yes
115.89 (b)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?	yes
115.89 (c)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes
115.89 (d)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.87 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise?	yes
115.401 (a)	Frequency and scope of audits	

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.)  115.401    Frequency and scope of audits			
(b)    Frequency and scope of audits		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	yes
response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)  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, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds 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? (N/A if this is not the third year of the current audit cycle?)  115.401  (h)  Frequency and scope of audits  Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?  Frequency and scope of audits  Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?  Frequency and scope of audits  Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?  Frequency and scope of audits  Were inmates permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel?		Frequency and scope of audits	
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	The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS 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, there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.)	yes