

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report Adult Prisons & Jails

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Agency Information

Name of Agency: Armstrong County Jail			
Governing Authority or Parent Agency (If Applicable): Prison Board			
Physical Address: 171 Staley's Court Road		City, State, Zip: Kittanning, PA 16201	
Mailing Address:		City, State, Zip:	
The Agency Is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
Agency Website with PREA Information: co.armstrong.pa.us			

Agency Chief Executive Officer

Name:	
Email:	Telephone:

Agency-Wide PREA Coordinator

Name:	
Email:	Telephone:
PREA Coordinator Reports to:	Number of Compliance Managers who report to the PREA Coordinator:

Facility Information

Name of Facility: Armstrong County Jail

Physical Address: 171 Staley's Court Road

City, State, Zip: Kittanning, PA 16201

Mailing Address (if different from above):

City, State, Zip:

The Facility Is:

Military

Private for Profit

Private not for Profit

Municipal

County

State

Federal

Facility Type:

Prison

Jail

Facility Website with PREA Information: co.armstrong.pa.us

Has the facility been accredited within the past 3 years? Yes No

If the facility has been accredited within the past 3 years, select the accrediting organization(s) – select all that apply (N/A if the facility has not been accredited within the past 3 years):

ACA

NCCHC

CALEA

Other (please name or describe:

N/A

If the facility has completed any internal or external audits other than those that resulted in accreditation, please describe:

Warden/Jail Administrator/Sheriff/Director

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Facility Health Service Administrator N/A

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Facility Characteristics

Designated Facility Capacity:

158

Current Population of Facility:

124

Average daily population for the past 12 months:

155

Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?

Yes

No

Which population(s) does the facility hold?	<input type="checkbox"/> Females <input type="checkbox"/> Males <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both Females and Males
Age range of population:	18-74
Average length of stay or time under supervision:	73 days
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels:	Minimum through maximum
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months:	1139
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:	1069
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more:	387
Does the facility hold youthful inmates?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Number of youthful inmates held in the facility during the past 12 months: (N/A if the facility never holds youthful inmates)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Does the audited facility hold inmates for one or more other agencies (e.g. a State correctional agency, U.S. Marshals Service, Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Select all other agencies for which the audited facility holds inmates: Select all that apply (N/A if the audited facility does not hold inmates for any other agency or agencies):	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Bureau of Prisons <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marshals Service <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Indian Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Military branch <input type="checkbox"/> State or Territorial correctional agency <input type="checkbox"/> County correctional or detention agency <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial district correctional or detention facility <input type="checkbox"/> City or municipal correctional or detention facility (e.g. police lockup or city jail) <input type="checkbox"/> Private corrections or detention provider <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please name or describe: Click or tap here to enter text. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with inmates:	66
Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with inmates:	9
Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with inmates:	1
Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	1
Number of volunteers who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	0

Physical Plant

<p>Number of buildings:</p> <p>Auditors should count all buildings that are part of the facility, whether inmates are formally allowed to enter them or not. In situations where temporary structures have been erected (e.g., tents) the auditor should use their discretion to determine whether to include the structure in the overall count of buildings. As a general rule, if a temporary structure is regularly or routinely used to hold or house inmates, or if the temporary structure is used to house or support operational functions for more than a short period of time (e.g., an emergency situation), it should be included in the overall count of buildings.</p>	1
<p>Number of inmate housing units:</p> <p>Enter 0 if the facility does not have discrete housing units. DOJ PREA Working Group FAQ on the definition of a housing unit: How is a "housing unit" defined for the purposes of the PREA Standards? The question has been raised in particular as it relates to facilities that have adjacent or interconnected units. The most common concept of a housing unit is architectural. The generally agreed-upon definition is a space that is enclosed by physical barriers accessed through one or more doors of various types, including commercial-grade swing doors, steel sliding doors, interlocking sally port doors, etc. In addition to the primary entrance and exit, additional doors are often included to meet life safety codes. The unit contains sleeping space, sanitary facilities (including toilets, lavatories, and showers), and a dayroom or leisure space in differing configurations. Many facilities are designed with modules or pods clustered around a control room. This multiple-pod design provides the facility with certain staff efficiencies and economies of scale. At the same time, the design affords the flexibility to separately house inmates of differing security levels, or who are grouped by some other operational or service scheme. Generally, the control room is enclosed by security glass, and in some cases, this allows inmates to see into neighboring pods. However, observation from one unit to another is usually limited by angled site lines. In some cases, the facility has prevented this entirely by installing one-way glass. Both the architectural design and functional use of these multiple pods indicate that they are managed as distinct housing units.</p>	10
Number of single cell housing units:	2
Number of multiple occupancy cell housing units:	8
Number of open bay/dorm housing units:	0
Number of segregation cells (for example, administrative, disciplinary, protective custody, etc.):	10
In housing units, does the facility maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if the facility never holds youthful inmates)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Does the facility have a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology (e.g. cameras, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the facility installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology in the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Medical and Mental Health Services and Forensic Medical Exams	
Are medical services provided on-site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are mental health services provided on-site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>Where are sexual assault forensic medical exams provided? Select all that apply.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> On-site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local hospital/clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Rape Crisis Center <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe:)</p>
<p>Investigations</p>	
<p>Criminal Investigations</p>	
<p>Number of investigators employed by the agency and/or facility who are responsible for conducting CRIMINAL investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>When the facility received allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (whether staff-on-inmate or inmate-on-inmate), CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS are conducted by: Select all that apply.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Facility investigators <input type="checkbox"/> Agency investigators <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An external investigative entity</p>
<p>Select all external entities responsible for CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS: Select all that apply (N/A if no external entities are responsible for criminal investigations)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Local police department <input type="checkbox"/> Local sheriff's department <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State police <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Department of Justice component <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please name or describe:) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
<p>Administrative Investigations</p>	
<p>Number of investigators employed by the agency and/or facility who are responsible for conducting ADMINISTRATIVE investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>When the facility receives allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (whether staff-on-inmate or inmate-on-inmate), ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS are conducted by: Select all that apply</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility investigators <input type="checkbox"/> Agency investigators <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An external investigative entity</p>
<p>Select all external entities responsible for ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS: Select all that apply (N/A if no external entities are responsible for administrative investigations)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Local police department <input type="checkbox"/> Local sheriff's department <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State police <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Department of Justice component <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (District Attorney Investigators) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>

Audit Findings

Audit Narrative (including Audit Methodology)

Pre-Onsite Audit Phase

Audit Planning and Logistics:

I had the opportunity to discuss the audit process and expectations of both parties with the Facility PREA Coordinator Deputy Warden Michael Woodside. We coordinated the dates for the onsite audits at the facility. During these conversations we outlined an overall audit schedule and notified the facility of the estimated time of arrival onsite.

Posting Notice of the Audit:

I forwarded the audit posting to the PREA Coordinator on April 27, 2020. The posting included the dates of the audit, purpose of the audit, my contact information and a statement regarding the confidentiality of any communication received. The postings were placed throughout the facility, including all housing units, visiting areas, recreational areas and all common areas. I verified the placement of the audit notices through time stamped photographs and during the onsite portion of the audit during the facility tour, and during the inmate and staff interviews. I did not receive any letters from inmates, nor staff.

Review of Agency and Facility Policies, Procedures and Supporting Documentation:

The PREA Coordinator had previously provided me a flash drive containing all facility level Policies and Procedures, as well as documentation that all Policies and Procedures were practiced on a daily basis. They also provided me a completed PRE-Audit Questionnaire. The Policies, Procedures and Documents reviewed during this phase of the audit are listed under Onsite Audit, with all documentation reviewed during the course of the audit.

Outreach to Community Advocacy Organizations:

I contacted Helping All Victims in Need (HAVIN) who provides victim advocacy. They knew of no issues at the facility.

Onsite Audit Phase

Site Review:

The audit was conducted during the Covid 19 Pandemic and the facility was on lockdown. The Facility and Auditor took all necessary precautions outlined by the facility. These precautions included temperature check prior to entering the facility, and universal masking for all staff, and visitors. During the facility tour social distancing was practiced. The staff and inmate interviews were conducted with the participants seated at minimum of 6 feet apart.

I met with Deputy Warden/PREA Coordinator Michael Woodside on June 15, 2020 at approximately 8:00 a.m. to conduct a briefing and facility tour. We discussed the onsite portion of the audit, including facility tour, inmate and staff interview location, and document review. During the tour I had the opportunity to view all areas of the facility, no areas were not toured. I interacted with both staff and inmates, as well as observed the interaction between the staff and inmates. I was able to verify the location of cameras throughout the facility, as well as the camera monitor locations. While on the housing units I observed the related PREA information, and Audit Postings. The facility utilizes a kiosk system for the inmates, the kiosk includes all PREA information. The facility also provides a video on PREA in the intake area on the television system. The PREA Information and Audit postings were further observed in common areas throughout the facility. While conducting the tour I reviewed log books on the housing units.

The inmate interviews began immediately following the facility tour. They were conducted in areas on the housing units. These areas provided privacy for the interviews. The inmates were randomly selected from inmates on the housing units. During this process I interviewed inmates in the following categories:

Interview Type	Number
Random Inmate Interviews	11
Youthful Inmates	Facility does not house
Inmates with a Physical Disability	1
Inmates who are Blind, Deaf, or Hard of Hearing	1
Inmates who are Limited English Proficient	0
Inmates with a Cognitive Disability	3
Inmates who Identify as Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual	4
Inmates who identify as Transgender or Intersex	0
Inmates in Segregated Housing for High Risk of Sexual Victimization	0
Inmates who Reported Sexual Abuse	0
Inmates who Reported Sexual Victimization During Risk Screening	2
Total Inmate Interviews	22

During the interview process several targeted categories of inmates were not being housed at the facility. I conducted the interviews with all inmates in the same manner, a preamble to the interview was related to the inmate explaining the purpose of the interview, and how they were selected and explaining to them that they did not have to speak with me if they choose not to. No inmates refused to speak with me. All inmates were asked questions related to the Random Inmate Interviews, and if they were in a targeted category, I asked those additional questions. During the interviews I utilized a copy of the initial PREA information received by inmates, and Screening form to visually stimulate the inmate's recollection of their initial intake process.

The staff interviews were conducted in the same conference on both days of the audit. The facility was currently working three shifts, interviews were conducted on all shifts. During the process I interviewed staff in the following categories:

Interview Type	Number
Random Staff Interviews	7
Intermediate or Higher-Level Staff Conducting Unannounced Rounds and Intake Staff	3
Line Staff who Supervise Youthful Inmates	Not Applicable
Education and Program Staff who Work with Youthful Inmates	Not Applicable
Medical and Mental Health Staff	3
Administrative Staff	1
Volunteers and Contractors	0
Investigative Staff	1
Warden	1
Staff who Perform Screening	1
Staff who Supervise Inmates in Segregated Housing	0
Staff on the Sexual Abuse Incident Review Team	2
First Responders	1

Deputy Warden/PREA Compliance Manager and Designated to Monitor for Retaliation	1
Total Staff Interviews	25

I conducted the interviews with all staff in the same manner, a preamble to the interview was related to the staff member explaining the purpose of the interview, and how they were selected and explaining to them that they did not have to speak with me if they choose not to. No staff refused to speak with me. All interviewed staff were asked questions related to the Random Staff Interviews, and if they were in a targeted category, they were then asked questions pertaining to that area.

The onsite documentation review was conducted during all days of the audit process. The onsite documentation was reviewed at the source, all files, and facility documents were retrieved by me. The following is a list of documentation reviewed during the Pre-Audit, Onsite Audit and Post Audit Phases, with the applicable standard to each.

Documentation Reviewed Pre-Audit, Onsite Audit and Post Audit Phases	Applicable Standard
<i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i>	Standard 115.11: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
<i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Cambria County Agreement Westmoreland County Regional Youth Services Center Agreement	Standard 115.12: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates
<i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Staffing Plan Facility camera locations Logs (showing unannounced rounds) – all shifts Facility Information from Website	Standard 115.13: Supervision and Monitoring
<i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i>	Standard 115.14: Youthful inmates
<i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Pat Search Lesson Plan PREA Training PowerPoint (sample pages) Training Lesson Plan Training Transcripts	Standard 115.15: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> PREA materials (Spanish translation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Zero Tolerance” Notice (Spanish) • PREA Poster, “Step Out of the Shadows” (Spanish) 	<p>Standard 115.16: Inmates with Disabilities and Inmates who are Limited English Proficient</p>
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Applicant Questionnaire Contractor/Employee Request for Record Contractor/Employee Documentation of 5 year Criminal Background Record Checks for Staff Documentation of 5 year Criminal Background Record Checks for Contractors Verification of the Rap Back System through JNET</p>	<p>Standard 115.17: Hiring and Promotion Decisions</p>
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i></p>	<p>Standard 115.18: Upgrades to facilities and technologies</p>
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> MOU with Helping All Victims in Need (HAVIN)</p>	<p>Standard 115.21: Evidence Protocol and Forensic Medical Examination</p>
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Investigative reports</p>	<p>Standard 115.22: Policies to Ensure Referral of Allegations for Investigations</p>
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> PREA Training PowerPoint 2017 through 2020 PREA Training Rosters Training Records and Acknowledgement Forms for Staff, Volunteers and Contractors</p>	<p>Standard 115.31: Employee Training</p>
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Completed Acknowledgement Forms</p>	<p>Standard 115.32: Volunteer and Contractor Training</p>
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Posters Posted on Units (regarding PREA and zero tolerance) Records for Inmates Inmate Files and Case Manager Notes</p>	<p>Standard 115.33: Inmate Education</p>

<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Specialized PREA Investigation Training PowerPoint – relevant pages Training Records for Investigators</p>	Standard 115.34: Specialized training: Investigations
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> PREA Training Training Rosters</p>	Standard 115.35: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Inmate Files</p>	Standard 115.41: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i></p>	Standard 115.42: Use of screening information
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i></p>	Standard 115.43: Protective Custody
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Zero Tolerance Acknowledgements</p>	Standard 115.51: Inmate reporting
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i></p>	Standard 115.52: Exhaustion of administrative remedies
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> MOU with Helping All Victims in Need (HAVIN)</p>	Standard 115.53: Inmate access to outside confidential support services
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility website</p>	Standard 115.54: Third-party reporting
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Investigative reports</p>	Standard 115.61: Staff and agency reporting duties
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i></p>	Standard 115.62: Agency protection duties
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i></p>	Standard 115.63: Reporting to other confinement facilities

<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility Investigations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment</p>	Standard 115.64: Staff first responder duties
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility Investigations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment</p>	Standard 115.65: Coordinated response
<p>Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 538</p>	Standard 115.66: Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility Investigations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment</p>	Standard 115.67: Agency protection against retaliation
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility Investigations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment</p>	Standard 115.68: Post-allegation protective custody
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility Investigations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment</p>	Standard 115.71: Criminal and administrative agency investigations
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility Investigations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment</p>	Standard 115.72: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility Investigations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment</p>	Standard 115.73: Reporting to inmates
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility Investigations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment</p>	Standard 115.76: Disciplinary sanctions for staff
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility Investigations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment</p>	Standard 115.77: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Facility Investigations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment</p>	Standard 115.78: Disciplinary sanctions for inmates
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i></p>	Standard 115.81: Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Incident Reports</p>	Standard 115.82: Access to emergency medical and mental health services
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i></p>	Standard 115.83: Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Incident reviews</p>	Standard 115.86: Sexual abuse incident reviews
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Data reports from 2012 through 2019</p>	Standard 115.87: Data collection
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Data reports from 2012 through 2019</p>	Standard 115.88: Data review for corrective action
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Data reports from 2012 through 2019</p>	Standard 115.89: Data storage, publication, and destruction
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Prior Audit Reports</p>	Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits
<p><i>Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</i> Prior Audit Reports Agencies Website</p>	Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings

At the conclusion of the Onsite Audit an exit conference was held with the administration. At this time, I provided an overview of the audit findings during the onsite audit portion.

During the staff interviews I found that the staff took ownership not only of the immediate areas they worked in, but the facility overall. This staff attitude helps in creating the respectful culture at the facility. This was further confirmed by the interviewed inmates who related that they are treated with respect by the staff.

Post Audit:

Upon completion of the Pre-Audit and Onsite Audit phases I conducted a systematic evidence review of all of the information obtained during the audit process. I utilized the Compliance Tool as a guide to ensure that all aspects of each standard were met. This assurance was made by a triangulation of the policies and documentation reviewed, my personal observations during the onsite audit, and through the information received during the interviews. After taking all of these factors into account I found that the facility has met all of the standards and are in compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act National Standards for Prisons and Jails.

Facility Characteristics

The Armstrong County Jail is located at 171 Staley's Courts Road Kittanning Pa 16201, the immediate area surrounding the facility is rural.

The facility is accessed through a locked door that is controlled from central control. The lobby is directly inside, this area is under direct watch by the central control officers. The administrative offices are located off of this area.

The facility houses both male and female adult offenders, the facility contracts for the housing of juvenile offenders.

The facility has a main corridor that is able to be viewed by the officers working in Central Control, this allows for constant supervision of inmates moving throughout the facility.

The housing units are located at opposite ends of the facility, the housing units are under direct supervision from a tower. These towers have the capabilities of viewing the housing unit, as well as observing the video surveillance.

The showers on the housing units have doors that provide the inmates privacy.

The cells are constructed in a manner that allows the inmates the ability to utilize the toilet and change without being seen. The toilets are offset to allow privacy while performing bodily functions.

The facility also has the ability to house inmates in the intake area, these cells have walls to block the toilets. A curtain has been placed in blocking view between the male and female inmates.

During the audit the facility was utilizing the intake area for the initial TB test quarantine and classification, this process takes 3 days. The inmates are then moved to a quarantine unit where they are quarantined due to the Covid 19 pandemic. During normal operation the facility utilizes a separate female unit and male unit for the initial TB test and classification. The inmates are not placed into general population until they are classified and receive a negative TB test.

The facility has medical staff and a doctor sees inmates at the facility on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

All meals at the facility are provided by an outside contractor, who delivers three meals per day. The meals are then provided to the inmates on the housing unit.

Summary of Audit Findings

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

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

Standards Exceeded

Number of Standards Exceeded: 8

List of Standards Exceeded:

Standard 115.11: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
Standard 115.31: Employee training
Standard 115.33: Inmate education
Standard 115.34: Specialized training: Investigations
Standard 115.35: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care
Standard 115.41: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness
Standard 115.42: Use of screening information
Standard 115.51: Inmate reporting

Standards Met

Number of Standards Met: 37

Standard 115.12: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates
Standard 115.13: Supervision and monitoring
Standard 115.14: Youthful inmates
Standard 115.15: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches
Standard 115.16: Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient
Standard 115.17: Hiring and promotion decisions
Standard 115.18: Upgrades to facilities and technologies
Standard 115.21: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations
Standard 115.22: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations
Standard 115.32: Volunteer and contractor training
Standard 115.43: Protective Custody
Standard 115.52: Exhaustion of administrative remedies
Standard 115.53: Inmate access to outside confidential support services
Standard 115.54: Third-party reporting
Standard 115.61: Staff and agency reporting duties
Standard 115.62: Agency protection duties
Standard 115.63: Reporting to other confinement facilities
Standard 115.64: Staff first responder duties
Standard 115.65: Coordinated response

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Standard 115.67: Agency protection against retaliation
Standard 115.68: Post-allegation protective custody
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Standards Not Met

Number of Standards Not Met:

List of Standards Not Met:

PREVENTION PLANNING

Standard 115.11: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

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

115.11 (a)

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

115.11 (b)

- Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator? Yes No
- Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy? Yes No
- Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities? Yes No

115.11 (c)

- 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 No NA
- 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 No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) became effective on July 11, 2013. outlines the facilities mandated zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and further outlines the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct. This policy furthermore defines all sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

I reviewed the policy in its entirety, as well as questioned staff members on its content and applicable sections to their specific duties within the facility. The staff understood the policy and its practical application to the daily operation of the facility.

Deputy Warden Michael Woodside is designated as the facilities PREA Coordinator. The duties of PREA Coordinator are in addition to his normal duties, during his interview he related that he has enough time to conduct his duties, and feels that once the audit process is completed the maintenance of keeping the facility in compliance will be easier.

Prior to the onsite audit all documentation was reviewed, during the onsite portion I observed the policies in daily practice, and this was further confirmed during my interviews with both staff and inmates.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility has substantially exceeded the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.12: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates

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

115.12 (a)

- 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.) Yes No NA

115.12 (b)

- Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates.) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility has an agreement with Cambria County Prison to house inmates if a separation is needed. Cambria County is in compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act and has been audited.

The facility has a purchase of service agreement with Westmoreland County to house juvenile offenders at the Westmoreland County Regional Youth Services Center, this facility is also in compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.13: Supervision and monitoring

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

115.13 (a)

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 No

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

- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards? Yes No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse? Yes No
- In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any other relevant factors? Yes No

115.13 (b)

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

115.13 (c)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.13 (d)

- 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 No
- Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts? Yes No
- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility has developed a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing, and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse. In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, facilities have taken into consideration all areas enumerated under this standard. Compliance was determined by reviewing the aforementioned policies. I further questioned staff on the policies and the ability to fully staff the facility at all times. I was informed that the facility will fill posts with overtime if needed to be at full compliment. The facility also has the ability to collapse posts and limit inmate activity and movement when needed.

The staffing plan was completed and reviewed by the administration including the Warden and Deputy Wardens.

During the interviews with the administration at the facility I confirmed a daily review of the staffing at the facility. The administration meets on a regular basis, this includes the Warden, and Deputy Wardens. During this meeting the overall facility operations are discussed to include staffing.

The staffing plan has not been deviated from within the last 12 months. I confirmed during staff interviews that any posts would be filled with overtime if needed, and they have the ability to collapse other posts if need be.

The administration meets on a regular basis to review incidents that have occurred at the facility, as well as discussing normal facility operation. During these meetings, they discuss any adjustments that may need to be made to the staffing plan, deployment of video monitoring and other technologies, and any resources available. This was confirmed during the staff interviews.

The facility has 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. These unannounced rounds take place during all shifts at the facility. The policy prohibits staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring. I further confirmed the rounds are occurring during the staff and inmate interviews as well as reviewing the logs generated by the housing unit officers.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.14: Youthful inmates

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

115.14 (a)

- 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].) Yes No NA

115.14 (b)

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

115.14 (c)

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

This facility does not house youthful offenders.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.15: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

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

115.15 (a)

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

115.15 (b)

- 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.)
 Yes No 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 facility does not have female inmates.) Yes No NA

115.15 (c)

- Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches? Yes No
- Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.) Yes No NA

115.15 (d)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit? Yes No

115.15 (e)

- 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 No

- 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 No

115.15 (f)

- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? Yes No
- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex inmates in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility does not conduct cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches unless in exigent circumstances or when performed by a medical practitioner. I confirmed this procedure during staff and inmate interviews, as well as review of policy. I also confirmed that the facility has not conducted a search under these circumstances.

The facility assigns female officers to the female housing unit, the male housing units can have either a male or female officer assigned. When a male enters the female housing units they are escorted by the female officer.

The above policies outline procedures and practices 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. The policies further dictate that staff of the opposite gender announces their presence when entering an inmate housing unit. These practices were confirmed during the staff and inmate interviews as well as during the facility tour when I observed the announcements taking place. The bathrooms in the housing units are constructed to provide privacy while performing bodily functions and showering. The showers have doors to provide this privacy. The toilets in the cells are offset from the cell doors.

The facility does not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. If the inmate's genital status is unknown, it is determined 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. I further confirmed the practices during the staff and medical interviews.

The facility has not housed a transgender nor intersex resident within the last 12 months.

The agency has trained security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches, and searches of transgender and intersex inmates, in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs. This was confirmed during staff interviews and reviewing the provided training materials.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.16: Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient

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

115.16 (a)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing? Yes No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? Yes No

- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have intellectual disabilities? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have limited reading skills? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Are blind or have low vision? Yes No

115.16 (b)

- Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient? Yes No
- Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? Yes No

115.16 (c)

- 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 safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 1-79 Section Security Subject: Inmate orientation addresses inmates with disabilities and limited English speaking. The policy states the following:

POLICY: IT IS THE POLICY OF THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY JAIL TO ORIENT INMATES AT THE JAIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS.

1. Within 14 days of admission to the Armstrong County Jail, every inmate shall be oriented as to:

- the jail's rules of conduct;
- consequences for violation of the rules of conduct;
- mail, visiting and telephone procedures;
- access to medical care;

- fees, charges or co-payments imposed on inmates;
- the jail grievance process;
- available treatment programs;
- available work programs;
- PREA Act of 2003

2. Orientation for inmates who can read the English or Spanish languages at an appropriate level will be accomplished by delivering to those inmates a copy of the (English or Spanish) Armstrong County Jail Inmate Handbook.

3. Orientation for illiterate English-speaking inmates will be accomplished by having the inmate view the orientation video developed by the jail.

4. Orientation for non-English or non-Spanish speaking and illiterate Spanish speaking inmates will be accomplished by contacting Language Line Services at 1-800-367-9559 (providing the jail's 6-digit Client ID number and Access Code.) and request to use an interpreter for the language spoken by the inmate. The interpreter shall inform the inmate of the information contained in the orientation video developed by the jail.

5. The Counseling Supervisor shall ensure that each inmate is oriented in a timely manner, and that the date and type of orientation for each respective inmate is documented in the inmate's file.

The facility has procedures in place to deal with inmates with disabilities and who are limited English speaking. They have never had an incident where they would utilize another inmate for interpretation, they would utilize staff or a language line. During the classification of the inmates they identify any issues concerning disabilities and take the appropriate actions needed to protect the inmate. The facility is equipped 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, including steps to provide interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.

Compliance in this area was determined by reviewing policies and procedures of the facility. During the random staff interviews I determined that they all understood the availability of interpreters, and further understood the importance of not utilizing inmates for interpretation during any incident.

At the time of the audit no disabled or non-English speaking inmates were being housed.

The facility provides all printed material in both English and Spanish, all posters throughout the facility are in both languages also. I was able to view the posters during the facility tour.

The staff do not utilize inmate interpreters they would utilize Language Line Services for any interpretation needed.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.17: Hiring and promotion decisions

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

115.17 (a)

- 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)? Yes No

- 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 or refuse? Yes No
- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above? Yes No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 question immediately above? Yes No

115.17 (b)

- Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates? Yes No
- 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 No

115.17 (c)

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

115.17 (d)

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

115.17 (e)

- Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees? Yes No

115.17 (f)

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

115.17 (g)

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

115.17 (h)

- Does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility has policies and procedures in place that identify anyone who had been convicted of sexual abuse in a confinement setting, engaged in or attempted to engage in sexual activity in the community or has been civilly or administratively adjudicated for the same. The facility has developed an applicant questionnaire. This form specifically asks the applicant about these activities. During the interviews with staff I verified that the form is being utilized, I further verified the utilization by reviewing personnel files, I found that the questions were asked and answered in all of the reviewed files. During the staff interviews I verified they were asked these questions.

During the documentation review, and review of personnel files I found that this process is also being utilized in the promotion system throughout the agency. The facility conducts criminal history checks on

all employees and contractors upon hire. They utilize JNET Live to provided real time criminal history checks, which is a reverse notification.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.18: Upgrades to facilities and technologies

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

115.18 (a)

- If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect 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.)
 Yes No NA

115.18 (b)

- If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect 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 No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

The agency has made no substantial expansion to this facility nor is any planned. During the interviews I confirmed that if any expansion or acquisition of facilities takes place, the overall security and safety is taken into consideration, including the sexual safety of the inmates.

The facility has not installed cameras since the last PREA Audit. During the interviews I confirmed that if any camera installation takes place, the overall security and safety is taken into consideration, including the sexual safety of the inmates.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during the interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

RESPONSIVE PLANNING

Standard 115.21: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

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

115.21 (a)

- If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)
 Yes No NA

115.21 (b)

- Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) Yes No NA
- Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) Yes No NA

115.21 (c)

- 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 No
- Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible? Yes No
- If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)? Yes No
- Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs? Yes No

115.21 (d)

- Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center? Yes No
- If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member? (N/A if the agency *always* makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.) Yes No NA

- Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?
 Yes No

115.21 (e)

- As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews? Yes No
- As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals? Yes No

115.21 (f)

- If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating agency follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.) Yes No NA

115.21 (g)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.21 (h)

- If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (N/A if agency *always* makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) became effective on July 11, 2013. The policy addresses evidence protocol and forensic examinations. The policy states the following:

If the alleged sexual assault is reported or discovered within 24 hours of the incident, in addition to the provisions in this section, the following steps are to be taken:

(a) *Physical Evidence – Victim*

In preparation for transporting the alleged victim to the hospital's emergency room the offender is provided and instructed to undress over a clean sheet to collect any potential forensic evidence that may fall from the

person. The sheet along with the offender's clothing is collected as evidence and placed in a paper bag with an appropriate chain of evidence form attached.

(b) Forensic evidence collected by the hospital emergency staff is gathered and delivered to Investigating Authority through appropriate protocol(s). When the alleged victim returns from off-site emergency medical care, treatment, safety and security is used to determine placement.

(c) Physical Evidence – Offender Suspect

(1) Immediately upon being identified as the alleged suspect the offender will be instructed to undress over a clean sheet to collect any potential forensic evidence that may fall from the person. The sheet along with the alleged suspect's clothing is collected as evidence and placed in a paper bag with an appropriate chain of evidence form attached.

(2) Thereafter, the alleged suspect under investigation is held in segregation until the investigation is completed, unless other circumstances require transfer. During the course of the investigation, the alleged victim and alleged suspect remain separated.

(d) Physical Evidence - Crime Scene

(1) Based upon the amount of time passed since the alleged incident and other factors, a determination is made to assess whether there is a possibility of evidence still existing at the crime scene. If determined that a possibility of evidence still exists, and if possible, the crime scene is secured and any potential evidence remains for the investigator's examination.

(2) If the crime scene cannot be secured, the crime scene is photographed and/or video-taped and if any evidence exists, placed in a paper bag with a chain of evidence form attached.

(3) If a potential crime scene is established, limited access is authorized and a log maintained.

The facility transports all victims to ACMH Hospital for forensic examinations, this hospital is equipped with SAFE nurses. They have also entered into an MOU with Helping All Victims in Need (HAVIN) for victim advocacy.

The Pennsylvania State Police conduct the criminal investigations at the facility. The investigators and Forensic Services Unit members are highly trained in identifying and collecting evidence in sexual assault investigations. The Pennsylvania State Police has policies and procedures in place that exceed this standard.

During the staff interviews I confirmed that the staff understands the process of evidence collection. I reviewed the training provided to the staff and found the subject of evidence identification and collection were covered.

I was able to review all investigations conducted by the facility, although these services were not utilized, they were offered to every victim.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.22: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

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

115.22 (a)

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

115.22 (b)

- Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior? Yes No
- Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means? Yes No
- Does the agency document all such referrals? Yes No

115.22 (c)

- If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does the policy describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.21(a).) Yes No NA

115.22 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.22 (e)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The agency ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This was confirmed through review of policies which outline the procedures for investigating sexual abuse and sexual harassment. I further verified all allegations are investigated during investigator interviews, staff interviews, and review of the investigative reports.

The facility investigates all administrative allegations, and the Pennsylvania State Police investigates all criminal allegations. I verified that the investigative procedure is published on the agency's website.

The facility has policies in place that govern the investigative process. This was confirmed during policy review and investigator interviews. The Pennsylvania State Police have their own policies and procedures that govern the criminal investigation.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Standard 115.31: Employee training

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

115.31 (a)

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement? Yes No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims? Yes No
- 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 No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates? Yes No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.31 (b)

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

115.31 (c)

- Have all current employees who may have contact with inmates received such training?
 Yes No
- Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures? Yes No
- In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies? Yes No

115.31 (d)

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE

The facility provides training to all employees on the areas enumerated in this standard. I reviewed the training curriculum and materials; I found that they address all areas. I further confirmed the training during the staff interviews and the review of training records. The employees receive initial training and annual updates. It was confirmed during staff interviews that they also receive updates during roll calls.

The training covers the following topics enumerated in the standard:

- Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures;
- Inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- The right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement;
- The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims;
- How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse;
- How to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates;
- How to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates; and
- How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.

All employees receive training on all genders, transgender inmates, and youthful inmates. This was confirmed during a review of training materials and during staff interviews.

The employees are verifying the receipt of the training through a signature; this was verified during the review of the sample signature logs. The facility trains all staff on a yearly basis, far exceeding the two year requirement of the standard.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during the facility interviews, I found that the facility has substantially exceeded the requirements of this standard, and all provisions. This decision was based on the facility's overall commitment to sexual safety.

Standard 115.32: Volunteer and contractor training

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

115.32 (a)

- 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 No

115.32 (b)

- 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 No

115.32 (c)

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The Facility has trained all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures. The level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors is based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates. At a minimum they are notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents. No contractors nor volunteers were available during the audit due to the facility lockdown resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic.

The facility maintains all documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received. This was confirmed during review of the volunteer and contractor acknowledgment forms.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during the facility interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.33: Inmate education

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

115.33 (a)

- During intake, do inmates receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment? Yes No
- During intake, do inmates receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? Yes No

115.33 (b)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.33 (c)

- Have all inmates received the comprehensive education referenced in 115.33(b)? Yes No
- 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 No

115.33 (d)

- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient? Yes No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf? Yes No

- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired? Yes No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled? Yes No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills? Yes No

115.33 (e)

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

115.33 (f)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

During the intake process inmates receive information explaining the agency's zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, this information is located in the inmate handbook. This was confirmed during the inmate and staff interviews, I further confirmed this by reviewing inmate files and ensuring that the Zero Tolerance Acknowledgment for Offenders Forms were in the files and signed by the inmates.

All inmates are placed in a classification status and housed separately from general population until classification can take place. It was confirmed that classification takes place within 72 hours. At this time the inmates receive an in-depth education where they are shown a video on PREA. All inmates interviewed related that they received the education and understood the facility zero tolerance policy and how to report an allegation.

The facility provides inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates; this includes inmates who are limited English proficient, deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as to inmates who have limited reading skills. The facility provides materials to inmates in Spanish; they also have designated staff who can provide an interpretation of other languages. I confirmed with the classification officer that she will utilize the services outlined for inmates with disabilities and who are limited English speaking to perform the education if needed.

The facility has all key information on the zero-tolerance policy and reporting avenues provided through signage placed throughout the facility. I viewed this signage during the facility tour. I further confirmed that the signage has been in place during the inmate and staff interviews.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during the facility interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.34: Specialized training: Investigations

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

115.34 (a)

- 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 115.21(a).) Yes No NA

115.34 (b)

- Does this specialized training include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) Yes No NA
- Does this specialized training include proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) Yes No NA
- Does this specialized training include sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) Yes No NA
- Does this specialized training include the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) Yes No NA

115.34 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) Yes No NA

115.34 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE

The agency is responsible for the administrative investigation, all criminal investigations are conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police. The administrative investigations are conducted by the facility investigators and the PREA Coordinator. The facility investigators are trained in the use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral. This was confirmed during the investigators interviews, investigation review, and policy review.

The facility has trained fourteen staff as administrative investigators. They attended a training course provided by me through the Pennsylvania Prison Wardens Association. This training was originally created to train the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Investigators.

The agency documents all training attended by the investigators. This was confirmed during the interviews with the investigators, as well as a review of the training records.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility substantially exceeds the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.35: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

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

115.35 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) Yes No NA
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) Yes No NA
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not

have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) Yes No NA

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)
 Yes No NA

115.35 (b)

- If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams or the agency does not employ medical staff.)
 Yes No NA

115.35 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.) Yes No NA

115.35 (d)

- 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 No NA
- 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 No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

All full and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners have been trained on the following:

- How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse;
- How to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and
- How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

This was confirmed by reviewing the training materials utilized by the facility, and during the review of the PREA Training for Medical & Mental Health Course Rosters at the facility. I also confirmed this training with the medical and mental health staff during interviews.

The medical staff at the facility does not conduct sexual assault examinations.

The medical and mental health care practitioners also receive the training mandated for employees under § 115.31 or for contractors and volunteers under § 115.32, depending upon the practitioner's status at the agency. This was confirmed during the review of training rosters at the facility. I also confirmed this training with the medical and mental health staff during interviews.

The facility is providing this training on a yearly basis to all medical and mental health care practitioners. This practice far exceeds the requirement of the standard.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility substantially exceeds the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

Standard 115.41: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

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

115.41 (a)

- 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 No
- 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 No

115.41 (b)

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

115.41 (c)

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

115.41 (d)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

- 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 non-conforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)? Yes No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization? Yes No
- 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 No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10) Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes? Yes No

115.41 (e)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.41 (f)

- 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 No

115.41 (g)

- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a referral? Yes No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a request? Yes No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to an incident of sexual abuse? Yes No
- 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 No

115.41 (h)

- 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 No

115.41 (i)

- Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE

All inmates are initially assessed during the intake process, which is completed upon arrival at the facility. The inmates are asked questions during the initial intake process about overall safety. The inmates are then screened by medical personnel who ask further safety questions. The medical staff have the ability to immediately task for a follow up with mental health or will notify the security staff of any concerns. The inmates then meet with the Classification Officer within 72 hrs. and are screened utilizing the victim predictor scale, and the sexual predator predictor scale. The inmates are held separately from the general population until the classification is completed.

The initial screening for risk of being sexually abusive considers any known prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse. This was confirmed during a review of the screening tool and interviews with both staff and inmates.

The facility is reassessing all inmates within 30 days of arrival, this reassessment is being conducted by the classification officer, and they are taking into considerations all information available to them at the time of reassessment.

The facility would reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that may change the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. This was confirmed during the staff interviews.

Inmates are informed during the screening process that they will not be disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information. This was confirmed during the review of the screening tools and during the staff and inmate interviews.

The agency implements control on the dissemination of screening information at the facility level. The information from the screening tools is only available to treatment staff, medical, and administration.

Compliance was determined through review of inmate files, and staff and inmate interviews.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during the facility interviews, I found that the facility exceeds the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.42: Use of screening information

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

115.42 (a)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.42 (b)

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

115.42 (c)

- 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 No
- 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 present management or security problems? Yes No

115.42 (d)

- 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 No

115.42 (e)

- 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 No

115.42 (f)

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

115.42 (g)

- 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 decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.) Yes No NA
- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex 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 decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.) Yes No NA
- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex 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 solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE

The facility utilizes the information from the screening and reassessment to inform housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive. This was confirmed during a review of the policy and I confirmed these procedures during staff and inmate interviews.

The agency makes all of these determinations on an individualized basis; this ensures the safety of each inmate. This was confirmed during policy review and staff and inmate interviews.

I confirmed during policy review and interviews that when deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, and in making other housing and programming assignments, the agency considers on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety and whether the placement would present management or security problems. I also confirmed that the inmate's own views would be taken into consideration during these decisions. Through policy and interviews, I confirmed that a transgender inmate would be given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates.

I confirmed during interviews with the staff that placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate would be reassessed at least twice each year. This is also addressed in the policy.

The facility does not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status. This was confirmed during staff interviews.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during the facility interviews, I found that the facility exceeds the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.43: Protective Custody

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

115.43 (a)

- 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 No

- 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 No

115.43 (b)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No NA
- If the facility restricts any 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 No NA
- If the facility restricts any 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 No NA

115.43 (c)

- 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 No
- Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days? Yes No

115.43 (d)

- 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 No
- 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 No

115.43 (e)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLAINE:

The agency has a policy prohibiting the placement of inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made. This policy addresses all provisions in the standard, the language in the policy meets all aspects of the standard.

This facility has had no incident where they have segregated an inmate due to being at high risk of sexual victimization.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

REPORTING

Standard 115.51: Inmate reporting

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

115.51 (a)

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

115.51 (b)

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

115.51 (c)

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

115.51 (d)

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE

The facility provides the inmates the information on reporting in the inmate handbook and through signage throughout the facility. The facility provides multiple internal ways for inmates to privately and/or anonymously report sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation by other inmates or employees for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment, and employees neglect or violation of responsibilities that may contribute to such incidents. The inmates can report directly to any staff, through the PREA reporting line to the PADOC, through the inmate request slips, or through voicemail to the PREA Coordinator. The instructions for the usage of these reporting avenues is extremely comprehensive, and the step by step usage of the reporting avenues is provided in all written materials both posted and given to the inmates. During the interviews with both staff and inmates, I confirmed that they were aware of the reporting avenues and that they can remain anonymous.

The facility website further instructs third parties on how to report. This was confirmed by viewing the facility website.

The staff interviews related that they understood the policy that states that staff shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties and shall promptly document any verbal reports. They also confirmed that all reports are forwarded to the facility investigators and the PREA Coordinator immediately.

The facility provides a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation by other inmates or employees for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment, and employees neglect or violation of responsibilities that may contribute to such incidents. Staff can report outside of the chain of command, or directly to the PREA Coordinator, Deputy Wardens, or Warden. The interviewed staff understood these reporting avenues available to them.

I found during the inmate interviews that the inmates who were interviewed felt that if something was happening, they would feel comfortable telling a staff member at the facility. This confidence in utilizing this reporting avenue shows the overall culture at the facility. Although this statement may not be true for all inmates, the agency has provided so many different reporting avenues that an inmate should feel comfortable with one of them.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during facility interviews, I found that the agency substantially exceeds the requirements of this standard and all provisions.

Standard 115.52: Exhaustion of administrative remedies

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

115.52 (a)

- 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 No

115.52 (b)

- 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.) Yes No 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.) Yes No NA

115.52 (c)

- 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 this standard.) Yes No NA
- Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) Yes No NA

115.52 (d)

- Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by inmates in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) Yes No 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.) Yes No 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.) Yes No NA

115.52 (e)

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

115.52 (f)

- 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.) Yes No 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.)
 Yes No NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) Yes No NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)
 Yes No NA
- Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) Yes No NA
- Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) Yes No NA
- Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) Yes No NA

115.52 (g)

- 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.) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility does not accept grievances related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment; therefore, this standard does not apply.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.53: Inmate access to outside confidential support services

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

115.53 (a)

- 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 No
- Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers, 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.) Yes No NA
- Does the facility enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible? Yes No

115.53 (b)

- 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 No

115.53 (c)

- Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse? Yes No

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Access to outside confidential support services is outlined in the facility policies and procedures. The inmate would have the ability to utilize the services provided through HAVIN. These services are outlined in the inmate handbook, and would be provided to inmates involved in an incident. The services that the inmates would receive are the same as the level received in the community, this was confirmed with the supervisor at HAVIN.

Through interviews I further established that follow up mental health care would be provided by the facility for any inmate victim or abuser who was involved in an incident.

The PREA Coordinator would 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. This was confirmed during interviews.

The facility has provided the contact information for HAVIN, it is unknown if they contacted the agency due to confidentiality.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.54: Third-party reporting

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

115.54 (a)

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE

The facility has established several methods to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and has distributed the information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate to the public. This information is provided through the facility website and postings in the visiting areas as well as the lobby of the facility. These methods include contact information for the PREA Coordinator and information on how to contact the PADO.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during the facility interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING AN INMATE REPORT

Standard 115.61: Staff and agency reporting duties

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

115.61 (a)

- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency? Yes No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against inmates or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? Yes No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation? Yes No

115.61 (b)

- 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 No

115.61 (c)

- Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section? Yes No
- Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services? Yes No

115.61 (d)

- If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws? Yes No

115.61 (e)

- Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) became effective on July 11, 2013. The policy addresses staff and agency reporting duties. The policy states the following:

- 1. Any offender may report acts of sexual assault/misconduct to any employee, contract employee or volunteer using available methods of communication, including but not limited to:
 - a. report the incident to a staff member;*
 - b. utilize the "locked box" formal grievance procedure; or*
 - c. use a Department-approved free confidential telephone hotline.**
- 2. Anyone that receives a report of an alleged sexual assault, whether verbally or in writing, immediately notifies the supervisor and completes a "Sexual Assault Report and Containment Checklist" (attached).*

When I interviewed the random staff, I was impressed with the answers related to staff reporting. All of the staff understood the importance of reporting, what their duties were, and how to effectively report this information. The staff also understood the internal reporting system as well as the external reporting avenues. They all understood the importance of keeping the information reported to them private as well as all applicable mandatory reporting laws.

I also reviewed all of the investigations and found that they had been reported properly and acted upon immediately.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.62: Agency protection duties

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

115.62 (a)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility policies dictate that when staff learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it shall take immediate action to protect the inmate. The staff interviewed understood their responsibility and all responded that they would immediately take appropriate steps to protect the inmate.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.63: Reporting to other confinement facilities

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

115.63 (a)

- 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 No

115.63 (b)

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

115.63 (c)

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

115.63 (d)

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Through policy the facility has established procedures and practices that meet all of the requirements of the standard and provision. These include notification by the facility head to the head of the facility where the allegation allegedly took place within 72 hours, as well as documentation of the information received and notification. The policy further states that if an allegation is received in such a manner the facility needs to notify the PREA Coordinator for investigation. I confirmed these policies and practices as well as through staff interviews.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.64: Staff first responder duties

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

115.64 (a)

- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No
- 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 No

115.64 (b)

- If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) became effective on July 11, 2013. The policy addresses Staff first responder duties. The policy states the following:

A. *Initial Report and Separation*

1. Any offender may report acts of sexual assault/misconduct to any employee, contract employee or volunteer using available methods of communication, including but not limited to:

- a. report the incident to a staff member;*
- b. utilize the "locked box" formal grievance procedure; or*
- c. use a Department-approved free confidential telephone hotline.*

2. Anyone that receives a report of an alleged sexual assault, whether verbally or in writing, immediately notifies the supervisor and completes a "Sexual Assault Report and Containment Checklist" (attached).

3. The Shift Supervisor in coordination with the Warden ensures the alleged victim and alleged suspect are physically separated, either through the placement of one or both offenders in segregation, through staff transfer of duty assignment or leave options (including suspension), or other effective means. In every case where the alleged perpetrator is an employee, there will be no contact between the alleged perpetrator and the alleged victim without the approval of the Warden. Once separated, staff will conduct preliminary interviews with offenders regarding offender on offender alleged sexual assaults and/or staff-on-offender sexual misconduct.

4. The alleged victim is immediately taken to the Medical Room for initial evaluation and any immediate first aid treatment.

During the staff interviews I found that the staff understand their duties as to responding to an incident. They all advised me that they would act immediately and make the protection of the inmate their first priority.

I reviewed the investigations that were conducted, I found that all first responders acted appropriately.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.65: Coordinated response

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

115.65 (a)

- Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility has adopted the Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) as the overall institutional plan to respond to sexual abuse incidents. This plan dictates the actions and coordination between first responders, supervisors, administration, medical, mental health and investigators. I confirmed the institutional plan through review of the plan, as well as during staff interviews. The facility has not had any investigations related to sexual abuse, but has had investigations of sexual harassment.

After a careful review of all documentation and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.66: Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers

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

115.66 (a)

- Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted? Yes No

115.66 (b)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County has entered into an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 538, who represent the correctional officers. I spoke with the shop stewards who verified that the agreement would not limit the ability of the Armstrong County Jail to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with inmates.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.67: Agency protection against retaliation

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

115.67 (a)

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

115.67 (b)

- 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 No

115.67 (c)

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff? Yes No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct

and treatment of 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 No

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation? Yes No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor any inmate disciplinary reports? Yes No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate housing changes? Yes No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate program changes? Yes No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor negative performance reviews of staff? Yes No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor reassignments of staff? Yes No
- Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need? Yes No

115.67 (d)

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

115.67 (e)

- If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation?
 Yes No

115.67 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) became effective on July 11, 2013. The policy addresses retaliation. The policy states the following:

Armstrong County Jail will not tolerate retaliation against offenders, employees, or other parties for reporting sexual misconduct. Employees that retaliate will face disciplinary action.

The PREA Coordinator would be assigned to monitor retaliation. During his interview he related he understood his responsibilities under this policy.

I reviewed the investigations and found that all required monitoring was being documented in the investigative reports.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.68: Post-allegation protective custody

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

115.68 (a)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility has established a policy that states any inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse is subject to the requirements of standard 115.43. This was confirmed through review of the policy. The audited facility did not have any inmates who suffered sexual abuse who were put into segregated housing.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

INVESTIGATIONS

Standard 115.71: Criminal and administrative agency investigations

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

115.71 (a)

- When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] Yes No NA
- Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] Yes No NA

115.71 (b)

- 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 No

115.71 (c)

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

115.71 (d)

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

115.71 (e)

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

115.71 (f)

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

- Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings? Yes No

115.71 (g)

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

115.71 (h)

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

115.71 (i)

- 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 No

115.71 (j)

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

115.71 (k)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.71 (l)

- When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) became effective on July 11, 2013. The policy addresses Criminal and Administrative Investigations. The policy states the following:

C. Investigation

(1) Criminal and Administrative Investigations

- The Armstrong County Jail will conduct their investigation in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Police (Kittanning Barracks) into the allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a prompt, thorough manner and will always be objective when investigating allegations including those that are third-party or anonymous.*
- When sexual abuse is alleged, the Pennsylvania State Police (Kittanning Barracks) will be immediately contacted by the PREA Coordinator or Administration in their absence.*
- Investigators will gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including available physical and DNA evidence and any available recorded or electronic data. Alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses shall be interviewed. All prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator will be reviewed.*
- 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 inmate or staff. The Armstrong County Jail will not require an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation.*

(2) Administrative Investigations

- The investigator shall include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failure to act contributed to the abuse.*
- Document in written reports the description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments and the investigative facts and findings.*
- Criminal investigations shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial, and documented evidence with copies attached of all documentary evidence where feasible.*
- Substantial allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal shall be referred for prosecution.*

- *The Armstrong County jail will maintain all written reports for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed plus five (5) years.*
- *Upon separation of employment with the Armstrong County Jail or release from incarceration from the Armstrong County Jail by the abuser or victim, this shall not provide a basis for terminating any investigation.*
- *When the Pennsylvania State Police investigate sexual abuse for the Armstrong County Jail, the Jail will fully cooperate and shall maintain a MOU (memorandum of understanding) with PSP/Armstrong Barracks to keep the Jail informed about the progress of the investigation.*
- *ACJ administrative investigations will be completed within 45 days.*

The Armstrong County Jail shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

(3) Investigation of Sexual Assaults Occurring More than 24 Hours Prior

If the alleged sexual assault is reported or discovered more than 24 hours after the incident, the following steps are taken by the Shift Supervisor:

- If feasible, secure the alleged crime scene, as forensic evidence may exist.*
- Place the alleged victim in an environment to assure safety and security.*
- Place the alleged offender suspect, if known, in segregation or if a staff member, ensure separation from the victim.*

The Armstrong County Jail conducts administrative investigations, and the Pennsylvania State Police investigate any criminal act within the facility.

I found the PREA investigators to be well versed in their duties as too the administrative investigation, and more importantly the understanding of when the investigation takes on a possible criminal element they immediately contact the State Police.

I reviewed all of the investigations and found that they were conducted immediately and by the proper authorities.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.72: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

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

115.72 (a)

- Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility has policies that states there shall not be any standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. During the investigation review and investigator interviews I verified that they are applying preponderance of evidence to make a determination.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard and all provisions.

Standard 115.73: Reporting to inmates

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

115.73 (a)

- 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 No

115.73 (b)

- 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.) Yes No NA

115.73 (c)

- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, 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 inmate whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit? Yes No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, 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 inmate whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility? Yes No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, 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 inmate whenever:

The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility? Yes No

- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, 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 inmate whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? Yes No

115.73 (d)

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

115.73 (e)

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

115.73 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) became effective on July 11, 2013. The policy addresses reporting to inmates. The policy states the following:

Reporting to Inmates

The Armstrong County Jail will, after an investigation is complete, notify the inmate as to whether:

- *The allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded*
- *If the Armstrong County Jail did not conduct the investigation, they will request the PSP/Armstrong Barracks to advise the inmate.*

The PREA Coordinator understands his obligation on reporting to inmates after an investigation has been conducted.

I reviewed the investigations conducted and found that the inmates had been notified in writing of the outcome of the investigation.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

DISCIPLINE

Standard 115.76: Disciplinary sanctions for staff

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

115.76 (a)

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

115.76 (b)

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

115.76 (c)

- Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories? Yes No

115.76 (d)

- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)? Yes No
- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility has policy in place that address staff discipline for a violation of any provision of their Prison Rape Elimination Act policy, as well as any other policy that governs staff conduct. I confirmed the utilization of the discipline through review of the investigations, and staff interviews.

The audited facility has not disciplined any staff member within the last 12 months for a violation of these policies.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.77: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

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

115.77 (a)

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

115.77 (b)

- In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility has policy in place that addresses corrective action for volunteers and contractors who violate of any provision of their Prison Rape Elimination Act policy, as well as any other policy that governs conduct. I confirmed the utilization of the discipline through review of the investigations and staff interviews.

The audited facility has not disciplined any volunteers and contractors within the last 12 months for a violation of these policies.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.78: Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

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

115.78 (a)

- 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 No

115.78 (b)

- 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 No

115.78 (c)

- 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 No

115.78 (d)

- If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits? Yes No

115.78 (e)

- 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 No

115.78 (f)

- For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation? Yes No

115.78 (g)

- 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 No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility has policy in place that addresses discipline for inmates who violate any provision of their Prison Rape Elimination Act policy, as well as any other policy that governs inmate conduct. I confirmed the utilization of the discipline through review of the investigations and staff interviews.

The audited facility has disciplined two inmates within the last 12 months for a violation of these policies.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the agency is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE

Standard 115.81: Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse

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

115.81 (a)

- 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 No NA

115.81 (b)

- 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 No NA

115.81 (c)

- 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? Yes No

115.81 (d)

- 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 No

115.81 (e)

- Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The agency has policies in place that address the provisions of this standard. As previously stated under standard 115.41 the medical department does a second screening of the inmates and asks questions relative to sexual victimization as well as sexual abusiveness. If it is found that any inmate has experienced either they will be scheduled for an evaluation with a mental health practitioner within 14 days. I confirmed these evaluations with the medical and mental health personnel as well as during the inmate interviews.

All medical records are kept secure and are only available to medical and mental health personnel.

I confirmed compliance with the standard through the review of inmate medical files, staff interviews and inmate interviews.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.82: Access to emergency medical and mental health services

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

115.82 (a)

- 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 No

115.82 (b)

- If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.62? Yes No
- Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners? Yes No

115.82 (c)

- 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 No

115.82 (d)

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?
 Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) became effective on July 11, 2013. The policy addresses access to emergency medical and mental health services. The policy states the following:

D. Victim Services Provided

Victim services, including but not limited to, medical treatment, mental health/crisis intervention, and counseling will be provided at no cost to the victim. However, should the allegation be found to be unsubstantiated or unfounded, the alleged victim may be responsible for restitution for services provided.

- 1. The Warden, or designee, will develop procedures for providing victim services to offenders who allege that they are victims of sexual acts or contact or staff sexual misconduct or harassment, services will include, at minimum:*
 - a. medical examination, documentation, and treatment of injuries;*
 - b. mental health crisis intervention and treatment; and*
 - c. social, family, and peer support.*
- 2. Staff will adhere to the following standards for examination of victims of sexual acts or staff sexual misconduct:*
 - a. if the victim refuses medical or mental health attention, staff will document the refusal on the Medical Treatment Refusal form;*
 - b. if reported within 24 hours of the incident, staff will, with the victim's permission, immediately transport the victim to a medical facility equipped to evaluate and treat sexual assault/rape victims; and*
 - c. if reported more than 24 hours after the incident, staff will, with the victim's permission, adhere to the following:*
 - 1) refer victims to in house health care providers responsible for treatment and follow up care for sexually transmitted or other communicable diseases, completing a patient history, and conducting an examination to document the extent of physical injury and determine whether referral to another medical facility is required; and*

2) upon request from law enforcement, transport the victim to a community medical facility for evidence collection.

3) Mental health staff or established outside providers will provide services, e.g., crisis intervention and trauma-specific treatment, for offenders victimized by sexual acts or contact or staff sexual misconduct or harassment and for offenders affected other than the victimized offender.

The facility has the policies in place for emergency medical and mental health services. These services are offered to any inmate who reports sexual abuse or sexual harassment. I confirmed that these services are offered with both the PREA Coordinator and medical supervisor.

When reviewing the investigations, I found that all of the alleged victims were offered these services, although none of them accepted.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during both the agency level and the facility level interviews, I found that the agency is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

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

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

115.83 (a)

- 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 No

115.83 (b)

- Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody? Yes No

115.83 (c)

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

115.83 (d)

- 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.*) Yes No NA

115.83 (e)

- 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.*) Yes No NA

115.83 (f)

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

115.83 (g)

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident? Yes No

115.83 (h)

- 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 No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The medical personnel ensure that victims of sexual assault receive prompt and appropriate medical follow up treatment. The nature and scope are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment.

The policy further states that prophylactic treatment and testing is offered to the patient, as well as follow up care for sexually transmitted or other communicable diseases. An evaluation by a mental health provider is completed for crisis intervention counseling and long term follow up plans.

The above services are offered at no financial cost to the inmate. These policies and procedures were confirmed with the medical and mental health staff during interviews.

In the past 12 months these services have not been utilized nor has any incident rose to the level where they would be needed.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW

Standard 115.86: Sexual abuse incident reviews

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

115.86 (a)

- Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded? Yes No

115.86 (b)

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

115.86 (c)

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

115.86 (d)

- Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse? Yes No
- Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility? Yes No
- Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse? Yes No
- Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts? Yes No
- Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff? Yes No
- Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.86(d)(1) - (d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager? Yes No

115.86 (e)

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) became effective on July 11, 2013. The policy addresses sexual abuse incident reviews. The policy states the following:

XI. INCIDENT REVIEW DATA COLLECTION AND COMPILATION

Within 30 days of the conclusion of an investigation a sexual abuse incident review will be conducted. This review will be conducted on all investigations, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. The review team will include at a minimum the Warden, Deputy Warden and the PREA Coordinator. The review shall:

- (1) Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse;*
- (2) Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility;*
- (3) Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse;*
- (4) Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts;*
- (5) Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff; and*
- (6) Prepare a report of its findings and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager.*

The recommendations from the incident review shall be implemented.

During the interview with the PREA Coordinator he informed me that the incidents are reviewed. I found that the administration meets regularly to discuss any issues with in the facility and take appropriate action.

The incident review is documented within the investigative report. During the review of the reports I found that all incidents have been reviewed and documented.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during both the agency level and the facility level interviews, I found that the agency is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.87: Data collection

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

115.87 (a)

- Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions? Yes No

115.87 (b)

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

115.87 (c)

- Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice? Yes No

115.87 (d)

- Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews? Yes No

115.87 (e)

- 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.) Yes No NA

115.87 (f)

- Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The agency has established policies that address all provision of this standard. The agency utilizes data collection instrument utilized to collect all sexual abuse data.

Compliance was confirmed through review of completed data collection instruments and staff interviews.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.88: Data review for corrective action

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

115.88 (a)

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant 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: Identifying problem areas? Yes No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant 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: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis? Yes No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant 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? Yes No

115.88 (b)

- Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse Yes No

115.88 (c)

- Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means? Yes No

115.88 (d)

- Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

Armstrong County Jail Policy and Procedure Policy# 3-19 Section Medical Subject: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) became effective on July 11, 2013. The policy addresses data collection. The policy states the following:

DATA COLLECTION AND COMPILATION

Armstrong County Jail shall collect information related to the purposes outlined at the beginning of this policy; specifically to gather data that will help Armstrong County Prison reduce the risk that sexual assault and/or sexual activity would occur within the facility.

This data will be compiled into monthly and annual reports for the purposes of:

- 1. Establish a baseline of data documenting the prevalence of incidents involving sexual assault and sexual activity, as gleaned from all available sources; including misconduct reports, Extraordinary Occurrence Reports, and reports to the Rape Crisis Hotline;*
- 2. Provide information to DOC Director of Prison Inspections Office concerning where efforts are needed for the improvement of institutional operations related to the reduction of sexual assault and sexual activity;*
- 3. Document that there is accountability for those who perpetrate sexual assault or sexual activity by tracking:*
 - a. The adjudication of misconduct reports related to sexual assault and sexual activity, including the disposition of each case;*
 - b. The status of investigations conducted concerning suspected incidents of sexual assault and/or sexual activity; and*
 - c. Referrals of sexual assault or sexual activity cases for prosecution, including the status and outcome of such efforts within the judicial system.*
- 4. Document that victims of sexual assault receive appropriate follow-up care as outlined in this policy, Victim Services, including data related to each of the steps listed in that section;*
- 5. Compile information, collected directly from the inmate population by means of various survey methods, which relates to the prevalence of sexual assault and/or sexual activity within the institutions, including the circumstances that contribute to this kind of behavior, in order to provide insight into potential strategies for its reduction or elimination.*

The data being collected is reviewed by the administration at the facility. I was informed by both the Warden and PREA Coordinator that if a trend was noticed, they would put into place an immediate corrective action plan.

While reviewing the investigations I did not identify any trends or issues that would call for immediate action. The agency may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted.

I reviewed the 2016 through 2019 reports and found no trends in the facility. All personal identifiers have been removed.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.89: Data storage, publication, and destruction

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

115.89 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?
 Yes No

115.89 (b)

- Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means? Yes No

115.89 (c)

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

115.89 (d)

- 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 No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility has a policy in place that addresses the provisions of this standard. I found that the agency digitally securely retains all data collected, this data is available to the public through the website.

The annual reports are published on the website. All personal identifiers have been removed from the reports.

The agency has a policy in place that maintains all sexual abuse data for at least 10 years from the date received.

Staff interviews and review of the annual reports further confirmed this procedure.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits

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

115.401 (a)

- During the prior three-year audit period, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (*Note: The response here is purely informational. A "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.*) Yes No

115.401 (b)

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

115.401 (h)

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

115.401 (i)

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

115.401 (m)

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

115.401 (n)

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The facility was audited during the auditing cycle from August 20, 2016, and August 20, 2019.

During the audit process I was able to receive copies of all relevant documentation, conduct private interviews with staff and inmates, tour the complete facility, and receive confidential correspondence from both inmates and staff.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings

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

115.403 (f)

- The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports. 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 that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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

EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

The agency has published all final audit reports on their website, this was confirmed by navigating to the page on the website and reviewing all of the audit reports.

After a careful review of all documentation, and the information received during interviews, I found that the facility is substantially compliant with the requirements of this standard, and all provisions.

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

- The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review, and
- I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

Patrick J. Zirpoli

July 3, 2020

Auditor Signature

Date