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Annual PREA Assessment 2017

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Introduction of PREA

The Prison Rape Elimination Act was signed into law in 2003. PREA was the first law of its kind addressing prison sexual abuse. The final standards were signed in May 2012 and became effective in August 2012. There are 44 standards for adult prison/jails and 40 standards for the community confinement facilities. Every three years all facilities are required to be audited. The standards address such issues as prevention, detection and response.

NDCS has a zero tolerance policy regarding sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates and staff within our 10 facilities. Inmates and staff are educated on the reporting, detecting and preventing of sexual assault and sexual abuse and have an obligation to report all incidents.

Inmates are offered several ways in which to report the allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment. They are able to report directly to any staff member, make a call to the PREA hotline, write a letter, submit an Inmate Interview Request form, call the ombudsman's office, file a grievance, tell a trusted third party such as a family member or friend. Inmates are also able to have family members or friends report incidents on the NDCS website.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services requires that all inmates who enter the system go through an orientation within their initial 30 days of arrival. Staff members, volunteers and contractors receive information and training on the department's zero tolerance policy and how to prevent, detect and respond to allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment or retaliation for reporting incidents during Pre-service training.

Each year all staff members are required to attend in-service training in which they receive refresher training and updates relative to PREA.

Assessment of NDCS's Progress

NDCS will continue to work towards remaining PREA compliant. The PREA coordinator continues to meet quarterly with the 10 facility compliance managers. Information regarding PREA has been made available on the NDCS website.

NDCS continues to actively participate in the audit process. NDCS is currently in contract with Truecore Behavioral Solutions from Florida. All 10 facilities are scheduled for audits throughout the 3 year cycle 2017-2019.

NDCS continues to maintain a zero tolerance standard for all forms of sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and retaliation for reporting such incidents. The department continues to provide training and information to staff and inmates in an attempt to prevent, detect and respond to all allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and retaliation.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence continues to work together to provide inmates with support after an assault.

Goals for 2018

- Continue to work with Truecore Behavioral Solutions with the audit process. All facilities are scheduled for external audit for the 3 year cycle 2017-2019
- Review and update inmate educational material.
- Review and update staff education material.
- Review and update Administrative regulations
 - Sexual assault and abuse AR 203.11
 - Identification of Potential Aggressors and victims AR 201.13
- Continue to work towards the PREA field training program scheduled for 2019
- PREA Coordinator and Compliance managers attending the PREA Resource Center investigations course March 28-30 2018.
- Conduct at least 2 PREA investigator courses for 2018.
- Continue to work with the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic violence.
- Continue to work with the Nebraska Statewide Coordinator Response Team.

Facility Audit Cycle 2017-2019

Facility	Last completed Audit	Next Scheduled Audit
Work Ethic Camp	April 25-26 2017 In full compliance	upon contract renewal
Nebraska Correctional Center for Women	April 12-14 2016	October 23-24 2018
Diagnostic and Evaluation Center	July 12-13 2017 In full compliance	upon contract renewal
Lincoln Correctional Center	July 10-11 2017 In full compliance	upon contract renewal
Community Correctional Center – Lincoln	June 14 2016	May 22-23 2019
Nebraska State Penitentiary	August 25-27 2015	July 9-10 2018
Omaha Correctional Center	October 16-18 2017 In full compliance	upon contract renewal
Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility	October 18- 19 2017 In full compliance	upon contract renewal
Community Correctional Center – Omaha	June 13-2016	May 20-21 2019
Tecumseh State Correctional Institution	July 26-28 2016	October 25-26 2018

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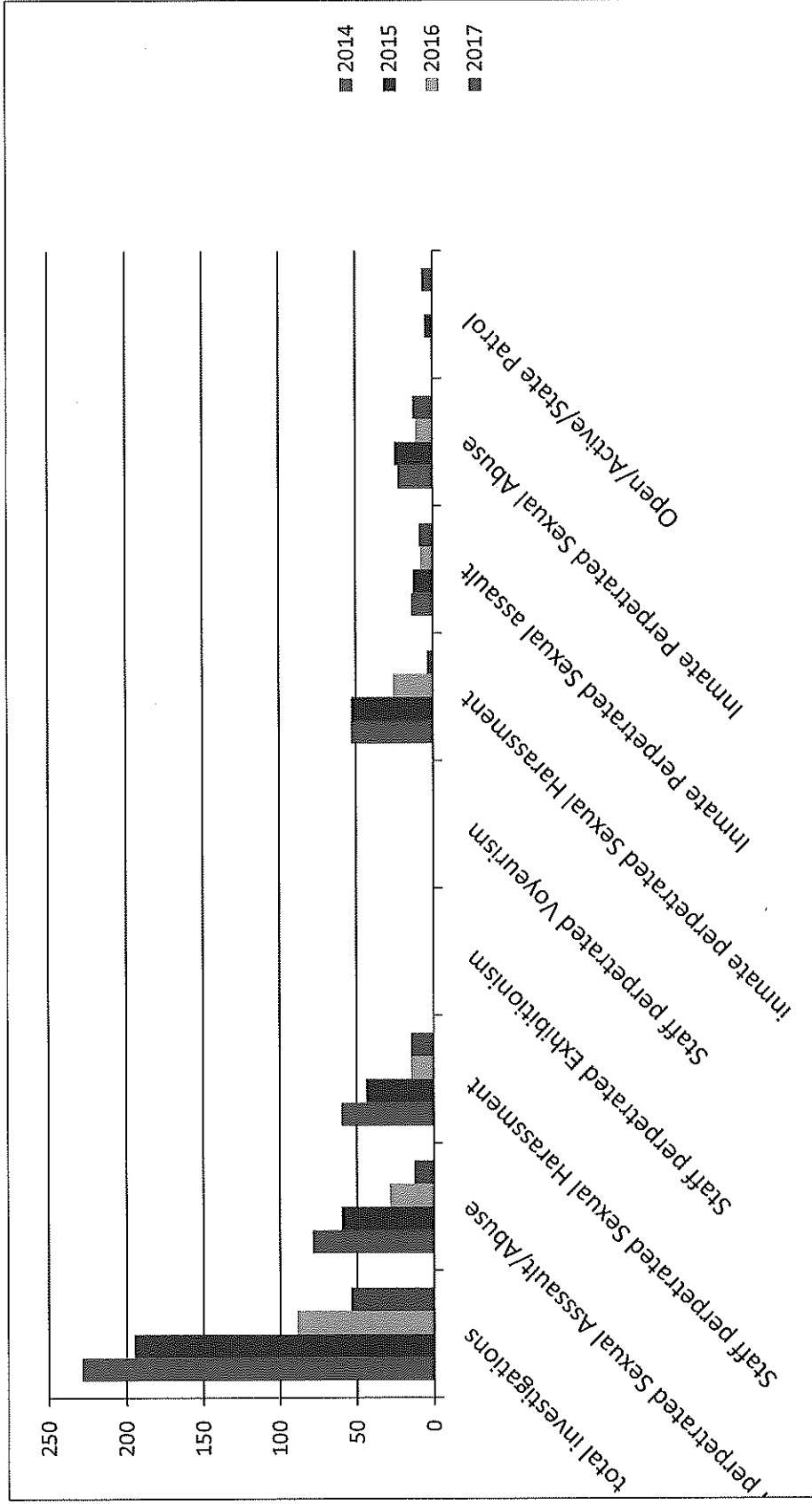
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PREA INVESTIGATIONS

Total Investigations	Number
Substantiated	8
Unsubstantiated	26
Unfounded	13
Open/Active	7
Total number of investigations	54
Staff Perpetrated Sexual Assault	Number
Substantiated	1
Unsubstantiated	1
Unfounded	2
Open/Active	1
Total	5
Staff Perpetrated Sexual Abuse	Number
Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	3
Unfounded	4
Open/Active	0
Total	7
Staff Perpetrated Exhibitionism	Number
Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	0
Unfounded	0
Open/Active	0
Total	0
Staff Perpetrated Voyeurism	Number
Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	0
Unfounded	0
Open/Active	0
Total	0
Staff Perpetrated Sexual Harassment	Number
Substantiated	2
Unsubstantiated	11
Unfounded	1
Open/Active	1
Total	15
Inmate Perpetrated Sexual Assault	Number
Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	4
Unfounded	2
Open/Active	4
Total	(4 -State Patrol) 10

Inmate Perpetrated Sexual Abuse	Number
Substantiated	2
Unsubstantiated	6
Unfounded	4
Open/Active	1
Total	13
Inmate Perpetrated Sexual Harassment	Number
Substantiated	2
Unsubstantiated	2
Unfounded	0
Open/Active	0
Total	4
County Attorney Referrals	Number
Referred to County Attorney for prosecution	2
Staff perpetrated sexual assault	1
Inmate perpetrated sexual assault	1

All numbers are submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice in the Survey for Sexual Victimization



Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

NDCS has partnered with Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (Coalition) to provide our inmates a resource that will allow them to discuss any victimization they may have encountered. On April 11, 2016, a toll-free telephone line was launched providing NDCS inmate's access to a victim advocate. Calls are confidential and provide the inmate with options available after an assault. The advocate is available to provide safety planning, talk about feelings and discuss different ways to cope.

The Coalition has also been providing support to those that have been sent out to hospitals for medical exams. Prior to the inmate being transported the advocate is contacted and arrangements are made to meet the inmate at the hospital. The advocate will then remain with the inmate during the process and will continue to follow up as long as the inmate accepts.

Quarter	Victims Served	Crisis line Calls	Contacts Made
Jan-March 2017	27	6	28
April-June 2017	32	42	139
July-Sept 2017	16	61	61
Oct-Dec 2017	51	45	66
Total	126	154	294

Some victims request services every month. The Numbers in the victim served column may be duplicate victims.

The Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed and signed on August 24, 2017

Nebraska Statewide Coordinated Response Team (CRT)

The Nebraska CRT is a group of professionals representing both state agency and provider organizations committed to achieving the group's vision and mission.

Vision

"We envision coordinated and collaborative responses to domestic and sexual violence throughout the state, focused on victim safety and offender accountability"

Mission

"The mission of the Nebraska State CRT is to foster the development and sustainability of effective local and statewide responses to domestic and sexual violence. This will be accomplished by offering guidance and resources based on model standards and practices, while recognizing each community's accomplishments, expertise, and needs.

CRT members will consist of:

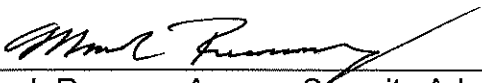
- State agencies.
- Statewide organizations that work with the local level groups
- A quorum will be represented by a simple majority.

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services PREA Coordinator represents the department with the Nebraska CRT. Meetings are held in odd months throughout the year.

The Memorandum of understanding was reviewed and signed on November 30, 2017

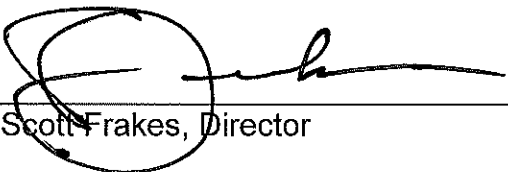
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Additional information is located in the institutional specific 2017 PREA Assessment.