



Scotts Bluff County

Detention Center

Annual PREA Data Review for Corrective Action - § 115.88

November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021

In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act [PREA] Standard §115.89 (b):

The Scotts Bluff County Detention Center [SBCDC] will ensure that required sexual abuse data is used to identify problem areas, and to take ongoing corrective action to improve the prevention, detection and response policies and practices of the facility.

SBCDC will prepare an annual report for the facility on the prevalence of sexual abuse and provide this report to the public through the agency website or other means thus ensuring transparency. Comparing the current year's data with data from prior years and providing an assessment of the facility's progress in promoting accountability.

Standard 115.87 – Data Collection

- a) The SBCDC shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions.
- b) The agency shall aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually.
- c) The incident-based data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.
- d) The agency shall maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.
- e) The agency also shall obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates.
- f) Upon request, the agency shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.

Standard 115.88 – Corrective Action

- a) The agency shall 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:
 - 1) Identifying problem areas;
 - 2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
 - 3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.
- b) Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
- c) The agency's report shall be 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.
- d) 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.



The SBCDC continues to modify and improve the way it handles PREA education, complaints and investigations. During 2018, SBCDC underwent a full PREA Compliance audit by certified Auditor Chris Sweney. As a result, many changes were made to policies and procedures to further improve the way sexual assaults are detected and investigated.

During 2018, the PREA Coordinator successfully completed the National Institute of Corrections [NIC] Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting along with Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting: Advanced Investigations courses, to ensure that best practices for PREA investigations and record keeping are maintained.

In November 2020 through October 2021, there were a total of 13 reports filed by inmates at SBCDC complaining of sexual abuse that fall within the scope of PREA, as detailed below:

#	REPORTED	VICTIM	ACCUSED	COMPLAINT	LOCATION	DISPOSITION
1	05/23/2021	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Housing Unit	Substantiated
2	05/25/2021	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Housing Unit	Substantiated
3	06/09/2021	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Housing Unit	Substantiated
4	08/24/2021	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Housing Unit	Unfounded
5	01/20/2021	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Housing Unit	Unfounded
6	01/17/2021	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Housing Unit	Unsubstantiated
7	09/07/2021	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Abuse	Housing Unit	Unfounded
8	10/18/2021	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Housing Dorm	Unsubstantiated
9	11/18/2020	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Housing Unit	Unfounded
10	12/2/2020	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Kitchen (Duty)	Unfounded
11	12/12/2020	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Housing Unit	Unsubstantiated
12	11/01/2020	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Abuse	Med Unit	Substantiated

Per PREA §115.5 definitions of dispositions are:

- **Substantiated allegation:** means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.
- **Unsubstantiated allegation:** means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.
- **Unfounded allegation:** means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

In comparison to last year's data, there was a decrease in reports meeting the criteria set forth by PREA. In 2019 there were 18 reports meeting the criteria set forth by PREA compared to 12 in 2020 - 2021. No cases were reported to staff as having occurred outside the facility. Of the 18 cases, 6 were Substantiated, 4 were Unsubstantiated, 6 were Unfounded, and 2 involving staff were also Unfounded. The number of sexual harassment cases was 17 and 1 sexual abuse case; the high number in reporting could be attributed to several factors including inmate PREA education and awareness.

In 2020 - 2021, there were 0 reports of sexual assault at the facility and the number of reports decreased to 12. The number of sexual harassment reports decreased to 11, down from 17 in 2019. The decrease in cases can be credited to a couple factors including inmates having a better understanding of PREA and staff enforcing the Zero Tolerance Policy.

After reviewing all reports, it is concluded that all cases were investigated properly and in accordance with the SBCDC's policy and the PREA Rule.

Note: To ensure the safety and security of this facility information identifying victims or suspects and specific locations within the facility has been redacted from this report. (PREA Standard 115.88(d))