

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

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Agency Information

Name of Agency: North Carolina Department of Public Safety		Governing Authority or Parent Agency (If Applicable):	
Physical Address: 512 N. Salisbury Street		City, State, Zip: Raleigh, North Carolina 27604	
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Telephone: (919) 825-2754		Is Agency accredited by any organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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 type="checkbox"/> County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal

Agency mission: The mission of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) is to safeguard and preserve the lives and property of the people of North Carolina through prevention, protection and preparation with integrity and honor. Their goals: Prevent: NCDPS is the model for preventing and reducing crime. Protect: North Carolina is safe for living, working and visiting. Prepare: NCDPS is a leader in public safety readiness, communication and coordination. Perform: NCDPS excels in every facet of their work – Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, National Guard, Adult Correction, Juvenile Justice and Quality of Administrative Services. People: NCDPS values each other like family. NCDPS’s vision: to provide the finest safety and security services for all North Carolinians.

Agency Website with PREA Information: <https://www.ncdps.gov>

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Facility Information

Name of Facility:	Alexander Correctional Institution		
Physical Address:	633 Old Landfill Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681		
Mailing Address (if different than above):			
Telephone Number:	(828) 632-1331		
The Facility Is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
Facility Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Jail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prison	

Facility Mission: “Committed to a Safer North Carolina” is the North Carolina Division of Adult & Juvenile Facilities’ Vision Statement. Alexander Correctional Institution is committed to upholding this vision and also its Mission to “protect the public by providing a safe, secure and humane environment and offering services that prepare offenders for transition into society.”

Facility Website with PREA Information: <https://www.ncdps.gov>

Warden/Superintendent

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Facility Characteristics

Designated Facility Capacity: 1252	Current Population of Facility: 1205
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months	1824
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more:	1396

Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:		545	
Number of inmates on date of audit who were admitted to facility prior to August 20, 2012:		33	
Age Range of Population:	Youthful Inmates Under 18: 0	Adults: 20+	
Are youthful inmates housed separately from the adult population?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	
Number of youthful inmates housed at this facility during the past 12 months:		NA	
Average length of stay or time under supervision:		NA	
Facility security level/inmate custody levels:		Close and Minimum Custody	
Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with inmates:		500	
Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with inmates:		89	
Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with inmates:		59	
Physical Plant			
Number of Buildings: 2		Number of Single Cell Housing Units: 994	
Number of Multiple Occupancy Cell Housing Units:		0	
Number of Open Bay/Dorm Housing Units:		3	
Number of Segregation Cells (Administrative and Disciplinary):		112	
Description of any video or electronic monitoring technology (including any relevant information about where cameras are placed, where the control room is, retention of video, etc.):			
Alexander Correctional Institution is equipped with approximately one hundred and ninety-nine (199) video security cameras. Staff may view the images from these cameras via video monitors located in Control Rooms and in certain offices. Within the security camera system, there are (9) tilt/pan/zoom (TPZ) cameras. Staff may adjust these cameras by use of a camera controller to allow for different view angles. The institution is equipped with an "Exacq Vision" brand video recording system that allows for the viewing and recording of video images from designated computer stations. Footage is stored on the system for an average of 60 days.			
Medical			
Type of Medical Facility:		Medical Clinic – 24/7 days a week nursing	
Forensic sexual assault medical exams are conducted at:		Catawba Valley Medical Center (CVMC)	
Other			
Number of volunteers and individual contractors, who may have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:		594	
Number of investigators the agency currently employs to investigate allegations of sexual abuse:		20	

Audit Findings

Audit Narrative

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

The PREA audit of the Alexander Correctional Institution (Alexander CI) was conducted on March 19-21, 2018 by Dorothy Xanos, US DOJ Dual Certified PREA Auditor. The audit begins with the notification of the on-site audit that was posted by February 5, 2018, six weeks prior to the date of the on-site audit. The facility's last PREA audit was on May 10-11, 2016. The posting of the notices were verified during the tour and verified by a memorandum received on the USB flash drive from the Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager (PCM). The notices were posted in various locations throughout the facility including the administration building, the hallway to the (2) dining halls, entrance to all housing units and restrictive housing. Also, notices were posted in the Minimum Custody Unit (administration and bulletin board located in entrance to dormitories). This auditor did not receive any communication from the staff but did receive one (1) letter from an inmate as a result of the posted notices. The Pre-Audit Questionnaire, policies, procedures, and supporting documentation for all forty-three (43) standards were received by February 19, 2018. The documentation was uploaded to a USB flash drive and it was organized, highlighted and easy to navigate, however the information in regard to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documentation did not sufficiently address thirteen (13) standards. The supporting documentation for the thirteen (13) standards was provided to this auditor during the on-site and after the on-site visit to the facility.

A conference call was conducted prior to the site visit with the Correctional Facility Administrator, Correctional Assistant Superintendent III and Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager (PCM) to review the schedule and discuss the information to be sent to this auditor prior to the site visit. The Correctional Captain III/PCM sent the documentation to this auditor prior to arrival to the facility. Also a number of supporting documents were provided during the on-site visit to address the deficiencies and are summarized in this report under the related standards.

The on-site audit was conducted on March 19-21, 2018. An entrance briefing was conducted with the Correctional Facility Administrator, Assistant Correctional Superintendent for Programs II, Correctional Assistant Superintendent V, Correctional Assistant Superintendent III, Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager (PCM), RN Nurse Supervisor III and Region Security Coordinator. During the entrance briefing, it was explained the audit process and a tentative schedule for three (3) days to include conducting interviews with the staff and inmates and reviewing the documentation. A complete guided tour of the entire facility was conducted including the administrative and program offices, multipurpose areas, kitchen/dining areas, visitation area, education & vocation areas, gymnasium, medical area, (4) housing units, restrictive housing unit, and Minimum Custody Unit (MCU). During the facility tour, there were six (6) areas (administration – records room, warehouse storage area, warehouse – canteen area & MCU building – medical records area, an office, and laundry area) identified as having blind spots. Alexander CI's Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager (PCM) provided this auditor with the documentation (pictures) confirming the corrections had been completed after the on-site visit.

Also during the tour, inmates were observed to be under constant supervision of the staff while involved in various activities. The facility was clean and well maintained. Notification of the PREA audit was posted in all locations throughout the facility as well as postings informing inmates of the telephone numbers to call and report sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to call the victim advocate for emotional support services but the information was limited. This auditor reviewed the log books that contained PREA related documentation (unannounced rounds) and observed cameras and the video surveillance system which enhances their capabilities to assist in monitoring blind spots and the review of incidents. There were no cameras installed in the shower/toileting area so inmates are not seen on the surveillance system while showering or toileting, but can be viewed by male staff as they supervise the shower area. During the facility tour, it was observed that the medical inmate bathroom, kitchen inmate bathroom, warehouse inmate bathroom, the shower areas in the male housing units (Green and Blue), restrictive housing unit (Red) and two (2) dormitories located in MCU did not allow for privacy. The housing units' shower/bathroom areas including the two (2) dormitories in MCU, the medical inmate bathroom, the kitchen inmate bathroom and warehouse inmate bathroom were corrected after the on-site visit. The Correctional Captain III/PCM provided this auditor with the documentation (pictures) confirming the corrections had been completed.

During the three (3) day on-site visit, there were a total of 1205 close and minimum custody inmates in the facility. Forty-four (44) inmates were randomly selected from four (4) close custody housing units including restrictive housing and three (3) minimum custody dormitories with an inmate list provided by the Correctional Captain III/PCM for the interview process. However, thirty-five (35) inmates were formally and informally interviewed and the other nine (9) inmates declined to see this auditor. There were two (2) inmates who met one (1) of the identified categories in accordance with the PREA Standards. The required category is inmate who identified as Transgender or Intersex. The facility did not have any other inmates identified in the other required categories i.e. Limited English Proficient (LEP), Lesbian, Gay or Bi-sexual, inmate with a cognitive disability; youthful inmate; inmate in restricted housing for high risk of sexual victimization, physical disability (Blind, Deaf or Hard of Hearing), who reported sexual abuse, and who reported sexual victimization during risk screening. All inmate interviews indicated they were well informed of their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment using several ways of communication such as trusted staff, administrative staff, the hot line and the grievance process.

The community victims' advocacy service and telephone number is available to the inmates located in the housing units. There is evidence of Alexander CI's Correctional Facility Administrator obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shelter Home of Caldwell County dated 2/12/18 to provide free confidential crisis intervention and emotional support services related to sexual abuse or assault for the inmates at the facility. Also, this community victims' advocate service provides the toll-free telephone number and forensic medical examinations at no financial cost to the victim. Catawba Valley Medical Center (SANE certified) provides the emergency services at no financial cost to the victim. Also, this auditor interviewed via telephone a representative from Shelter Home of Caldwell County during the on-site visit. She indicated there had been no calls from inmates in the past twelve (12) months requesting emotional support services related to a fear of sexual abuse that may occur at the facility.

Thirty-four (34) staff from both close and minimum custody were formally interviewed including (18) staff from both shifts (supervisory and floor staff), (3) medical and mental health staff, (1) first responder, (1) staff supervising restrictive housing, (2) volunteer/contractor, Correctional Facility Administrator, Correctional Captain III/PCM, (1) staff charged with monitoring retaliation, (1) upper level management, human resources, facility investigator, (2) risk screening and intake staff and incident review team staff were interviewed during the three (3) days of the on-site visit and several days after the on-site visit. Additionally, interviews were conducted via telephone with the NCDPS Secretary's representative and NCDPS PREA Coordinator prior to the on-site visit. Overall, the interviews revealed

the staff is knowledgeable of the PREA standards and were able to articulate their responsibilities and their mandated duty to report.

At the end of the third day, an exit briefing with a summary of the findings was conducted with the Correctional Facility Administrator, Assistant Correctional Superintendent for Programs II, Correctional Assistant Superintendent V, Correctional Assistant Superintendent III and Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager (PCM). At the exit debriefing, it was discussed additional documentation was required for seven (7) standards and it was determined this information would be sent to this auditor within the next three (3) weeks to be in compliance with all the PREA standards. The requested information was sent to this auditor by the Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager prior to the submission of this report. This auditor reviewed all requested information and this facility is in full compliance with the PREA Standards. The final PREA report was begun on April 30, 2018, however the report was delayed due to an unforeseen illness of the auditor.

Facility Characteristics

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

Alexander Correctional Institution (Alexander CI) is a facility located in Taylorsville, North Carolina governed by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety prisons (NCDPS). The facility is a close and minimum custody prison for adult males. The facility has a designed capacity of 1252 inmates. The facility opened in 2004 and is one of six 1000-bed single-cell Close Custody prisons built in the state. In 2007, a Correction Enterprise plant that produces wood product items and upholstered furniture began operation in the vocational space within the facility. The facility's physical plant is comprised of two (2) secure compounds that are entirely separate from each other surrounded by two (2) separate perimeter security fences.

The close custody physical plant is comprised of two (2) buildings with a built-in electronic intrusion detection system alerts armed correctional officers at the prison gatehouse and in roving patrols for escape attempts. The first building is a check point where everyone entering into the facility undergoes security clearance. The second building consists of the administrative area comprised of administration offices, conference rooms, training and training classrooms, master control area, visitation area, inmate receiving area with holding cells and bathroom/shower area, sally port area, kitchen with two (2) dining areas, chemical closet, dry storage, walk-in cooler/freezer area, medical including waiting area and dental area, program area with offices, chapel/library, diagnostic area including mental health and case management offices and a waiting area with bathroom, file room area, warehouse and maintenance area, security area with offices and control room, commissary area in each housing unit with an exterior window to the hallway, nine (9) recreation areas for varied populations (general, processing, regular & restrictive), gymnasium, testing area, vocational and academic classrooms, and storage areas throughout the facility.

There are four (4) housing units containing a day room, correctional tables/chairs, single cells with bunk beds including toilet/sink and shower areas. The restrictive housing unit has a day room, correctional tables/chairs, single cells with toilet/sink and shower areas. All housing units had mail boxes, grievance/visitation/telephone boxes located near the entrance to each pod and in the hallway of the

two (2) dining room areas. Inmates are assigned to one of four housing units: Blue Unit houses inmates with chronic health issues, new admissions into the institution, inmates being released from restricted housing or control status, and inmates assigned to unit-specific jobs; Red Unit for security risk group, restricted housing for administrative and disciplinary purposes, and inmates assigned to the Correctional Enterprise furniture plant, specific and restricted housing janitorial jobs; Green Unit for inmates on internal work assignments and those assigned to educational classes; Restrictive Housing Unit for inmates assigned to the Therapeutic Diversion Unit and restricted housing for control purposes. The PREA information was posted on the bulletin boards located in each pod within the housing units.

The minimum custody unit has a designed capacity of 252 inmates. There is a secure entrance into the lobby area, administrative offices, control room, medical area, laundry area, kitchen/dining area, kitchen storage, (2) classrooms, break room, library, recreation area, and storage throughout the building. The housing unit contains three (3) open-bay dormitories with bunk beds, day rooms, telephones, table & chairs, and shower/bathroom areas. The PREA and facility information is located on the bulletins board in each dormitory. The mail boxes and grievance/visitation/telephone boxes are located in a central location outside of the housing unit.

Alexander Correctional Institution (Alexander CI) staffed with four hundred and fifty-three (453) full-time and part-time employees including medical, mental health staff and there are various groups providing religious services to inmates. The staff consisted of: Correctional Facility Administrator, Assistant Correctional Superintendent for Programs II, Correctional Assistant Superintendent V, Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager (PCM), (3) Correctional Captain II, (9) Correctional Lieutenant II, (21) Correctional Sergeant I & II, (268) Correctional Officers I, II & III, (13) Correctional Case Managers, (10) Correctional Housing Manager I & II, Correctional Training Specialist, Institution Classification Coordinator, Clinical Chaplain II, (2) Correctional Programs Supervisor, (48) Medical and Mental Health Staff, (7) Education & Vocational Staff and (65) other staff (accounting, administrative, and food service).

The medical staff consisted of (2) Nurse Supervisors, (16) Professional Nurses, (11) licensed practical nurse (LPN), (10) Correctional Health Assistant II, (19) Traveling Nurses, Dentist and Dental Assistant. The medical staff provides services on-site seven (7) days a week 6:00 am-10:00 pm and an on-call Physician 24/7. A physician is at the facility weekly to provide medical services for the inmates. Also, the minimum custody compound has a medical clinic consisting of four (4) nurses. All inmates are seen by a physician upon arrival to the facility. The medical nurse supervisor is responsible for coordination of the medical services at the facility. She provides medical care to include: completing the initial intake assessment, routine and additional lab work as ordered, STD testing and treatment as indicated, updating immunization records, seasonal flu vaccinations, dietary services and referrals, administration of medications/treatments as prescribed, assessments of inmate injuries and treatment as required, medical assessments and monitoring with any restraint or segregation, assessments of somatic health complaints with treatment as indicated, develop treatment plans and provide medical discharge plans. Dental services are provided Monday through Thursday 6:00 am-6:00 pm at the facility consisting of dental care, cleaning, education, and treatment fillings to extractions. Also, dental services are provided at the minimum custody compound once a week. All inmates are seen by the dental staff at least annually for a wellness check. Emergency services and forensic examinations are conducted at Anson Community Hospital. The medical staff utilizes an optometrist who provides routine eye exams. The mental health department consisted of (2) Staff Psychologists, (2) Correction Psychological Service Coordinators and (2) Behavioral Treatment Technicians. Psychological assessment and treatment services are provided but more complex mental health needs are referred to outside sources.

Catawba Valley Community College works with the facility to provide vocational and academic classes has seven (7) instructors. Three (3) educational instructors providing inmates who do not have a high

school diploma or a GED with an opportunity to gain skills that will benefit them upon their return to their community. Adult Basic Education/General Equivalence Diploma (ABE/GED): These classes provide instruction at all levels; from those learning to read, to inmates who are preparing to study for a GED certificate. The focus areas are reading, math, written and oral communications, social studies, and science. The other four (4) vocational instructors provide inmates with vocational programming consisting of computer application, commercial cleaning and horticulture technology. Also, the facility has two (2) certified biohazard emergency response orderlies.

Correction Enterprises operates two (2) industries, the upholstering furniture and wood products located on the other side of the main building. There is a greenhouse located on the property for the horticulture class. Alexander CI's case management staff promotes inmate behavior change through the use of evidence based practice in the provision of case management and re-entry services. These programs consist of: Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous held weekly at the facility. There are two (2) other programs Project Re-entry and Thinking for a Change provided to inmates on a twelve (12) week cycle. Also, self-help classes have been provided to assist inmates in acclimating back into society prior to their release into the community. MCU provides the transitional re-entry program with preparation for GED, Thinking for a Change, and Father Accountability.

Summary of Audit Findings

The summary should include the number of standards exceeded, number of standards met, and number of standards not met, along with a list of each of the standards in each category. If relevant, provide a summarized description of the corrective action plan, including deficiencies observed, recommendations made, actions taken by the agency, relevant timelines, and methods used by the auditor to reassess compliance.

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

Number of Standards Exceeded:	2 (115.11 & 115.31)
Number of Standards Met:	41
Number of Standards Not Met:	0
Summary of Corrective Action (if any)	NA

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*)

Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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

A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 and approved by the Director of Prisons; Policy A.0200 (Conduct of Employees); the NC General Statute 14-27.31 (Intercourse and sexual

offenses with certain victims; consent no defense) and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 outlines how each facility implements its approach to preventing, detecting and responding to all approaches of sexual abuse and harassment, and will not tolerate any fraternization or sexual misconduct including the definitions of prohibited behaviors as well as sanctions for staff, contractors, volunteers and inmates who had violated those prohibitions. Additionally, the policy provided comprehensive guidelines and a training foundation for implementing each facility's approach to include the zero tolerance towards reducing and preventing sexual abuse and harassment of inmates. NCDPS's PREA Office has also required each facility administrator/superintendent state wide to designate at their facility a primary and an alternate PREA Compliance Manager.

NC Department of Public Safety has a designated PREA Coordinator, her official title is PREA Director and reports directly to the Chief Deputy Secretary of Professional Standards, Policy and Planning. The PREA Director works statewide to implement the PREA Standards and indicated she has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement and oversee the agency's efforts toward PREA compliance of over sixty-nine (69) facilities with the support of the Department. The PREA Director is responsible for coordinating comprehensive PREA responses including technical and administrative guidance, creation of supporting policies and practices, interpretation relative to PREA implementation, design and modification of training, programming, investigation and analysis, ensuring proper reporting, trend evaluation and provision of recommendations for improvement and compliance.

The Alexander CI's Correctional Facility Administrator completed a memorandum on July 29, 2017 to the NCDPS PREA Office, his designation of the Correctional Captain III and Correctional Lieutenant III as his primary and alternate PREA Compliance Managers. Alexander CI's PREA Compliance Manager during his interview indicated he had sufficient time and authority to develop, implement and oversee the facility's PREA compliance efforts to comply with the PREA standards. Both the agency's and the facility's organizational chart supports the requirement of this standard.

Based on the randomly selected and specialized staff and inmate interviews, the extensive staff training, the resources available to the facilities, it is evident, the executive administration has taken the PREA Standards to another level and it is reflected in their commitment to protecting the inmates in their care throughout the State of North Carolina. Also, during the tour of the facility, the observation of bulletin boards, posters, reviews of staff and inmate handbooks, training curriculums confirmed the facility's commitment and dedication to create a PREA compliant culture. The facility has PREA reference binders that are located in the dormitories of the facility that contain the reporting process and forms for the facility staff in the event of an incident. Overall, this auditor has determined the agency and the facility have substantially exceeded the requirements of this standard based on the above information.

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 OR the response to 115.12(a)-1 is "NO".) Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
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An interview with the PREA Coordinator and a review of documentation confirmed that the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) does not contract for the confinement of inmates with private entities or other entities including other government agencies, therefore this standard is not applicable to this facility.

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 agency ensure that each facility has developed a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility has documented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the generally accepted detention and correctional practices in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No

- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any judicial findings of inadequacy in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration all components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated) in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the composition of the inmate population in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the number and placement of supervisory staff in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the institution programs occurring on a particular shift in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No NA
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? Yes No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any other relevant factors in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? 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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.1600 (Management of Security Posts) and NC General Statute 143B -709 (Security Staffing) effective 7/10/13 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 contained the required information identifying requirements for the facility to develop a staffing plan to provide for departmental adequate staffing levels to ensure the safety and custody of inmates against sexual abuse or sexual harassment, physical plant, video monitoring, and addressed all eleven (11) categories as identified per the standard. Additionally, the policies contained information identifying the facility shall comply with staffing requirements including exigent circumstances and supervisory staff conducting unannounced rounds on a daily basis during all shifts documenting the

information in unit log books, log sheets and daily shift narratives that contains observations of all areas of the facility. The facility must document and justify all deviations from the staffing plan. The NCDPS's PREA Office staff complete a yearly staffing plan for all facilities statewide.

This review shall assess, determine, and document whether adjustments are needed to the facility's established staffing plan, the facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies and the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan. Identified the requirement of unannounced rounds to be conducted by an intermediate-level and higher-level supervisors and conduct these unannounced rounds on a daily basis. These unannounced rounds must be conducted during all shifts. Supervisors are prohibited from notifying staff of unannounced rounds. Staff assigned to any post is prohibited from alerting other employees that a Supervisor is conducting rounds to identify and deter sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Documentation indicated the staffing plan is reviewed on an annual basis and the facility did not have deviations from the staffing plan during the past twelve (12) months, however the practice is their critical positions are always filled, it is a mandate. If there is a deviation from the staffing plan, an incident report is completed and provided to the Correctional Facility Administrator. The Alexander CI's Correctional Facility Administrator's interview and documentation confirmed he is responsible to conduct an annual review of the staffing plan to ensure all areas were addressed including components such as the facility's physical plant, composition of the inmate population, number and placement of supervisory staff, programming schedules, video monitoring, training, to name a few. He conducts daily reviews of the Staffing Rosters for deviations, as well as making regular rounds, unannounced rounds and daily shift narrative activity logs. The Correctional Captain III/ PCM and higher level staff interviews indicated that unannounced rounds are conducted on a daily basis on all shifts in all areas of the facility to observe staff and inmate interactions, isolated areas, and deter staff from sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The unannounced rounds are documented in the daily shift narrative activity logs and post narrative logbooks.

During the facility tour, this auditor observed and reviewed the post narrative logbooks, where unannounced rounds were documented including the staff identification, date and time. Also, a review of the samples provided by the facility of random dates and random dormitories showed that there is a minimum of one (1) unannounced round conducted weekly by upper or middle management staff; however the majority show unannounced rounds conducted daily. In addition, during the facility tour, there were six (6) areas (administration – records room, warehouse storage area, warehouse – canteen area & MCU building – medical records area, an office, and laundry area) identified as having blind spots. A procedure will need to be implemented as to how these areas will be supervised or utilizing some form of enhanced supervision. Since the initial review and on-site visit, these areas were corrected and this auditor was provided with documentation (pictures) confirming the corrections had been completed. The Correctional Captain III/ PCM sent the documentation to this auditor prior to the submission of this report.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews, review of documentation, and the follow-up documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 identified the requirement that a youthful inmate shall not be placed in a housing unit in which the youthful inmate will have sight, sound, or

physical contact with any adult inmate through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters. Direct supervision by facility staff is required at all times when a youthful inmate and an adult inmate has sight, sound, or physical contact with one another. NCDPS provides specialized housing arrangements for youthful inmates to meet the requirements of this standard. Exigent circumstances may require removal to a special housing unit or restrictive housing unit at those institutions operating under the restrictive housing program. Alexander CI's Correctional Facility Administrator and Correctional Captain III/ PCM interviews and documentation confirmed the facility does not house youthful inmates under the age of eighteen.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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 in non-exigent circumstances? (N/A here for facilities with less than 50 inmates before August 20, 2017.) 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 here for facilities with less than 50 inmates before August 20, 2017.) 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?
 Yes No NA

115.15 (d)

- Does the facility implement a policy and practice 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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.0100 (Operational Searches) and Policy F.1600 (Management of Security Posts) effective 7/10/13; Health Services Policy and Procedure TX 1-13 (Evaluation and Management of Disorders of Gender Dysphoria) effective 10/2014 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 requires that inmates shall be permitted 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 incident to routine dormitory checks. Requires cross gender frisk searches of transgender and intersex inmates will be conducted in a

professional and respectful manner and in the least intrusive manner consistent with security needs. Requires that the opposite gender staff shall announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit. Also, the policy indicated any cross-gender searches are required to be documented.

The NCDPS PREA Office in its "Campaign of Awareness" sent a memorandum dated April 22, 2013 to all Directors and Managers on the development of a Cross Gender bulletin board document and announcement to be displayed and shared to all staff. There is a requirement for all staff to sign and date the "Cross Gender Announcement and Acknowledgment" form acknowledging their completion of the orientation and limitations to cross gender viewing and searches. A transgender or intersex inmate shall not be searched or physically examined for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. If genital status is unknown, it allows for determination through inmate conversations, review of medical records, or if necessary, by learning that information as a part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner.

Random staff interviews indicated that staff of the opposite gender entering the housing units would consistently announce themselves, however inmates confirmed the staff of the opposite gender did not consistently announce themselves. A review of the training documentation (curriculum and staff rosters) and staff interviews confirmed the annual training on pat down searches, cross-gender pat searches and searches of transgender and intersex inmates are conducted in a respectful and professional manner and prohibiting cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of inmates. All staff interviews were able to describe what an exigent circumstance would be and were knowledgeable of the procedures for securing authorization to conduct such a search as well as the requirements for justifying and documenting those searches.

Random staff and inmate interviews confirmed inmates are able to shower, perform bodily functions and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing them. Staff interviews were able to identify the NCDPS policy on prohibiting staff from searching or physically examining a transgender or intersex inmate for the purpose of determining that inmate's genital status.

During the facility tour, it was observed that the medical inmate bathroom, kitchen inmate bathroom, warehouse inmate bathroom, the shower areas in the male housing units (Green and Blue), restrictive housing unit (Red) and two (2) dormitories located in MCU did not allow for privacy. The housing units' shower/bathroom areas including the two (2) dormitories in MCU, the medical inmate bathroom, the kitchen inmate bathroom and warehouse inmate bathroom were corrected after the on-site visit. The Correctional Captain III/PCM provided this auditor with the documentation (pictures) confirming the corrections had been completed. There has been no cross-gender pat down searches, cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of inmates at the facility in the past twelve (12) months. Also, there have been no exigent circumstances of cross-gender pat down, strip or visual body cavity searches conducted of inmates at the facility in the past twelve (12) months.

After the on-site visit, all staff were re-trained on when entering the housing units, the opposite gender should always announce themselves. The Correctional Captain III/PCM sent the appropriate supplemental documentation to this auditor demonstrating corrective actions had been taken with this standard prior to the submission of this report.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff and inmate interviews, review of documentation and the follow-up documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015; Policy E.1800 (Non English Speaking Inmate Program); Policy E.2600 (Reasonable Accommodations for Inmate with Disabilities) and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 contained procedures to be taken to ensure inmates with disabilities or who are limited English proficient have an equal opportunity to participate in or are provided meaningful access to all aspects of

the facility's efforts to prevent, protect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Efforts shall include the use of interpreters, written material, or other formats or methods that ensure effective communication with inmates disabilities, including inmates who have intellectual disabilities, limited reading skills, who are blind or have low vision, deaf, or are Limited English Proficient. Also, the policy prohibits any facility to rely on inmate interpreters, inmate readers or any kind of inmate assistants except in limited circumstances when an extended delay in obtaining interpreter's services could compromise an inmates' safety, the performance of first-responder duties or the investigation of the inmate's allegations.

NCDPS has established a contract with Linguistica International, Inc. for statewide services to provide residents with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient with various interpreter services on an as needed basis. There are postings throughout the facility in English and both admission and program staff have access to interpreter services. Staff training documentation, brochure, and inmate PREA orientation packet contained information on providing appropriate explanations regarding PREA to inmates based upon their individual needs. The facility's intake staff provides the PREA education at intake and during orientation. Random staff interviews indicated the PREA education is provided in a manner to ensure the inmate comprehends the material and it is read during the intake process. NCDPS created a PREA brochure for the purposes of educating inmates which includes information on suspicious behavior, reporting, prevention strategies, making false claims, sexual misconduct definitions, and retaliation. This brochure is available in English and Spanish.

Random staff interviews indicated minimal knowledge of the outside agencies providing services to the facility but indicated they would not rely on the use of inmate assistants in relation to reporting allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment except in limited circumstances when an extended delay in obtaining interpreter's services could compromise an inmates' safety, the performance of first-responder duties or the investigation of the inmate's allegations. In the past twelve (12) months, the facility did not have any instances of inmate interpreters or readers being used for reporting allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

After the on-site visit, all staff were re-trained on interpreter services provided at the facility and the process on how to obtain these services. Also, the facility's handbook and the postings were updated to reflect the information in Spanish on how to obtain emotional support services and any other general facility information (i.e. medical services). The Correctional Captain III/PCM sent the appropriate supplemental documentation to this auditor demonstrating corrective actions had been taken with this standard prior to the submission of this report.

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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, or 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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 and the Addendum to the Administrative Memorandum 10-2013 from the PREA Office prohibits NCDPS staff to hire or promote anyone for a position that may have inmate contact who has been engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution; convicted of engaging or attempting

to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or civilly or administratively adjudicates to have engaged 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. NCDPS shall consider any incidents of sexual abuse in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with incarcerated inmates. All background checks are conducted initially on new employees, current and promotion decisions of employees and contractors. Material omission by an employee is subject to termination.

NCDPS must ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct noted above in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions. Requires the information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee shall be furnished to any institutional employer in which the employee has applied to work provided the request is written. Requires that a criminal background shall be conducted before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates and will 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. Requires a continuing affirmative duty for employees to disclose any such conduct. Requires that a criminal background records check is completed prior to enlisting services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates and a criminal background records check is completed at least every five (5) years for current employees and contractors, and annually for sensitive specialist assignments.

NCDPS has an extensive initial background screening requirements that include the screening for criminal record checks (AOC & NCDL), possible checks on criminal convictions and pending criminal charges, access to local, state and federal criminal databases to conduct background checks, and best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse and any resignation during a pending investigation or an allegation of sexual abuse. The agency conducts 5-year background checks for all employees and contractors. There is an affirmative duty to disclose any arrests or previous misconduct.

An interview with the facility's Correctional Administrative Services Manager confirmed the process on the facility performing criminal background checks to consider the pertinent civil or administrative adjudications for all newly hired employees who may have contact with inmates, all employees who are considered for promotion and every five (5) years. She advised that personnel staff have a tracking system to ensure the five (5) year background screening is conducted of all facility employees. Employment applications and Affirmation of Code of Ethics form contain the three (3) questions regarding sexual abuse or sexual activity in an institutional setting, community, or if the staff has been civilly or administratively adjudicated for the same, as well as an annual requirement to disclose at evaluation time. There is an affirmative duty to disclose any arrests or previous misconduct by all employees at hire and anytime there is a law enforcement contact.

A sampled review of staff's, volunteer's, and contractor's HR files had documentation on staff completing varied forms containing the questions regarding past misconduct (Applicant Verification form, Professional Reference Check, DPS Employment Statements and the PREA Notice and Information Collection for Current Employees) that are completed during the hiring process. The HR staff complete the criminal background information and receive an email on whether an individual is approved or disqualified. Once an individual is approved for hire, the new employee begins the LMS training and orientation process and is provided with a NCDPS Employee Handbook. Also, the review HR files confirmed that background checks had been conducted within the past five (5) years on all employees.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the interview and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 requires all designing or acquiring new facilities and in planning substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities to consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the facility's ability to protect inmates from

harm, including sexual abuse. Requires any installing or updating of video monitoring systems, electronic surveillance systems, or other monitoring technology to be considered how such changes may enhance the facility's ability to protect inmates from harm, including sexual abuse.

An interview with the Correctional Facility Administrator and documentation review indicated there have been no major modifications to the facility. The Minimum Custody Unit (MCU) is scheduled for upgrades to the video monitoring system with additional cameras. During the tour of both facilities, the video surveillance system was observed in the control room area located in the entrance to the facility and Correctional Assistant Superintendent V's desk top at MCU. This will enhance their capabilities to assist in monitoring blind spots and the review of incidents. Additionally, this enables the staff to monitor inmates more efficiently throughout the physical plant of both facilities. The administrative staff is continually evaluating the electronic surveillance system and video monitoring.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the interview and documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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? Yes No
- 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 entity 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 attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.21(d) above.] Yes No NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 requires, when requested by the victim, a victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member to accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information and referrals. A qualified mental health/counseling staff member or qualified community-based staff member includes an individual who has been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and has received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general. Requires a history be taken by a health care professional who will conduct a forensic medical examination to document the extent of physical injury. There will be no financial cost to the inmate for this examination. Requires an administrative or criminal investigation for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and requesting the investigating agency follow the requirements of PREA Standards.

There is evidence of Alexander CI's Correctional Facility Administrator obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shelter Home of Caldwell County dated 2/12/18 to provide free confidential crisis intervention and emotional support services related to sexual abuse or assault for the inmates at the facility. Also, this community victims' advocate service provides the toll-free telephone number and forensic medical examinations at no financial cost to the victim. Catawba Valley Medical Center (SANE certified) provides the emergency services at no financial cost to the victim. Also, this auditor interviewed via telephone a representative from Shelter Home of Caldwell County during the on-site visit. She indicated there had been no calls from inmates in the past twelve (12) months requesting emotional support services related to a fear of sexual abuse that may occur at the facility.

NCDPS PREA Office sent a directive to all facilities to establish a standardized role of the PREA Support Person (PSP) that will serve as an advocate to link services (community based advocates or mental health professionals) and support to inmates who report sexual abuse and sexual harassment by another inmate, staff member, contractor or volunteer. The Alexander CI's Correctional Facility Administrator has designated fifteen (15) staff for this role and completed the required form (OPA-A18)

on May 22, 2017. These individuals are screened for appropriateness to serve as a victim advocate and receive specialized training (PREA Support Person Training). Interviews with the correctional and medical staff were knowledgeable of the procedures to secure and obtain usable physical evidence when sexual abuse is alleged. Also, staff interviews and training documentation confirmed the role of the PSP individual in the facility.

The facility has available the NCDPS PREA pamphlet “Sexual Abuse Awareness for the Inmate” and identifies for the inmates to call or write. Documentation and interviews with the Correctional Facility Administrator and Correctional Captain III/PCM confirmed Alexander County Sheriff’s Department (ACSD) conducts the criminal investigations of allegations of sexual abuse. In the past twelve (12) months, there have been four (4) allegations where a victim required a forensic medical examination.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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 such publication 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.

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All staff are required to report all allegations, knowledge and suspicions of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation, staff neglect and/or violations of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. All staff are required to refer all alleged incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment for investigation to the Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD) for the determination of criminal charges. ACSD provides services on a 24-hour basis that will include the responsibility of investigating allegations of sexual abuse by qualified staff who have received training concerning sexual abuse and forensic examination issues.

Staff refers all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to their Regional Office and the NCDPS PREA Office for completion of an administrative investigation. The appropriate information will be entered into their internal OPUS system. The PREA policy can be found at the North Carolina state's website and information can be found in their PREA pamphlet (Sexual Abuse Awareness for the Inmate)

that is available in English and Spanish. Alexander CI reported forty (40) allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment resulting in a criminal investigation and/or an administrative investigation in the past twelve (12) months. These investigations were unfounded, unsubstantiated and substantiated. The Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager tracks all the investigations at the facility.

There is evidence of the Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice sending a Memorandum dated 3/17/16 to the NC Sheriff's Association providing information on investigations being conducted in accordance with the PREA standards. All staff interviews reflected and confirmed their knowledge on the reporting, referral process and policy's requirements but did not know the agency who conducts the administrative and criminal investigation in response to an allegation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Interviews with the Correctional Facility Administrator, Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager, and facility investigator confirmed that the agency ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Also, any internal investigation that identifies criminal activity or a staff member is involved in criminal activity would be referred to the Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD). The local law enforcement and the facility investigator would act in a liaison position. The ACSD investigator informs Alexander CI's Correctional Facility Administrator on the progress of a sexual abuse investigation. Also, this auditor interviewed via telephone a representative from Alexander County Sheriff's Department during the on-site visit. She confirmed the officers had responded to the facility, gathered evidence and conducted criminal investigations in the past twelve (12) months.

After the on-site visit, all staff were re-trained on who conducts the administrative and criminal investigations in response to an allegation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The Correctional Captain III/PCM sent the appropriate supplemental documentation to this auditor demonstrating corrective actions had been taken with this standard prior to the submission of this report.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews, review of documentation and the follow-up documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 requires all staff to complete an in-depth mandatory PREA Training upon initially becoming an employee (entry level training) as well as refresher training annually. All the PREA training provided to employees statewide contains all ten (10) topics consistent with this standard's requirements and is tailored to all facilities with the gender of their inmate populations. Employees are required to document that they understand the training and confirmed through an employee signature. Requires employees to complete annual in-service training on current NCDPS sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures consistent with all ten (10) topics in accordance with this standard's requirements. Also, security staff receives training on conduct/ethics, security, safety, fire, medical, and emergency procedures and the supervision of inmates including training on the current the NCDPS sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures.

The staff training documentation including a power point presentation, lesson plan and staff interviews confirmed staff receives PREA training during initial training and during refresher training. All employees are trained as new hires regardless of their previous experience. All new employees receive the NCDPS Employee brochure on prevention strategies to maintain a professional atmosphere and sign the "PREA Acknowledgement Form" indicating they received the training and understand their responsibilities for all the different training modules and tested upon completion of the initial PREA training. A review of all staff and training education forms as well as staff interviews confirmed that staff is receiving their required PREA training. Staff interviews confirmed their comprehension of the PREA training and their obligation to report any allegation of the sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. At the facility, it was evident that staff is trained continually about the PREA standards during shift briefings and the completion of various on-line trainings. Additionally, all staff is required to complete an annual in-service PREA training.

Employee training records are maintained electronically and certain training documents (NCDPS Human Resources on Boarding Checklist form and PREA Acknowledgement Form) are maintained in their personnel file. New employees are provided a "Breaking the Code of Silence" Correctional Officer's Handbook and a "First Responder Card" identifying specific PREA information i.e. first responder protocol. It is evident, the executive administration has taken the PREA Standards to another level and it is reflected in their commitment to protecting the inmates in their care throughout the State of North Carolina by providing extensive training to all employees who work at their facilities.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews, review of documentation, the agency and facility has substantially exceeded the requirements of this standard based on the above information.

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015; Policy F .0604 (Community Volunteer Program) and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 requires 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, detention, and response policies and procedures. The level and type of training provided shall be based on the services they provide and the level of contact they have with inmates, but all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates shall be notified of the agency's zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and be informed how to report such incidents.

All volunteers and contractors receive the PREA training, PREA Volunteer brochure and sign the "PREA Acknowledgement Form" upon completion of the PREA training they received. The training consists of a power point presentation and lesson plan that includes: policies, PREA definitions, reporting requirements and other required procedures. Additionally, the brochure provided to all volunteers and contractors is a guide to prevention and undue familiarity and sexual abuse with offenders/inmates. A review of randomly selected individual volunteer and contractor files contained an acknowledgement that the volunteer and/or contractor completed and understood their requirement for confidentiality and their duty to report any incidents of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. Interviews with two (2) instructors confirmed their knowledge of the required PREA training and NCDPS's zero tolerance of any form of sexual activity at the facility as well as their duty to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the instructor interviews and documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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 such education? 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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015; Diagnostic Center Procedures Manual (DCPM) Policy 201 (Orientation) issue date 3/31/10; Policy 418 (Substance Abuse Screening) issue date 4/7/09 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 requires mandatory PREA information, both orally and in writing and in a form that is understandable to the inmate, that includes information about sexual misconduct, background information on PREA, prevention/intervention/self-protection/reporting/treatment/counseling information, and confidentiality. Requires during the initial intake process, inmate education on the zero-tolerance policy and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Requires within thirty (30) days inmates shall receive information regarding their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and all NCDPS policies and procedures for responding to such incidents. Requires repeated education when an inmate is transferred to a different facility. Also, the facilities are required to provide the PREA information for Limited English Proficient inmates, and those with disabilities such as limited reading skills, deaf or visually impaired. Additionally, within 72 hours, the program staff provides a transfer orientation to the facility.

The case management staff provides information (NCDPS Sexual Abuse Awareness for the Inmate pamphlet and handbook) to every inmate that enters the facility and reviews this information one-on-one with the inmate. The information consists of facility rules, their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, how to report, their right to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment, prevention/intervention, self-protection, reporting and treatment/counseling and is available in Spanish. After the review with the inmate, he is asked to sign various forms which include: Offender PREA Education Acknowledgment Form, Acknowledgment of Orientation, Rape Crisis Center Acknowledgment Form and External Reporting Acknowledgment Form, verifying receipt for all information regarding orientation to the facility.

Interviews with the case management staff confirmed inmates receive appropriate education information regarding safety, their rights to be free from sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation, reporting and the agency's response to allegations upon arrival and again within several days. Upon arrival, the inmate will process through security, intake (intake PREA education), medical, mental health, and eventually meets with case management staff to conduct the screening and assessment process. The inmates are provided with the PREA pamphlet, narrative of the information being verbally presented is on how to report allegations and how to access emotional support services.

Documentation of inmate's signatures were reviewed and confirmed during inmate interviews. Also, a review was conducted of the inmate PREA education forms and the information was provided within the appropriate time frames as required by this standard. Several interviews of inmates stated they received this information the same day they arrived at the facility and identified the receipt of the pamphlet, however other inmate interviews were unable to confirm receiving information about the facility's rules against sexual abuse and sexual harassment. PREA postings were observed during the facility tour in the housing units, common areas and inmates identified the postings as another source of information for them.

After the on-site visit, the case management staff were re-trained on the orientation process to ensure the information was reviewed verbally and provided during an inmate's admission to the facility. The Correctional Captain III/PCM sent the appropriate supplemental documentation to this auditor

demonstrating corrective actions had been taken with this standard prior to the submission of this report.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff and inmate interviews, review of documentation, and the follow-up documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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 have received 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.

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All investigators undergo an extensive training developed by the NCDPS PREA Office prior to conducting administrative investigations which includes the NCDPS PREA Specialized Investigations: Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment. The facility's PREA investigators when assigned conduct administrative investigations. There are nineteen (19) staff at the facility who have completed the NCDPS PREA Specialized Investigations: Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment and other required investigative training. Documentation and interviews with a facility investigator confirmed completing the required specialized investigator training as well as the annual PREA education. The facility investigator indicated the specialized investigation training consisted of interviewing techniques, Miranda warnings, Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection, and the criteria and evidence to substantiated a case for administrative or prosecution referral. At the facility level, the assigned investigator will complete the initial inquiry into the alleged allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, subsequently conduct an administrative investigation and when necessary refer the information to the Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD) for further investigation for the determination of criminal charges.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the investigator interview and documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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? Yes No
- 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? Yes No
- 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? Yes No
- 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? Yes No

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.) 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? Yes No

115.35 (d)

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.31? Yes No
- Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.32? Yes No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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Documentation review and the medical and mental health staff interviews confirmed they had received the basic PREA training provided to all staff and the specialized training offered by NCDPS [Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Medical and Mental Health Response (Prisons-Health Services)]. All medical and mental health staff signs the "Medical & Mental Health Care PREA Training Acknowledgement" form to acknowledge they received the training and understand their responsibilities in the event of an incident. The medical staff does not conduct forensic examinations. Interviews with three (3) medical and mental health staff confirmed their understanding of the requirement to complete the specialized training and verified completing the on-line course and participating in the annual basic PREA training for provided by the facility. Also, the medical and mental health staff interviews confirmed they had received the appropriate training in detecting/assessing for signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; preservation of physical evidence of sexual abuse; responding effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and how and to whom to report allegations or suspicious of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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, when 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, when 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, when 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 a: Incident of sexual abuse? Yes No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a: 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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015; Diagnostic Procedures # 305 (Psychological and Psychiatric Referral) effective date 1/01/14 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 requires prior to placement as part of the screening process each inmate is screened upon admission within seventy-two (72) hours of arrival with an objective screening instrument for risk of victimization, potential vulnerabilities or sexual abusiveness tendencies to act out with sexually aggressive predatory behavior. Requires all inmates to be assessed during intake screening and upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates. Requires intake screening include: mental, physical or developmental disabilities, age, physical build, prior incarcerations, criminal history (violent and non-violent), prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child, prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse, prior sexual victimization, perception of vulnerability, and if the inmate is or is perceived to be LGBTI or gender nonconforming. Prohibits discipline of the inmate for refusing to answer screening questions.

Those inmates who score vulnerable to victim or sexually aggressive are included into their tracking system, as well as receiving further assessments, as identified. A mental health practitioner completes the OPUS Mental Health Screening Inventory and an initial Mental Health Assessment within seventy-two (72) hours of an inmate's arrival to the facility. Inmates are screened within seventy-two (72) hours upon arrival at the facility to determine placement and their special needs. This intake screening is used in combination with information about personal history, medical and mental health screenings, conversations, classification assessments as well as reviewed court records and case files. Inmates could be reassessed at a minimum of every thirty (30) days and throughout their stay at the facility upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness since the intake screening. The facility's policy limits staff access to this information on a "need to know basis".

Some inmate interviews and a review of the documentation confirmed the risk screenings are being conducted within seventy-two (72) hours of their admission to the facility. The other inmate interviews

could not confirm being asked the intake questions during the screening process. Staff interviews confirmed a screening is completed on each inmate upon admission to the program within seventy-two (72) hours. Also, the staff reviews prior information in the pre-sentencing reports, health issues, classification assessments and past criminal behavior. The screening that is conducted includes any disabilities, age, physical build, current and previous incarcerations, personal history, violent offenses, LGBTI status, mental illness, prior victimization and assaultive behaviors. Those inmates who score vulnerable to victim or sexually aggressive are included into their alert system, as well as receiving further assessments, as identified. Inmates reporting prior victimization, according to staff, are referred immediately for a follow-up with medical or mental health staff. These referrals to medical or mental health staff are documented. Inmates are reassessed at a minimum of thirty (30) days and throughout their stay at the facility. The facility's policies limit staff access to this information on a "need to know basis". Access to information is available only to the Correctional Facility Administrator, Correctional Captain III/PCM, medical staff, mental health counselors and case management staff.

Although there has been two (2) transgender or intersex inmates admitted to the facility within the past twelve (12) months, staff interviews confirmed consideration is given for the inmate's own views of their safety in placement and programming assignments. After the on-site visit, the case management staff were re-trained on the intake process to ensure the questions during the screening process is completed during an inmate's admission or within seventy-two (72) hours of the admission to the facility. The Correctional Captain III/PCM sent the appropriate supplemental documentation to this auditor demonstrating corrective actions had been taken with this standard prior to the submission of this report.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff and inmate interviews, review of documentation, and the follow-up documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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? Yes No

- 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? Yes No

- 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? Yes No

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015; OPUS Online; Health Services Policy and Procedure TX 1-13 (Evaluation and Management of Disorders of Gender Dysphoria) effective date 2/13/17 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 precludes gay, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex inmates being placed in a particular housing unit, beds or other assignments based solely on their identification or status. In addition, the policy describes the screening and assessment process and how that information, along with information derived from medical and mental health screening and assessments, records reviews, database checks, conversations and observations, is used to determine an inmate's appropriate placement, housing and bed assignments, as well as work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping all inmates safe and free from sexual abuse. The program staff utilizes various forms and any other pertinent information during the inmate's admission process.

Placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate shall be reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate. The mental health staff will complete a six (6) month reassessment of housing and programs for all transgender and intersex inmates. This review is documented in the OPUS. The staff member must meet with the inmate to discuss their program and housing needs and to ensure their current assignments are still appropriate. NCDPS prohibits the placement of LGBTI inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status.

Alexander CI's Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager and the staff interviews described how information from their risk assessment precludes gay, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex inmates being placed in a particular housing unit, beds or other assignments based solely on their identification or status. In addition, they described the screening and assessment process and how that information, along with information derived from medical and mental health screening and assessments, records reviews, database checks, conversations and observations, is used to determine an inmate's appropriate placement, housing and bed assignments, as well as work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping all inmates safe and free from sexual abuse. The risk assessment information is reviewed within fourteen (14) days, if there is an incident of sexual abuse, upon request, or if there is receipt of additional information that an inmate is at risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. Also, staff indicated an inmate's perception of risk is addressed and provision will be made on a case-by-case basis for showering changes.

Documentation review confirmed the risk assessment occurred within fourteen (14) days and the inmate received the rescreening as required. The facility does not have a designated housing unit for gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex inmates. This facility identified an inmate who identified as transgender or intersex during the on-site visit, therefore this auditor was able to ask the inmate of concerns regarding their placement, a special unit just for LGBTI inmates, their safety, and request to shower separately.

In the close custody building, there are four (4) housing units containing a day room, correctional tables/chairs, single cells with bunk beds including toilet/sink and shower areas. The restrictive housing unit has a day room, correctional tables/chairs, single cells with toilet/sink and shower areas. All housing units had mail boxes, grievance/visitation/telephone boxes located near the entrance to each pod and in the hallway of the two (2) dining room areas. The minimum custody building has a housing unit with three (3) open-bay dormitories with bunk beds, day rooms, telephones, table & chairs, and shower/bathroom areas. The mail boxes and grievance/visitation/telephone boxes are located in a central location outside of the housing unit. Isolation is not utilized at the facility as a means of protective custody.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff and inmate interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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 access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document: The opportunities that have been limited? Yes No
- If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document: The duration of the limitation? Yes No
- If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document: The reasons for such limitations? Yes No

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 requires institutional staff who identify inmates as high risk of sexual victimization or inmates alleged to have suffered sexual abuse should not normally be placed in restrictive housing without their consent unless it has been determined that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers.

Placement in restrictive housing must be clearly documented on the "Protective Control Interview Form", the basis for the concern for the inmate's safety and the reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged. Requires that involuntary assignment to restrictive housing shall only be long enough for alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged, but no longer than thirty (30) days. Requires inmates placed in restrictive housing shall have access to programs, privileges, education, and work opportunities to the extent possible while ensuring their safety. Any restrictions of programs, privileges, education and work opportunity, the duration of the limitation and the reasons for the limitation will be clearly documented on this form. Additionally, any placement of an inmate in involuntary restrictive housing and any type of restrictions is documented in OPUS.

Interviews with the Correctional Facility Administrator, Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager and another staff who works in restrictive housing confirmed there have been no inmates placed in involuntary segregated housing in past twelve (12) months. Also, they indicated if an inmate is placed in involuntary restrictive housing for their own protection, the inmate would have access to programs, privileges, education and work only if there is no safety concern. This information would be documented and reviewed by the case management staff on a weekly basis. They confirmed every thirty (30) days if an inmate is placed in involuntary restrictive housing, a meeting is held with Correctional Facility Administrator, Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager, Correctional Assistant Superintendent III and Assistant Correctional Superintendent for Programs II.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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? Yes No

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 ; Policy D .0300 (Inmate Use of the Mail) effective date 11/01/13 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 requires the department to provide multiple ways for inmates to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. These various ways of reporting include advising an administrator, a staff member, external reporting, placing a written complaint in the grievance box, and third party. Requires that staff shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties and shall promptly document verbal reports as an "Incident Reporting" form. Requires an inmate method of reporting must include reporting to an outside public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency and is able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the inmate to remain anonymous upon request. Also, the department has provided a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates.

Alexander CI has multiple ways for inmate reporting of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Also, during the orientation process inmates are advised that they can tell any staff member, including contractors or volunteers, who are trained and required to report all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and in writing through the grievance procedure.

In January 2018, NCDPS worked diligently to identify another external reporting system and connected with Forgiven Ministry, a 501 (c) non-profit organization. This auditor was advised of the change with the external reporting procedure and was provided with an updated intake/orientation process and the NCDPS "External Reporting Agency Acknowledgement" form that is provided to the inmates during intake. NCDPS has partnered with Forgiven Ministry to provide the external process for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment verbally, in writing and anonymously. There is evidence of the NCDPS PREA Director obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Forgiven Ministry as of March 1, 2018, as the statewide external agency for inmate reporting. This MOU is in effect for one (1) year, and can be renegotiated annually thereafter. Also, this auditor was advised that a facility has the option to use a local rape crisis center to provide emotional support services to the inmates.

Alexander CI's Correctional Facility Administrator obtained a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shelter Home of Caldwell County dated 2/12/18 to provide free confidential crisis intervention and emotional support services related to sexual abuse or assault for the inmates at the facility. Also, this community victims' advocate service provides the toll-free telephone number and forensic medical examinations at no financial cost to the victim. Documentation contained information that inmates were educated on how to access Shelter Home of Caldwell County through the facility phone system at intake, as well as the facility staff has educated current inmates. Inmates are not required to identify

themselves when making these calls, and do not need to enter their inmate PIN or other identifying information. Also, information can be forwarded to the Correctional Facility Administrator or the Correctional Captain III/PCM on a confidential basis as requested by the inmate. Also, this auditor interviewed via telephone, a representative from Shelter Home of Caldwell County during the on-site visit and confirmed the process. She indicated there had been no calls from an inmate in the past twelve (12) months requesting emotional support services related to a fear of sexual abuse that may occur at the facility.

Staff interviews confirmed they will accept allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties and report to their supervisor. In addition, the staff is provided information for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment in a confidential manner through a separate phone number that is outside of the facility. Inmate interviews revealed limited knowledge of receiving information on how to report sexual abuse sexual harassment during the intake process. While touring the entire facility, this auditor observed in the living areas including the restricted housing area postings of the PREA information (posters) informing inmates of the telephone numbers to call against sexual abuse and harassment and to call the victim advocate, however, the victim advocate information was limited and unclear as to what services are provided. A review of the forty (40) allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the past twelve (12) months indicated the facility has established various methods of reporting including their external entity, Shelter Home of Caldwell County. Reporting procedures are provided to inmates through the Inmate/PREA Orientation, pamphlet and Inmate Rule Booklet.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff and inmate interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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 NA

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy G .0300 (Administrative Remedy Procedure) allows an inmate to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse with no time limit. This allows for third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members,

family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates. Allows the facility to request the alleged victim to agree to third party grievances alleging sexual abuse. If an inmate declines to have the request processed, the facility will document the inmates' decision. Prohibits the requirement that an inmate must first use an informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, when reporting an allegation of sexual abuse. Allows an inmate to submit a grievance without submitting to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint, and prohibits the agency from referring the grievance to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint. Also, the policy describes the orientation inmates receive explaining how to use the grievance process to report allegations of abuse and has administrative procedures/appeal process for dealing with inmate's grievances regarding sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Requires a final agency decision within ninety (90) days on any portion of a grievance that alleges sexual abuse, and that the ninety (90) days shall not include time consumed by inmates preparing any administrative appeal. Allows the department to claim an extension of time to respond to a grievance, up to seventy (70) days, with notification to the inmate. Establishes an emergency grievance for an inmate that is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, including an initial response within twenty-four (24) hours and a final response within five (5) days. Prohibits the discipline of an inmate for filing a grievance related to sexual abuse only where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith.

An interview with the Correctional Captain III/PCM confirmed there have been forty-four (44) grievances within past twelve (12) months. He indicated emergency grievances are available and reports the staff must respond within twenty-four (24) hours and provide a final determination within five (5) days. He confirmed the inmates receive an explanation on how to use the grievance process to report allegations of sexual abuse and has administrative procedures/appeal process for dealing with inmate's grievances regarding sexual abuse or sexual harassment during orientation and they are provided with an inmate rule book. Inmates may place a written complaint (grievance) in the secured grievance box located outside of their living/dorm area and in the hallway of both dining areas. Also, the secured grievance box in MCU is located in a central location outside of their living/dorm area. Inmate interviews confirmed there is a grievance process relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment complaints at the facility.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff and inmate interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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? Yes No
- 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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 requires the facilities provide to inmates outside confidential support services, PREA Support Persons, legal counsel and the facility to provide reasonable communication between inmates, these organizations and agency, in as confidential a manner as possible. The facility shall inform inmates prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communication will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws.

There is evidence of Alexander CI's Correctional Facility Administrator obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shelter Home of Caldwell County dated 2/12/18 to provide free confidential

crisis intervention and emotional support services related to sexual abuse or assault for the inmates at the facility. Also, this community victims' advocate service provides the toll-free telephone number and forensic medical examinations at no financial cost to the victim. Catawba Valley Medical Center (SANE certified) provides the emergency services at no financial cost to the victim. Also, this auditor interviewed via telephone a representative from Shelter Home of Caldwell County during the on-site visit. She indicated there had been no calls from inmates in the past twelve (12) months requesting emotional support services related to a fear of sexual abuse that may occur at the facility. Also, during the intake and orientation process this information is provided to the inmates by the case management staff. Inmate interviews revealed limited knowledge of how to access outside services.

After the on-site visit, all case management staff were re-trained on who provides free confidential emotional support services (Shelter Home of Caldwell County) and to provide additional education to future inmates on outside advocate services during their orientation process. The postings were updated to include access to free emotional support information provided by the outside advocate and placed in all the housing units including the restrictive housing units located in both the medium and minimum compounds. Also, the postings were in both English and Spanish. The Correctional Captain III/PCM sent the appropriate supplemental documentation to this auditor demonstrating corrective actions had been taken with this standard prior to the submission of this report.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff and inmate interviews, review of documentation and the follow-up documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 identifies the Department's third party reporting process and instruct staff to accept third party reports. NCDPS website provides the public with information regarding third-party reporting of sexual abuse or sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate. In addition, the Department has established a confidential webpage for employees to report allegations fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct or mismanagement in the department and these concerns may be reported anonymously. There are two (2) separate reporting options for the receipt of third-party reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. They may write to the State-wide PREA Director or send an email through the link provided. This information is reported directly to the State-wide PREA Director who will inform the Correctional Facility Administrator. These reports will be investigated. Also, NCDPS has partnered with Forgiven Ministry to provide the external process for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment verbally, in writing and anonymously.

Staff and investigator interviews confirmed they receive allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment from third party reporters and that these are reported to investigators as if an inmate made the allegation. Third party reporters includes fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, shall be permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and shall also be permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates. This auditor viewed the website, confirmed the information regarding third-party reporting and the link to send an e-mail directly to the NCDPS's PREA Director. Inmate interviews confirmed their awareness of reporting sexual abuse or harassment to others outside of the facility. There are facility posters that identify a phone number for friends and families of inmates to call if they wish to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment. This number goes directly to the NCDPS, where the call is referred for investigation through a report to the individual facility.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff and inmate interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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Random staff interviews including medical and mental health staff confirmed the requirement to report any knowledge, suspicion or information of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and have received this training annually during in-service. The staff would complete an incident report with the details of any incidents that would occur in the facility in compliance with this standard and they are prohibited from sharing information with anyone who is not part of the investigation or reporting process. Interviews with medical and mental health staff confirmed their responsibility to inform inmates their duty to report and their limitations of confidentiality. Both the Correctional Facility Administrator and Correctional Captain III/PREA Compliance Manager indicated that all alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment reports, regardless of where the information came from, is reported immediately to the facility investigator. A review of all forty (40) allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment revealed that the investigation began immediately upon receipt of the information.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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Interviews with the Correctional Facility Administrator and Correctional Captain III/PCM indicated any information received that alleges an inmate is at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse would require immediate removal of the inmate and to isolate the threat. The other randomly selected staff interviews indicated if an inmate was in danger of sexual abuse or at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, they would act immediately to ensure the safety of the inmate, separate from the alleged perpetrator and contact their immediate supervisor. Also, the inmate would be referred for mental health services. There were no incidents that involved an immediate action to protect an inmate that was a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse in the past twelve (12) months at the facility.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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Interview with Correctional Facility Administrator indicated per policy an allegation made whereby an inmate was sexually abused at another facility is required to be reported to the facility where the alleged sexual abuse occurred, that the notification will be made no later than 72 hours, and shall be documented. Also, an interview with Correctional Facility Administrator indicated there had been five (5) incidents reported that an inmate had been abused or harassed while confined at another facility during the past twelve (12) months.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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they are notified. Requires a first responder who is not a security staff shall request the victim not to destroy evidence and to notify a security staff.

Interviews with the staff and a first responder interview validated their technical knowledge of actions to be taken upon learning that an inmate was sexually abused could describe all the action steps identified in the NCDPS policies and procedures of their responsibilities as first responders. A review of the training files confirmed that all staff receives information on how to respond to an allegation of sexual abuse in accordance with the NCDPS policy and procedure as stated above. There has been six (6) allegations that an inmate was sexually abused and the staff responded as first responders during the past twelve (12) months.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff and first responder interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015; NCDPS Sexual Abuse & Harassment Coordinated Response Overview and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 indicated the requirement that each facility shall

develop a written institutional plan (Coordinated Response Plan) to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, administration, executive staff, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, contacting law enforcement, and victim advocate services.

Interviews with the Correctional Facility Administrator and staff confirmed their technical knowledgeable of their duties to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse among staff first responders, administration, executive staff, contacting medical and mental health and outside emotional support sources. Alexander CI's PREA Sexual Abuse Institutional Response Plan was reviewed and includes a step-by-step instruction guide on security search/evidence collection, document preparedness and review, and notification of first responder, administration responsibility, medical and mental health staff, PREA Compliance Manager, investigator and other pertinent staff.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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.

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North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) does not engage in the collective bargaining process regarding any violation of departmental policy regarding PREA. Also, the Department has not entered into a collective bargaining agreement that limits the ability to remove an alleged staff sexual abuser from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or a determination whether and to what extent discipline is warranted, therefore this standard is not applicable.

This was confirmed with an interview and documentation that collective bargaining is not utilized in the Department. Based on the information discovered in the documentation and interview this auditor has determined the facility meets the requirements of the standard.

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 residents 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.

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An interview with the Correctional Captain III/PCM is responsible with overseeing the monitoring of the conduct or treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse and of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to determine if changes that may suggest possible retaliation exist. He is responsible for assigning a PREA Support Person (PSP) that will serve as an advocate to link services (community based advocates or mental health professionals) and support to inmates who report sexual abuse and sexual harassment by another inmate, staff member, contractor or volunteer. Also, the interviews with the Correctional Facility Administrator and Correctional Captain III/PCM indicated that all alleged victims or reporters are met within twenty-four (24) hours, every two (2) weeks and after the first month every thirty (30) days thereafter.

The Alexander CI's Correctional Facility Administrator has designated fifteen (15) staff for this role and completed the required form (OPA-A18). These individuals are screened for appropriateness to serve as a victim advocate and receive specialized training. Staff interviews and training documentation confirmed the role of the PSP individuals at the facility. The PCM is responsible to monitor staff retaliation and would document the information on the Staff (OPA-I22) form. The assigned PSP individual is responsible to monitor inmate retaliation and would document the information on the Offender (OPA-I24) form. They monitor for changes in work assignments, education or vocational changes, inmate disciplinary reports, housing and program changes, negative performance reports as well as reassignments of staff. Upon completion of the investigation, the PCM and/or the PSP individual will complete a "PREA Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Retaliation Report" form [Staff (OPA-I22) or Offender (OPA-I24)]. There were no incidents of retaliation at the facility in the past twelve (12) months.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015 and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 requires that inmates identified as victims of sexual abuse shall not be placed in involuntary restrictive 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. Also, the policy contained information on post-allegation protective custody or guidelines for moving an inmate to another housing area or another facility as a last measure to keep inmates who alleged sexual abuse safe and only until an alternative means for keeping the inmate safe can be arranged. It allows for the temporary holding, less than twenty-four (24) hours, in involuntary segregated housing or in temporary protective custody only if the facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately. If an inmate is placed in restrictive housing, the inmate is seen every seven (7) days by the mental health staff who documents the status. An "Administrative Restrictive Housing – Protective Custody" form is required to be completed when an inmate is placed into the restrictive housing unit.

An interview with the Correctional Captain III/PCM and the documentation review of the forty (40) investigative files indicated that no inmate of the alleged victim was placed in Restrictive Housing as a result of an allegation or as being identified as high risk for sexual victimization.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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Requires that all investigators shall receive special training in sexual abuse investigations before conducting PREA investigations, and that all investigations of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment shall be done promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports. Requires the gathering and preserving of direct and circumstantial evidence, including physical and DNA evidence and electronic monitoring data, interviews, and reviews of prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator. Requires consultation with prosecutors before conducting compelled interviews and prohibits the use of a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with an investigation.

Requires the credibility of any person shall be assessed on an individual basis. Administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse. Requires both administrative and criminal investigations shall be documented in written reports that shall include a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessment, and the investigative facts and findings. Requires all allegations of criminal conduct be referred for prosecution. Requires an investigation not stop should the alleged abuser or victim depart from the employment or control of the facility or agency. Requires all case records associated with claims of sexual abuse or sexual harassment including all documentation be retained for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five (5) years.

Documentation review and an interview with the facility investigator confirmed he completed the required specialized investigator training as well as the annual PREA education. The investigator indicated all allegations are investigated, regardless of how the information is initially obtained and reported that investigations begin immediately upon notification. At the facility level, the assigned investigator will conduct an initial inquiry into the alleged allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, to determine if criminal behavior is involved or a staff person is the alleged perpetrator, at which time the investigation would be referred to Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD). The facility investigator collects evidence and maintains the evidence as required. The facility investigator's interview confirmed the credibility of the victim is based on evidence found, and that no polygraph examination or truth-telling device is a condition for proceeding with an investigation. Also, the facility investigator indicated an investigation does not cease until completed, regardless if the alleged perpetrator is released or resigns employment, or if the victim leaves the facility prior to the completion of the investigation. The facility investigator reported that he would assist if the investigation was conducted by Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD).

The forty (40) investigation files reviewed of the alleged staff's or inmates sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in the facility in the past twelve (12) months contained the required information in accordance to NCDPS policy and procedure. Also, the forty (40) investigations files reviewed contained outcomes of substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded and four (4) investigations were referred for criminal prosecution in the past twelve (12) months.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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An interview with one (1) of the investigators indicated that he conducts fact finding investigations and makes conclusions following his investigations (which are administrative in nature) therefore the Correctional Facility Administrator in consultation with legal, her supervisory staff and Human Resources

would make a determination regarding disciplinary actions to be imposed and the standard they would use is the preponderance of evidence.

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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 resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit? Yes No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility? Yes No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility? Yes No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? Yes 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.

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inmate allegations of sexual abuse, the facility will inform the inmate whenever the facility learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted or convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

Interviews with the facility investigator and the Correctional Captain III/PCM confirmed all investigation outcomes, whether the allegation proves substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded following an investigation, are completed by the facility investigator and the documentation is maintained with the investigation. Thirty-two (32) of the forty (40) investigations that occurred in the past twelve (12) months contained a notification to the victim of the outcome of the investigation.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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Interviews with the Correctional Facility Administrator and Correctional Administrative Services Manager confirmed there has been no employee disciplined in the past twelve (12) months for violation of the facility's sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. All disciplinary sanctions are maintained in the employee's HR file in accordance with NCDPS policy and procedures.

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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

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The Correctional Facility Administrator's interview confirmed there were no instances or reports whereby a volunteer or contractor was alleged to have violated the sexual abuse or sexual harassment NCDPS policies and procedures in the past twelve (12) months. All volunteers and contractors must sign the "PREA Acknowledgement Form" upon completion of the PREA training they received. This was verified with the documentation review.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the staff interview and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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)

- 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

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Requires consideration whether an inmate’s mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed. Requires the consideration whether to require the offending inmate to participate in interventions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits when services, such as therapy, counseling or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for abuse, are available. Inmates shall not be charged for reports of sexual abuse made in good faith, based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred. Such a report shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation.

An interview with Correctional Facility Administrator indicated sanctions are addressed at a formal disciplinary hearing and that mental health is conferred with before sanctions are determined. He stated that disciplinary action can include a change in custody level, segregation time, loss of good time and law enforcement charges which may be referred for prosecution if the allegations were criminal, if applicable. The staff provides each inmate with a NCDPS PREA pamphlet entitled “Sexual Abuse Awareness for the Inmate” and Inmate Rule Book that includes their rights and responsibilities, a disciplinary list of violations, disciplinary procedures and transfers. Documentation review indicated there have been two (2) investigations that resulted in administrative findings for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that had occurred at the facility in the past twelve (12) months that resulted in disciplinary

action. Also, there was one (1) investigation that resulted in a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that had occurred at the facility in the past twelve (12) months.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the staff interview and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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? Yes No

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

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Medical staff complete various admission screening forms electronically (HERO system) and mental health staff complete various forms (i.e. Mental Health Assessment and Treatment Plan) during the initial intake process including informed consent disclosures (General Consent form) available both in English and Spanish. Also, mental health staff review assignment areas in the facility and track high risk victims/abusers assigned to these areas. During the interviews with the medical and mental health staff confirmed that although there were no disclosures while conducting risk assessments, all inmates were offered follow-up meetings with medical and mental health providers. Also, medical and mental health staff confirmed the referral process for inmates who report sexual victimization or are identified as being sexually abusive at intake is reported within fourteen (14) days.

Interviews with both the Correctional Facility Administrator and Correctional Captain III/PCM confirmed there are no inmates under the age of eighteen (18) housed at this facility. Documentation review

confirmed medical and mental health staff conducts risk assessments during the initial intake process including informed consent disclosures. There were no inmates who disclosed prior victimization during their initial screening process within the past twelve (12) months.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the staff interview and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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Interviews with the medical and mental health staff confirmed that inmates (victims) of sexual abuse receive timely and unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. The medical staff indicated that services begin immediately upon notification of a victim of sexual abuse from the Shift Supervisor or any other staff to contact the hospital and medical practitioner. The medical and mental health staff had a protocol in place to assist in expediting an inmate to the emergency room with specific documentation (Trip Ticket, Summary of Medical Record & Mental Health Services Referral, Inmate Medical Transportation Report) for the staff. Also, documentation provided confirmed treatment services are provided to every victim without financial cost. The medical staff had a tracking system of documenting all PREA incidents that occur at the facility.

The staff (first responders) would follow the Coordinated Response Plan which includes notification to medical and mental health staff, as well as transporting the victim to Catawba Valley Medical Center if the incident was reported in a timely manner that allowed for physical evidence collection. Also, the medical staff's interviews indicated that the hospital would begin any sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis treatment/services and orders would be for follow-up services. Mental health services would begin when the victim is available upon return from the hospital. Mental health staff interviews indicated that they would see the victim no later than 24 hours after an incident and provide one-on-one counseling and make available outside emotional support services and follow-up care.

Interviews with the medical and mental health staff and a documentation review of all twenty-eight (28) investigation reports confirmed immediate referrals for follow-up medical and mental health services for both sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations. Documentation in the reports indicated that services are provided immediately upon notification. In the past twelve (12) months, there has been four (4) allegations where a victim required a forensic medical examination.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the staff interview and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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.) 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.) 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

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Interviews with the medical staff confirmed that victims are offered a sexual assault assessment, individual counseling, referral to the psychiatrist, medications as ordered by the physician, laboratory testing for STD and HIV and follow-up. The mental health staff interviews indicated their plan for services would include individual or group treatment, including trauma resolution and PTSD, as well as follow-up. Also, the mental health staff would conduct mental health evaluations of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers and offer treatment services within fourteen (14) days. Mental health staff also reported that all inmates receive a mental health evaluation during their first few weeks at the facility.

There is a process in place to ensure staff track on-going medical and mental health services for victims who may have been sexually abused and medical staff track the follow-up medical visits. Mental health staff completes an evaluation and follow-up for mental health visits. The medical and mental health staff have a protocol in place to assist inmates upon discharge from the facility to continue services if needed.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Policy F.3400 (Inmate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) revised 8/24/2015; NCDPS Sexual Abuse & Harassment Coordinated Response Overview requires a PREA Post Incident Review (OPA-I10) and Alexander CI's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #.0130 [Sexual Abuse Elimination (PREA)] effective 2/13/17 requires a PREA Post Incident Review (OPA-I10) of every sexual abuse allegation at the conclusion of all investigations, except those determined to be unfounded within seven (7) days. Requires the sexual abuse incident review to be conducted within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the investigation. Requires the review team to include upper-management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners. Requires the review of the allegation for: the need for policy or practice change, motivation for the incident, check of the physical area for barriers, staffing levels at the time of the incident, and information regarding any enhancement of current monitoring technology. Requires a written report completed that includes any recommendations and corrective action, as well as documentation showing implementation of the recommendations or the reason for not implementing the recommendations.

An interview with the Correctional Captain III/PCM and documentation review of the nine (9) of forty (40) investigation reports confirmed that a report (PREA Sexual Abuse Incident Review) is prepared upon completion of sexual abuse incident reviews. The report would include: a need to change or improve practice; motivated or caused by group dynamic; physical barriers in the area; adequacy of staffing levels and adequate technology. The Incident Review Team consisted of the Correctional Facility Administrator, Correctional Assistant Superintendent V, Correctional Assistant Superintendent III, Correctional Captain III/PCM, facility PREA investigator, medical and mental health staff, and OIC.

The facility has reported forty (40) investigations of criminal and/or administrative investigation of alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in this facility in the past twelve (12) months. Staff interviews confirmed their knowledge of the process and would provide information for the PREA Post Incident Review (PIR) report that captures all aspects of an incident.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the staff interviews and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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An interview with NCDPS PREA Director/PREA Coordinator reported she gathers the PREA related data information from the facilities and completes the DOJ-SSV as request. She maintains all related data and document information as required by policy and procedure. An annual report is created and addresses all the information reported in the calendar year. A review of the 2017 NCDPS annual report was detailed, comprehensive and identified all state facilities within the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the staff interview and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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A review of the 2017 NCDPS annual report was detailed, comprehensive and identified all state facilities within the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. The report was approved by both the NCDPS Secretary and the NCDPS PREA Director/PREA Coordinator. The report is available to the public on the NCDPS website. Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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

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An interview with NCDPS PREA Director confirmed that data is collected and securely retained for a minimum of ten (10) years. A review of the 2017 annual report confirmed there were no personal identifiers within the document.

Based on the review of the agency policy and procedures, observations and information obtained through the staff interview and review of documentation, the facility has demonstrated compliance with this standard.

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 three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and during each three-year period thereafter, 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? (N/A before August 20, 2016.)
 Yes No NA

115.401 (b)

- During each one-year period starting on August 20, 2013, 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? Yes No

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

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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 within 90 days of issuance by auditor. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AGENCY AUDIT. In the

case of single facility agencies, the auditor shall ensure that the facility's last audit report was published. 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

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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.

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Dorothy Xanos

February 4, 2019

Auditor Signature

Date

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² See *PREA Auditor Handbook*, Version 1.0, August 2017; Pages 68-69.