

PREA AUDIT REPORT Interim Final
ADULT PRISONS & JAILS

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Facility Information			
Facility name: Alexander Correctional Institution			
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Facility mailing address: <i>(if different from above)</i> Click here to enter text.			
Facility telephone number: 828-632-1331			
The facility is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County
	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for profit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for profit		
Facility type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prison	<input type="checkbox"/> Jail	
Name of facility's Chief Executive Officer: Administrator Susan R. White			
Number of staff assigned to the facility in the last 12 months: 457			
Designed facility capacity: 1252			
Current population of facility: 1179			
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels: Close and Minimum Custody			
Age range of the population: 21 and over			
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AUDIT FINDINGS

NARRATIVE

Alexander Correctional Institution received an on-site PREA audit on May 10 and May 11, 2016 by DOJ Certified PREA Auditor G. Peter Zeegers. Prior to the on-site visit, the facility provided a completed PREA Questionnaire and a flash-drive with the requested documents. The auditor reviewed the same documents prior to the on-site visit. The auditor contacted the facility one week prior to the audit to review the on-site audit process, time lines, and to request additional information be made available on the first day of the audit. These documents included inmate rosters and staff assignments. There were no inmate letters received before the on-site audit.

The on-site audit began with a meeting between the PREA Auditor, Administrator II, Assistant Superintendent of Programs II, Assistant Superintendent for Custody III, Facility Maintenance Manager, Captain PCM/PREA Compliance Manager, Captain, Armory Officer, Correctional Officer, Assistant Superintendent for Custody IV, and the Regional Security Coordinator. The discussion focused on the audit process, the interim/final 30-day report, Corrective Action Plan period, and the final report. The meeting was followed by a tour of the program.

During the tour, the auditor observed PREA notices and Zero Tolerance posters in the facility where both inmates and staff had access to the information. The tour included administration, visitation, programming offices, inmate receiving, restrictive housing unit, medical/dental, recreation room, education, chapel, central control, gymnasium, dining hall, kitchen/food service, maintenance, vocational classrooms, canteen, the controlled housing unit, the upholstery and woodworking plants, and housing units. Each housing unit holds several wings.

Interviewees were randomly selected for both inmates and staff. There were a total of 14 random inmates interviewed. A total of 14 random staff were interviewed, as well as 13 specialized interviews were conducted. The Agency Head and Agency-wide PREA Coordinator were interviewed prior to this audit by DOJ Certified Auditor Kevin Maurer, and the information was provided to this auditor.

There were 51 allegations of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment within the facility in the past 12 months. There were two substantiated. All allegations were investigated in a timely manner according to policy and procedures.

DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Alexander Correctional Institution is a close and minimum custody level security facility for male inmates run by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS). The NCDPS Mission is to promote the elimination of undue familiarity and sexual abuse amongst the offender population.

This facility sits on land in Alexander County and houses a maximum of 1252 inmates. The facility is operated under the Unit Management concept which allows the facility to break down a large inmate population into smaller, more manageable groups. This concept provides more individualized correctional services to inmates, while maintaining safe and humane living conditions. There are approximately 457 staff to accommodate the daily operations.

There are four main housing units to include a restricted housing unit. There is also a minimum housing unit located outside of the main prison. It can house up to 252 inmates. At the entrance of each building, there is a PREA bulletin board that provides information regarding the Agency's Zero-Tolerance information, including how to report and access to outside services. Inmates pass these boards multiple times during a 24-hour period moving from the dorms to meals, education, vocation, and recreation. Keeping with the Unit Management concept, each housing building contains a canteen and access to the recreation yard. All housing units contain toilets and showers that have been modified to provide privacy.

Alexander Correctional Institution provides educational and vocational programming to inmates. These include but not limited to: ABE Level 1, High School Equivalency, CE Human Resources, Adult Outreach, CE Employment Reading, Logistics, CE Commercial Cleaning, CE Community Driver's License, and Food Service. Inmates are provided jobs as an assistant cook, cook, baker, supply clerk, canteen operators, clothes house operator, recreation clerk, library clerk, teacher assistant, janitors, barbers, grounds keepers, maintenance, painter, recycling worker, upholsterer, woodworking, medium road squad, , and kitchen workers. Other programming offered includes religious services, AA/NA, Thinking for a Change, Service Clubs, and Commitment to Change.

Both medical and mental health staff are available at the program. Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations are conducted at Catawba Valley Medical Center. Both medical and mental health staff are located at the facility and are available as requested.

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

The facility has a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and PREA Support Persons (PSP). Both groups are activated when there is an allegation of sexual assault. The PSP plays an important role in assisting the victim through the various activities associated with an allegation (investigation, medical exam, interview, support services).

Computerized Incident Reports are well written and contain documentation of medical/mental health services provided as required. Additionally, outside law enforcement investigations are noted, where appropriate, and the outcome is documented.

The facility staff were very helpful, very professional, and well versed in PREA activities at the facility level. The facility response to privacy concerns were immediately addressed and that confirms the facility commitment to ensuring the safety of all inmates. It was a pleasure to work with the Administrator and her staff.

Number of standards exceeded: 1

Number of standards met: 38

Number of standards not met: 0

Number of standards not applicable: 4

Standard 115.11 Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA Coordinator

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

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Policy F3400, Policy A2000, SOP 05.09 (a-g), Form OPA-A16, NCDPS Organizational Chart, NC State Statute 14-27.7, and NCDPS Memo dated 10/27/15, that identified the PREA Compliance Manager, were reviewed. The Administrator and PREA Compliance Manager were interviewed.

The agency has a policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy, along with additional policies and standard operating procedures, outlines the prevention, detecting, reporting, and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations. Definitions that mirror the PREA Standards are included in the policy, as well as sanctions for those who violated policy. All interviewed shared their knowledge of the strategies and responses towards PREA allegations. The PREA Compliance Manager/Captain reported sufficient time to attend to PREA duties. This person reports directly to the Administrator, and indirectly to the Agency PREA Coordinator. The agency also has a PREA Coordinator, Charlotte Jordan-Williams, who reports to general counsel, and who has reported sufficient time to attend to PREA duties. She currently has 140 PREA compliance managers that indirectly report to her.

Standard 115.12 Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The standard is Not Applicable as the agency does not contract for the housing of its inmates.

Standard 115.13 Supervision and monitoring

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Policy F1600, SOP 5.32, Staffing Plan Report dated December 2015, Approved Facility Posting Chart/Staffing Plan approved January 2015, OIC Round Documentation, Unannounced staff rounds documentation for the housing buildings, and North Carolina State Statute 143B-709 were reviewed. Additionally, interviews were conducted to further determine compliance.

While state statute requires a staffing analysis every 3 years, the agency policy requires an annual review of the staffing plan, including a review of all required components of the standard, which was completed in January 2015. Deviations from the staffing plan are documented on the Daily Shift Report as per policy. Unannounced rounds are clearly documented in the Dorm Logs. These are conducted by the Officer in Charge and documentation includes the date/time and location of the physical rounds. Interviews with the PREA Compliance Manager confirmed that upper level management conducts unannounced regularly and documents in the Dorm Logs as well.

Standard 115.14 Youthful inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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This standards is Not Applicable as this facility does not house any inmates.

Standard 115.15 Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy F1600, Policy F0100, Policy TX I-13, SOP 5.19, Safe Search Practices Training, NCDPS New Employee Orientation (revised 1/1/15), Cross Gender Announcement & Acknowledgement for staff, Staff Training Log, and Cross Gender Bulletin Board Poster Memo (dated 4/22/13) were reviewed. Interviews were also conducted to assist with the determination of compliance.

The agency has trained all staff on cross-gender viewing and searches. Cross gender staff entering the housing areas are required by policy to announce their presence as observed during the tour. Policy requires documentation of any cross gender searches. There were no reported cross gender searches conducted. Training documents reviewed indicated that staff have completed appropriate training. Staff interviews indicated that while the staff have received training, a few were unable to articulate the agency policy regarding transgender/intersex searches.

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

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

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Policy E1800, Policy E2600 and Telephonic Interpreter Services Contract were reviewed. Facility documents in both English and Spanish were observed during the tour.

The agency has established policy to provide for educational services for inmates with disabilities to be provided information at intake and assistance on PREA allegations, including reporting. Case managers would arrange for education in formats for those inmates identified as disabled. Agency policy also addresses the provision of interpreters to those inmates with a non-English primary language. There is a contract in effect with Telephonic Interpreter Services Company that was signed on 2/26/2014 and is in effect for a 1 year period, with 2-1 year extensions, for a total of 3 years. Policy prohibits the use of inmate interpreters except in exigent circumstances. There is PREA material in both English and Spanish at the facility. Additionally, this facility offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

Standard 115.17 Hiring and promotion decisions

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Form HR005, Form HR0008, Form HR013, Memo regarding PREA Hiring and Promotions (dated October 2013), and Addendum to the Memorandum, List of Disqualifying Factors, 2013 Employee Statement, and PREA Employee Statement were reviewed. Interviews were conducted to assist with determining compliance.

The agency policy prohibits the hiring or promotion of individuals who have engaged in sexual abuse, or attempting to engage in sexual abuse in a detention facility or in the community, or who have been civilly or administratively adjudicated for the same. The agency requires all staff to annually sign a statement that they have not engaged in the aforementioned activities (PREA Hiring & Promotion Prohibitions and HR005). This information was reviewed through the LMS (Learning Management System) and copies were provided to the auditor. The agency also requires all employees to self-report any such misconduct. Criminal background check are required for contractors, and material omissions regarding misconduct or false information are grounds for termination. The agency does respond to requests from other institutions where a former employee has applied to work.

Standard 115.18 Upgrades to facilities and technologies

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The standard is Not Applicable as the facility has reported no substantial expansions, modifications or updating of any video/electronic monitoring system has occurred in the past 12 months.

Standard 115.21 Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy F3400, Policy CP18, Form OPA-A18, Form OPA – I20, OPA-I21, Form OPA-I30, PREA Support Person (PSP) Training Lesson Plan, Chain of Custody Form, Incident Scene Tracking Log, PREA Support Person Roles and Responsibilities, an MOU with the Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County, Inc. for advocacy services, and NCCASA were reviewed. Interviews also provided information in the determination of compliance.

The agency conducts only administrative investigations. Alexander County Sheriff’s Office completes all criminal investigations. Uniform Evidence Protocols are in policy and are appropriate. The Institution has PREA Support Persons (PSP) who are trained for victim advocacy services, and acts as the link to assist victims with the investigative process, professional resources, and community based advocates, and mental health professionals. The agency is currently working with the North Carolina Coalition against Sexual Assault (NCCASA) to create a state-wide system for community based services and documents were provided. The facility does have an MOU with the Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County, Inc. for advocacy services. The facility PSP (PREA Support Person) will assist the inmate in contacting the Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County, Inc. for advocacy services. Forensic examinations are conducted at the Catawba Valley Medical Center.

Standard 115.22 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy F3400 and SOP 05.09 was reviewed. Interviews were conducted.

All allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are classified as a major incident. Policy requires that all major incidents receive an investigation. Policy requires that allegations be referred to an in-house trained investigator for the administrative portion and to the Alexander County Sheriff’s Office for criminal investigations. Policies are available through the NCDPS website.

Standard 115.31 Employee training

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy F3400, Training Curriculum’s SAH 101 04/08/13 and 07/01/15, Staff and Offender Relations Training, New Employee Orientation, Form OPA-T10, Employee Training Files, brochures, handbooks, and other documents were reviewed. Interviews with staff were also conducted.

The agency policies require annual training for all staff in all areas identified within the standard. Interviews with staff confirmed they complete annual training and understand the material presented. Training documentation is kept in LMS (Learning Management System). Employee training documentation found that all staff had completed their annual training (PREA: Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment 101). Staff were able to articulate the training they had received.

Standard 115.32 Volunteer and contractor training

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

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Policy F3400, Policy F0604; Training Curriculum’s SAH 101 04/08/13 and 07/01/15, Staff and Offender Relations Training, New Employee Orientation, Form OPA-T10, “Ways to Report” Poster, Volunteer Brochure, and other documents were reviewed. Volunteer interview also confirmed training.

The agency requires all volunteers to complete the same training as a staff, with minor deviations. There is also a Volunteer Brochure specifically for volunteers to receive PREA information. There is also a “Ways to Report” poster to remind volunteers and contractors of the various ways to report. An interview with one of the volunteers showed that they understood how to report. The file review contained a signed Acknowledgement form.

Standard 115.33 Inmate education

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

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Policy F3400, Diagnostic Procedural Manual Section 201 & 417, PREA Inmate Brochure (English/Spanish), Offender PREA Education Acknowledgement Form T100, Facilitator Talking Points (Education upon Transfer), Education upon Transfer E-mail, Interpreter Services DOC150623, PREA OPUS (Offender Population Unified System) Training Roster, and assorted posters were reviewed. Inmate interviews were conducted.

Alexander Correctional Institution receives inmates from a reception and diagnostic center. Agency policy requires all inmates entering into the system to receive intake and comprehensive training at the reception and diagnostic center. Alexander inmates arrive at the facility having already received comprehensive PREA education, and therefore receive facility specific information. The comprehensive education was reviewed at a reception and diagnostic center and meets the criteria of the standard regarding content. Inmate education is maintained in OPUS (Offender Population Unified System) and copies were provided to the auditor for review. Interviews with inmates confirmed the receipt of facility specific information at intake. Informational posters were observed around the facility on the PREA boards in the housing building.

Standard 115.34 Specialized training: Investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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Policy F3400, Training Curriculums: Investigator, PPT and Mock Interview; Investigator Understanding Sexual Violence & PPT; and Incident Reporting, OPUS (Offender Population Unified System) Incident Reporting Pamphlet, and the Investigator PREA training file was reviewed. Investigator Interview was also conducted.

The institution has designated investigators who have completed specialized training for this purpose. The training meets the requirements of the standard. Interview with an investigator found that they were well versed in administrative investigations. Only those who have completed this training have access to the electronic incident report system to allow for the review of investigations and updating the system with new information. The agency only completes administrative investigations. All criminal investigations are conducted by the Alexander County Sheriff’s Office. The auditor reviewed training documentation of identified investigators.

Standard 115.35 Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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Policy F3400, and Training Curriculum: PPT, CE Nursing and OSDT Roster were reviewed. Training files for medical staff and mental health staff were reviewed. Interviews were completed.

The agency policy requires that all medical and mental health staff receive PREA 101 and specialized medical and mental health training. The specialized training meets all requirements of the standard. Interviews with medical and mental health staff confirmed knowledge of specialized training. Forensic examinations are not conducted at this facility and therefore no training was provided.

Standard 115.41 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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Policy F3400, Diagnostic Procedural Manual 305, and memo dated 08/14/15 were reviewed. A selection of inmate files were also reviewed. Interviews were conducted.

The agency conducts a risk assessment at the reception and diagnostic center upon the initial intake of inmates into the state system. This is completed within 72 hours of arrival. The risk assessment contains all elements of the standard. This assessment is required to be reviewed within 30 days of intake. If the inmate reports a victimization or identifies as sexually aggressive, notification is made to medical, the Administrator and the PREA Compliance Manager to begin services as required by policy. The policy prohibits inmates from being disciplined for refusing to answer questions from the screening. Only those staff with appropriate credentials have access to this electronically maintained information.

The agency produces a High Risk of Victimization list (HRV) to the facility that is reviewed alongside the High Risk of Abusiveness List (HRA) to ensure that all housing, work, and programming services are assigned with the protection of the inmates as a key factor. Upon intake at a reception center, the inmate and staff complete the Mental Health Screening Inventory. This tool identifies all required components of the standard. From this document, two lists are produced – the HRV and the HRA (see above). These lists are protected from viewing of staff who do not have an immediate need to know and access is only provided to the Administrator II, PREA Compliance Manager, Assistant Superintendent for Custody and Operations, Assistant Superintendent for Programs, and the Inmate Assignment Coordinators, or IAC. It is the responsibility for the designated staff to run these lists weekly to review for appropriate placement.

Standard 115.42 Use of screening information

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy F3400, Policy TX-I-13, Screening tool, Learning Management System (LMS) Material, and the Instructions to access the High Risk Abuse Report were reviewed. Interviews were conducted.

The policy addresses clear guidelines, including limits, for housing and work assignments based on the safety of all inmates. The policy requires a bi-annual review of housing for transgender and intersex inmates. The policy also provides for all transgender and intersex inmates to shower separately from all other inmates, and are assessed for their own perception of risk at the facility.

The current system includes a review of the High Risk Victimization (HRV) and the High Risk of Aggression (HRA) list at the facility on a weekly basis, or more often if needed, to ensure that inmates are placed in educational, vocational, and housing that ensures their safety. Inmates who are identified as HRV are placed in closer proximity to the staff in the housing units.

Standard 115.43 Protective custody

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy F3400 and SOP 4.54 have been reviewed. Interviews were conducted.

There have been no instances where protective custody has been used at this facility in the past 12 months. Agency policy prohibits the involuntary placement of inmates in segregated housing unless there are no available alternatives. Policy and interviews confirm that services for an inmate who may be placed in protective custody are continued as normal unless there is a specific documented reason for restriction. Policy dictates documentation of the use of protective custody when necessary and 30 day reviews of such placement.

Standard 115.51 Inmate reporting

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy F3400, Policy D0300, Form OPA-T10, Fraud, Waste, Abuse & Misconduct reporting website page, PREA Internal & External webpage for reporting, Staff Brochure, Offender acknowledgement Form (English/Spanish), Inmate Rule Book, were reviewed and a tour of the facility was completed. Interviews were also conducted.

The agency has numerous ways for an inmate to internally report sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Methods of reporting include telling a staff, writing a grievance or letter to the PREA Coordinator and third-party reporting. Externally, the agency provides the address of the North Carolina Prison Legal Services (PLS). It was confirmed through conversation with the administration that mail sent to the PLS or the PREA Coordinator is treated as legal correspondence and is not opened at the facility level. The posters in the facility provided the address for PLS, and inmate brochures detailed this as a method of reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Interviews confirmed that staff at the program are aware that they may report privately through the Fraud/Waste/Abuse Hotline or through email with the PREA Coordinator if they do not wish to report through the Chain of Command.

Standard 115.52 Exhaustion of administrative remedies

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy F0300, Policy G0300, and the Inmate Rule Book were reviewed. Interviews were also conducted.

The agency policy confirms that grievances of sexual abuse or sexual harassment require an immediate notification to the North Carolina Department of Public Safety PREA office preventing a response from the subject of the complaint. A box is used by inmates to deposit their grievance. The grievance box is emptied in their housing building daily. There is no requirement to use a less formal method of reporting prior to a written grievance. There is no disciplinary action if the report is made in good faith. A final response is due within 90 days, as well as notification to the inmate that it has been accepted within 5 days. Grievances are allowed to be prepared by the victim or other third party person who assists the victim. Emergency grievances, those defined as matters that present a substantial risk of physical injury or irreparable harm may be presented directly to the Officer in Charge, are forwarded immediately to the appropriate person, and require an initial response from the facility within 48 hours and a final determination within 5 days.

Standard 115.53 Inmate access to outside confidential support services

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

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

Viewed was an MOU with the Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County Inc. for advocacy services, SOP 4.54A, and PREA – The North Carolina Approach were reviewed.

The facility has an agreement for the provision of outside support services for inmates. This contract provides for telephonic victim support services. The PREA Support Persons are aware of the services through the Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County, Inc. Inmates are provided notification of the PREA Support Services through Form I30, which documents the PREA Support Persons role during the investigation and thereafter to assist in providing support services to the victim. The name of the local rape crisis agency and the address were noted posted on the PREA boards in each housing building.

Standard 115.54 Third-party reporting

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

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The NCDPS website and posters were reviewed. Interviews were conducted.

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) offers opportunities for third party reporting and accepts third party reports. Information on how to report to the NCDPS is provided on their agency website. Those concerned will find two separate methods of reporting to the agency. They may write to the PREA Coordinator or send an e-mail through the link provided. Both options will result in the PREA Coordinator receiving the complaint. The PREA Coordinator will then generate an incident report and inform the Administrator. This information is also available at the facility for visitors.

Standard 115.61 Staff and agency reporting duties

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

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Policy F3400, SOP 4.54, SOP 4.54A, and PREA 101 Staff Training were reviewed. Staff interviews confirmed findings.

The agency policy requires all staff, volunteers and contractors to immediately report any knowledge, information or suspicion of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, and any violation or neglect of responsibility, to administration. Policy and interviews confirmed that staff are not allowed to share information with anyone who does not have a need to know. All allegations are reported to both the facility investigators and the PREA Coordinator. Agency staff training details the notification to the state agency regarding vulnerable adults.

Standard 115.62 Agency protection duties

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

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Policy 3400 was reviewed. Interviews confirmed findings.

The agency requires immediate action to protect inmates who report sexual abuse. All staff, contractors and volunteers are required to report this to the facility investigators who will assist with taking appropriate steps for protection. Staff were able to articulate this requirement during the interviews. There were no allegations of this type in the past 12 months.

Standard 115.63 Reporting to other confinement facilities

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

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Policy 3400 was reviewed. Staff interviews confirmed findings.

The agency policy requires that any receipt of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred at another facility be immediately reported to the appropriate Administrator. This notification must be documented. An incident report is also generated, which flags investigators and the PREA Coordinator. Allegations made by an inmate at another facility are treated the same as a new allegation, and facility investigators are notified and begin their review of information.

Standard 115.64 Staff first responder duties

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

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Policy F3400 and PREA training curriculum were reviewed. Staff interviews confirmed findings.

The agency requires all staff to separate, protect physical evidence and the crime scene, and to report to administration when an allegation of sexual abuse is received. All staff could clearly articulate these steps. It is noted that staff PREA training identifies all staff as first responders. Contractors and volunteers are required to protect the victim and report the information to a security staff.

Standard 115.65 Coordinated response

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

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SOP 05.09, Coordinated Response Plan and Coordinated Response Overview were reviewed. Interviews were conducted and confirm findings.

The NCDPS has created a template that includes all PREA related requirements for a proper Coordinated Response Plan. Each facility is provided this draft template, which directs that their facility specific information be included in the plan and thereafter published to facility staff. This plan addresses first responder duties, leadership duties, investigator duties, PREA Compliance Manager duties, PREA Support Persons duties, SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) duties, Mental Health and aftercare duties, and retaliation duties. The plan reviewed was facility specific and included specific tasks for each member. The facility was updating contact information within the Plan. Additionally, there is a flowchart that helps staff to comply with the plan.

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

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

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This standard is Not Applicable as Alexander Correctional Institution does not enter into collective bargaining agreements.

Standard 115.67 Agency protection against retaliation

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

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Policy F3400, Form OPA-122 and Form OPA 124 were reviewed. Interviews confirmed findings.

The agency policy addresses practices to protect both staff and inmates from retaliation as a result of reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment information. Various protection methods for inmates are identified in policy. There is a form that is used to document the retaliation monitoring at the 90 day mark. Facility documents confirmed that retaliation monitoring is conducted. While periodic status checks are conducted, they are not well documented. It is noted that there were not instances of reported retaliation at this facility. There is a PREA Support Person to monitor retaliation of inmates. The position description states that it is the responsibility of the PSP to walk victims through the process of the forensic medical exam, the interview process, and the use of the Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County.

Standard 115.68 Post-allegation protective custody

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

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Policy F3400 was reviewed. Staff interviews confirm findings.

The agency policy addresses the use of protective custody only if no other alternative means of protection is available, or if inmates request this level of protection. Inmates requesting this level of protection may completed the Request for Protective Custody and must document the reasons for the request. Inmates who are placed in involuntary protective custody are seen every seven days by a counselor who documents this check. Unless documented, all inmates are provided the same programs and services as prior to their placement. Additionally, the Classification team reviews all placements of Protective Custody. There were no instances of the use of protective custody as a result of a sexual abuse allegation in the past 12 months.

Standard 115.71 Criminal and administrative agency investigations

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

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Policy F3400, and the Coordinated Response Overview were reviewed. Investigation files were reviewed. Staff interviews confirmed findings.

The agency policy requires that criminal investigations are conducted by outside law enforcement, therefore the facility investigators only conduct an initial investigation to determine if outside law enforcement is to be notified and administrative investigations. All investigators identified at the facility have received appropriate investigator specialized training. All evidence is gathered, documented and preserved. Prior allegations involving the same perpetrator or victim are reviewed. The credibility of the victim or alleged abuser is determined on an individual bases. The agency does not use polygraph examinations in order to continue an investigation. Administrative investigations address staff actions, credibility and a review of fact and findings of the criminal investigation (if applicable). All interviews are conducted as approved by the Office of Special Investigations and Compliance. Both criminal and administrative investigations are documented.

Standard 115.72 Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

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

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Policy F3400 was reviewed. Interview confirmed the findings.

The agency policy imposes no standard greater than a preponderance of the evidence in determining the outcome of an investigation.

Standard 115.73 Reporting to inmates

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

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Policy 3400, Form OPA I30, Form OPA-I30A, Coordinated Response Overview and sample forms were reviewed. Investigation files were reviewed. Interviews confirm findings.

The agency utilizes Form OPA-I30 to document notification to the victim of the outcome of the investigation, and include specific mention of the status of the alleged offender. These forms were found in the files reviewed along with the inmate's signature, signature of the staff making the notification, and the outcome of the investigation.

Standard 115.76 Disciplinary sanctions for staff

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

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Policy F3400, Policy A200, New Employee Orientation, Investigation File, and NCDPS internal webpage were reviewed. Interviews confirmed findings.

The agency policy provides for disciplinary action towards staff who violate the zero-tolerance policy, up to and including termination. All disciplinary actions are reviewed individually based on the nature and circumstances of the allegation. Comparable offenses by other staff are also considered in a final determination of disciplinary action. All staff terminations are required to be reported to the state licensing body. There were no instances where staff were disciplined just short of termination in the past 12 months.

Standard 115.77 Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

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

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corrective actions taken by the facility.

Policy 3400, Policy F-0604, and Form OPA-T10 were reviewed. Interviews confirmed findings.

The agency policy confirms that any contractor or volunteer who violate the zero-tolerance policy will be prohibited from contact with inmates. Outcome of an investigation that is substantiated and involve a licensed contractor or volunteer is reported to the appropriate licensing body, as identified. There were no allegation where a contractor or volunteer was referred to local law enforcement for a violation of the agency zero-tolerance policy.

Standard 115.78 Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy F3400, Policy B0200 and the Inmate Rule and Policies Booklet were reviewed. Staff interviews confirmed findings.

The agency policy dictates disciplinary actions for inmates who violate the zero-tolerance policy. The Inmate Rule and Policies Booklet clearly outline the disciplinary action as a result of sexual abuse and sexual harassment (Class "A" Offenses). Services for abusers is available and include counseling and possible transfer for additional interventions. Inmates are not disciplined for behaviors in which staff consent. There is no disciplinary action for inmates who make a report in good faith. There were no criminal sexual abuse incidents that were reported in the program in the past 12 months. The agency does prohibit all sexual activity between inmates.

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

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

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Policy F3400, Policy CP-18, Diagnostic Manual 305, Memos dated 10/09/13 and 11/14/12, North Carolina Authorization for Release of Information, Mental Health Screening Referral system, and Learning Management System (LMS) were reviewed. Interviews confirmed findings.

The agency policy requires immediate referral to medical and mental health services after information of prior sexual victimization or sexual aggressive behaviors is discovered during the screening process. Services are provided within 14 days by facility medical and mental health staff. Interviews confirmed informed consent is obtained before information is shared regarding a victimization that may have occurred prior to incarceration.

Standard 115.82 Access to emergency medical and mental health services

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

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Policy CP-18, North Carolina Authorization for Release of Information, Mental Health Screening Referral system, and the Coordinated Response Overview were reviewed. Interviews confirm findings.

The agency requires that all inmates who report sexual abuse shall be immediately taken for medical services. Mental Health professionals are notified by the mental health social worker or PREA Support Person (PSP). Mental Health staff confirm notification. Additional counseling services are available as identified and as requested by the victim through the PSP (PREA Support Person). Provisions for STD testing and treatment are provided at the facility level based on physician orders and/or victim request. All treatment related to sexual abuse is offered without financial cost to the victim regardless if they name the perpetrator or not.

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

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

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Policy F3400, Policy CP-18, Policy CC-8, and the Coordinated Response Overview were reviewed. Interviews confirm findings.

The agency provides on-going medical and mental health services for victims of sexual abuse, whether the incident occurred within an institution or in the community. All care is provided and consistent with the community level of care. Follow-up care is provided within two weeks, as well as can be requested by the victim. STD testing and treatment is offered. Again, all services are provided to the victim without financial compensation. The agency also offers evaluations to sexual aggressive inmates when information is present.

Standard 115.86 Sexual abuse incident reviews

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

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Policy F3400, Form OPA-I10, and Coordinated Response Overview were reviewed. Completed OPA-I10 forms were reviewed. Interviews confirmed findings.

The agency requires a Post Incident Review (PIR) at the conclusion of any investigations of sexual abuse determined to be substantiated or unsubstantiated. Form OPA-I10 is completed. This is a standardized form that contains all elements of the standard. Participants include PREA Compliance Manager and SART members, who are comprised of upper level management and input from other staffing positions, including medical staff. A sample of the completed Post Incident Reviews were reviewed.

Standard 115.87 Data collection

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

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Policy F3400, Incident Reporting – OPUS (Offender Population Unified System), and PREA Incident Reports were reviewed. Interviews confirmed findings.

The agency maintains records and data on all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment from all facilities that captures information as identified by the DOJ-SSV. Aggregated annually, this information is included in the annual report.

Standard 115.88 Data review for corrective action

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy F3400, Form OPA-I10, 2015 Sexual Abuse Annual Report, and Coordinated Response Overview were reviewed. Interviews confirmed findings.

The agency utilizes information gathered from investigative reports and completed Post Incident Review forms (OPA-I10) to assess and improve the effectiveness of its zero-tolerance efforts towards prevention, detection and response of sexual abuse incidents. The information gathered assists with identifying problem areas, policy updates, and system updates. The annual report is completed and identifies facility specific issues and resolutions, as well as those specific issues that are agency wide. The annual report is approved by the Agency Head and made public through the NCDPS website.

Standard 115.89 Data storage, publication, and destruction

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the

relevant review period)

- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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Policy F3400 and the 2015 Sexual Abuse Annual Report were reviewed. Interviews confirmed findings.

The agency publishes the annual report on its website. The report contains no personal identifiers. Agency policy requires the maintenance of records that meets the PREA standard.

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.

G. Peter Zeegers

06/12/2016

Auditor Signature

Date