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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Accreditation

DATE: January 19, 2022

THRU: Chain of Command

FROM: Major Norman Wilson

SUBJECT: **2021 Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act Report**

General Information:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was established in 2003 by then President George W. Bush. The act mandated the Department of Justice to establish standards to eliminate prison rape which includes all correctional settings. The goal of PREA is to eliminate sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment of those incarcerated.

The Charlotte County Jail completed their **PREA audit September 18, 2020**. The Audit was conducted by Lynni O'Haver. No standards were open at the conclusion of the audit.

2021 PREA Data - Summary

The number of Adult inmates admitted to the facility January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 - **5,335**

The number of Adult inmates admitted with stay greater than 30 days - **1,204**

The number of Adult inmates whose stay was greater than 72 hours - **2,204**

The number of Juveniles booked in the facility January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 - **259**

Juvenile Length of Stay (LOS in hours) **5.23 hours**

Total Number of PREA incidents reported and investigated. - **9**

Total Number of Sustained Sexual Abuse/Assault - **0**

Total Number of Sustained Sexual Harassment - **1**

Sexual Abuse/ Assault

	Inmate-on Inmate	Staff-on-Inmate	Total
Substantiated	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0
Open	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Sexual Harassment

	Inmate-on-Inmate	Staff-on-Inmate	Total
Substantiated	1	0	1
Unsubstantiated	4	2	6
Unfounded	2	0	2
Open	0	0	0
Total	7	2	9

Referrals to Law Enforcement

	Abuse/Assault	Harassment
Inmate-on-Inmate	0	1
Staff-on-Inmate	0	0

Reporting

	Inmate-on-Inmate	Staff-on-Inmate	Total
Security Staff	7	2	9
Non-Security	0	0	0

There was 0 incidents of alleged abuse from other facilities that was reported to outside agencies for an investigation. There were 0 incidents in which staff segregated the victim and locked them down Protective Custody.

Corrective Action

The PREA standard §115.86 requires an incident review of each alleged sexual assault/abuse unless the incident was unfounded. This review must consist of the following individuals; line supervision, upper-management, medical/mental healthcare and an investigator. There were no corrective actions taken during the 2021 Calendar year.

A review was completed of each of the reports. It was determined that the inmates typically victimize other inmates. There were no sustained Staff on Inmate allegations for either abuse or harassment.

The number of Abuse allegations for 2021 decreased as compared to 2020, with no reported complaints. Officers and inmates are educated and encouraged to report allegations. The total number of alleged Harassment complaints increased from 2020 to 2021 by two complaints. The sustained harassment remain the same with only 1 inmate on inmate complaint.

It can be determined upon review of the incidents that the reporting of PREA crimes remained consistent due to the continued PREA related education provided to the inmate population.

In reviewing all of the reports, most allegations continue to be made against other inmates primarily in the Housing unit areas. The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office conducts numerous rounds throughout the housing units each hour to increase staff visibility and reduce opportunities for PREA incidents to occur. The Charlotte County Jail has also not only increased its camera monitoring, increased installation of security mirrors, but also upgraded our cameras to an enhanced digital video surveillance of all housing units to assist in limiting blind spots.

In accordance with PREA and its standards, we mandate zero tolerance and commit to maintain a secure, safe and humane environment for inmates and staff.