

The bathroom areas in each of the recreational areas include partitions and doors to provide privacy. There were PREA information boards in each of the recreational areas.

The Religious Services Department consists of a chapel area, group rooms, music area and offices. There were PREA posters located in the religious services hallway and in the front entrance area. There were no blind spots noted in this area.

The Laundry is supervised by correctional staff and employs inmate workers. The laundry is under continuous supervision and is monitored by cameras and mirrors. There were no blind spots noted in the laundry. The laundry area had a bulletin board with PREA information including zero-tolerance and PREA audit notices.

The Health Services Department contains treatment rooms, offices, infirmary area, long term care area and hospice beds. There is a dialysis room providing dialysis treatment for inmates six (6) days a week. Emergency services and forensic examinations are conducted at Byran West Community Hospital. There is a bulletin board that contains PREA information located in the waiting area. There are correctional officers assigned to the health care area, whenever inmates are in this area. The health unit is operational 24 hours a day with specialized staff on call staff on duty. While there are cameras located in the health services department, none of the cameras provided a view of the examination rooms.

The medical staff both full-time and part-time providing services at the facility consisted of: Nurse Director, Nurse Supervisor (RN), Nurse Practitioner, (5) Registered Nurses (RN), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Optometric Aide and Physician. The licensed nurses provide nursing services on-site twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week and an on-call Physician 24/7. A physician is at the facility five (5) days a week on a rotating basis to provide medical services for the inmates. All inmates are seen by a physician upon arrival to the facility. Additionally, all nurses are supervised by an on-site registered nurse supervisor who is responsible for coordination of the medical services. The medical staff 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, routine eye exams (optical lab), 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 five (5) days a week at the facility consisting of dental care, cleaning, education, and treatment fillings to extractions. The contracted dental staff consists of (2) dentists, dental assistant, and a hygienist. All inmates are seen by the dental staff at least annually for a wellness check. Also, an optometrist and a physical therapist provide services at the facility twice a week.

Nebraska State Prison (NSP) is staffed with four hundred and seventy-three (473) full-time, part-time, and contracted employees including medical, mental health staff and various groups of volunteers providing religious services to inmates.

The agency is fully ACA accredited and has been name recipient of the Lucy Webb Hayes Award for 2021.

Summary of Audit Findings

The summary should include the number and list of standards exceeded, number of standards met, and number and list of standards not met.

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

Standards Exceeded

Number of Standards Exceeded: 6

List of Standards Exceeded:

Standard 115.11: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
Standard 115.12: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates
Standard 115.16: Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient
Standard 115.34: Specialized training: Standard 115.67: Agency protection against retaliation: Investigations
Standard 115.71: Criminal and administrative agency investigations

Standards Met

Number of Standards Met: 39

Standards Not Met

Number of Standards Not Met: 0

List of Standards Not Met: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Exceed Documentation

Standard 115.11: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment exceeded due to the support system that Nebraska Department of Correctional Services as developed and the emphasis that has been placed on PREA from the agency commissioner to each Warden that has been interviewed.

Standard 115.12: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates exceed due to the agency mandating that all contracting facility undergo PREA audits every three years. Each jail utilized to housed inmates underwent jail audit evening during the pandemic.

Standard 115.16: Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient exceeded expectations due to the facility having a full time interpreter on staff, a network of providers for deaf offenders, and the aide that was provided by interviewing several inmates that are cognitive disabled.

Standard 115.34: Specialized training: Investigations exceed expectation by the wealth of training staff that are chosen to be investigator have undergone in the last several years. Not only did the training include investigative techniques that it also included sensitivity training, trauma

training and how to be cognitive of the offender allegations regardless of how outlandish the allegation may seem.

Standard 115.67: Agency protection against retaliation exceeds expectation due to review of the weekly, and monthly documentation provided on each offender monitoring. However, exceeds also is in interviewing an offender that was involved in an allegation of sexual abuse that the monitor provided monitoring and met with the offender. When the allegation was unfounded, he continued to meet with the offender. When the agency refiled an allegation of sexual abuse (exploitation) by staff member toward the offender he continued to monitor and still is monitoring the offender. Interviews with the offender confirmed compliance.

Standard 115.71: Criminal and administrative agency investigations exceeds expectation due to the amount of energy staff, including Nebraska State Police exert to determine the facts of all allegations.

PREVENTION PLANNING

Standard 115.11: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

All Yes/3No 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

inmates are assigned. Subsequently, tours of each area of the facility was also reviewed while going throughout the facility to meet with staff and to interview inmates.

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
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- Does the facility have policies 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 have procedures 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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POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

- 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)

Submission of false information by any applicant is grounds for not hiring the applicant. The Human Resource Manager was interviewed and confirmed that the agency attempts to contact prior employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or resignations which occurred during a pending investigation of sexual abuse. The Human Resource Manager also confirmed the agency provides 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. Policy provides that the facility notify appropriate licensing/certifying agencies when professional staff members are terminated for substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. A review of personnel and volunteer files and relevant supporting documentation, including interview with personnel manager and volunteer coordinator confirm compliance with this standard.

The human resources director maintains a spread sheet with all staff, dates they were hired, dates background check were completed, when five year reviews are scheduled, date five year background were completed, dates promotions were announced, date promotion backgrounds were requested, date backgrounds were completed, and date staff were offered the promotion. A review of background checks, policy and interviews with Human Resources staff determined the agency exceeds the expectation of 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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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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 any access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the opportunities that have been limited? (N/A if the facility *never* restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.) Yes No NA
- If the facility restricts any access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the duration of the limitation? (N/A if the facility *never* restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.) Yes No NA
- If the facility restricts any access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the reasons for such limitations? (N/A if the facility *never* restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.) Yes No NA

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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POLICY AND DOCUMENT REVIEWED:

NDCS Policy 203.11 Sexual Assault/Abuse
Memo of Fact

NDCS Policy 203.11 Sexual Assault/Abuse mandates inmates at high risk for sexual victimization and those alleged to have suffered sexual abuse/assault shall not be placed in involuntary restrictive housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been conducted and a determination has been made there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If unable to conduct this assessment immediately, the inmate may be held in involuntary restrictive housing (immediate segregation) for less than 24 hours while the assessment is completed.

Inmates who remain in restrictive housing for this purpose shall:

Have access to programs, privileges, education and work opportunities to the extent possible. If this access is restricted the facility shall document:

1. The opportunities that have been limited.
2. The duration of the limitations.

3. The reasons for such limitations.

Assigned to involuntary restrictive housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged. Such an assignment shall not ordinarily exceed 30 days.

Staff shall document the basis of the facility's concern for the inmate, s safety and the reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged if the involuntary restrictive housing assignment is made following a determination that no alternative means of separation exists. Every 30 days, the facility shall afford each such inmate a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.

During the previous 12 months, the NSP has not placed any inmates on involuntary restrictive housing due to the risk of sexual victimization. Compliance was determined by review of policies, interviews with PREA Compliance Manager and Warden.

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? (N/A if the facility *never* houses inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes) Yes No NA

115.51 (c)

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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POLICY AND DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:

NDCS Policy 203.11 Sexual Assault/Abuse

NSP Policy 201.03.00 Identification of Potential Aggressors and Victims

When facility staff are made aware of any inmate-on-inmate abuse incidents, a referral must be made to mental health staff upon learning of such abuse history. Treatment will be provided as deemed necessary by mental health staff. NSP has a mental health program and provides services for offenders that have been determined to be potential predators.

If an inmate's behavior indicates that he or she should no longer be classified as a potential Aggressor/ Victim, unit staff and mental health staff should make recommendations during the annual screenings and forward to the institutional Classification Committee. The Warden shall be the final authority, as outlined in the override provisions.

The agency has appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked during screening and mental health evaluations to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates. (PREA standard Secured facilities 115.41 Community facility 115.241)

Per NSP policy, which was collaborated by review of offender files and interviews with medical and mental health staff NSP Policy 201.03.00 Identification of Potential Aggressors and Victims. Victims of a sexual assault would receive victim advocacy services and would be provided with information on the victim confidential emotional support program. The mental health and medical staff would continue to provide services that are appropriate within

community standards.

Compliance was confirmed through review of Mental Health referral documents, interviews with mental health and medical staff and facility staff.

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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POLICY AND DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:

NDCS Policy 203.11 Sexual Assault/Abuse
NSP Policy 203.11.001 Sexual Assault/Abuse
Sexual Abuse Incident Review Case # NSP 5558
Sexual Abuse Incident Review

NDCS Policy 203.11 Sexual Assault/Abuse requires the following:

- (a) Within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation, unless the allegation was determined to be unfounded, a review team, designated by the Chief Administrative Officer, shall review the case and:
- (b) Determine what may have been the motivation for the incident or allegation such as, but not be limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, transgenderism, intersex identification, gang affiliation, etc.
- (c) Determine if there is a need for changes to policy or procedure; or if factors such as physical barriers or staffing may have enabled the abuse.
- (d) Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed to supplement staff supervision.
- (e) The review team shall prepare and submit to the Chief Administrative Officer and facility PREA Compliance Manager a written report of their findings and any recommendations for improvement.
- (f) Documentation for any recommendation not implemented shall be maintained.

A review of the Incident Review team meeting found there were incident review team meeting for the sexual abuse that were founded or unsubstantiated. Compliance was determined by review of incident review team meetings, interviews with several incident review team member and facility warden.

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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POLICY AND DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:

NDCS Policy 203.11 Sexual Assault/Abuse
Documentation
Annual Reports

NDCS Policy 203.11 Sexual Assault/Abuse provides requirement that the PREA Office collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under the agency's direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. The PREA Office aggregates the incident-based sexual abuse data annually. The incident-based data includes the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.

The PREA Office maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews. The PREA Office aggregated data from every other facility with which it contracts for the confinement of inmates. Upon request, the agency provides all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30. Compliance with this standard was determined by a review of policy/documentation and staff interviews.

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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POLICY AND DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:

NDCS Policy 203.11 Sexual Assault/Abuse
Department Website www.corrections.nebraska.gov

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services policy address all requirement of data collection and use of data. The PREA Office reviews data collected and aggregated in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, policies, practices, and training. The review of data encompasses identifying problem areas and taking corrective action on an ongoing basis. The agency has an annual report, including corrective actions for the facilities.

The agency's annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provides an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse. The agency's annual report is approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through the agency's website. The agency identifies 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. The PREA coordinator provided a copy of PREA Audit Report for 2020. Compliance with this standard was also determined by a review of policy/documentation and staff interviews.

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

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.

POLICY AND DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:

NDCS Policy 203.11 Sexual Assault/Abuse
Record Retention

The approved annual report is retained by the DOC central office communications unit. The PREA Office is responsible for collecting this data. The agency makes 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. The agency removes all

personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available. The agency maintains 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.

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 prior three-year audit period, 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? (*Note: The response here is purely informational. A "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.*) Yes No

115.401 (b)

- Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (*Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.*) Yes No
- If this is the second year of the current audit cycle, 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 during the first year of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is **not** the *second* year of the current audit cycle.) Yes No NA
- If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is **not** the *third* year of the current audit cycle.) Yes No NA

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

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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All Nebraska Correctional Services facilities have received at least one PREA audit since August 20, 2012. At least one-third of all facilities were audited during the one year period after August 20, 2012. During the course of the facility audit, the Auditor toured the entire facility, was allowed to interview inmates and staff privately and was provided supporting documentation before and during the audit. Notifications of the audit were posted throughout the facility permitting inmates to send confidential letters to the Auditor prior to the audit. Notice of the audit was posted throughout the facility on February 22, 2021. During the tour posting were noted throughout the facility. The PREA compliance manager advised that he reviewed the facility monthly and reposted any that were missing.

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. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AUDIT. 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

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.

POLICY AND DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:

All PREA Audit Reports are maintained on the Agency's website. This was verified through reviewing the website. The website can be reviewed through <https://www.corrections.nebraska.gov>

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.

Auditor Instructions:

Type your full name in the text box below for Auditor Signature. This will function as your official electronic signature. Auditors must deliver their final report to the PREA Resource Center as a searchable PDF format to ensure accessibility to people with disabilities. Save this report document into a PDF format prior to submission.¹ Auditors are not permitted to submit audit reports that have been scanned.² See the PREA Auditor Handbook for a full discussion of audit report formatting requirements.

Robert Manville

July 7, 2021

¹ See additional instructions here: <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Save-or-convert-to-PDF-d85416c5-7d77-4fd6-a216-6f4bf7c7c110>.

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

Auditor Signature

Date