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To:

Bruce Gusler, Director

From: Derek Henderson, Quality Development Supervisor/PREA Coordinator

Date: July 10, 2023

Re: Requirements of agency Policy 1.2.2 and PREA standards §115.387 & §115.388:

Annual review of sexual abuse allegations/incidents in the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Center and in contracted secure post-adjudication facilities.

In order to comply with PREA §115.388 (a-d), the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Center (MCJDC) shall review data collected and aggregated pursuant to PREA standard §115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including:

- (1) Identifying problem areas;
- (2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
- (3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.

The following administrators met to discuss the PREA Coordinator's findings:

- Deputy Director Rick Sutton
- Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) of Detention Avery Thompson
- Assistant Casework Supervisor/Placement Supervisor Rhonda Janosec
- Quality Development Supervisor/PREA Coordinator Derek Henderson

MCJDC Sexual Abuse Allegation/Incident Review:

Total sexual abuse allegations in 2022: 1

The agency's PREA Coordinator and Deputy Director (who is the agency's Facility Administrator) reviewed the sexual abuse allegation/incident for calendar year 2022, and it was determined the MCJDC had <u>ONE</u> allegation of sexual abuse in 2022. The allegation involved resident-on-resident over the clothing inappropriate touching, and the outcome of the internal investigation into this allegation was substantiated. The allegation was also reported to Conroe PD and TJJD; however, no criminal investigation was pursued.

MCJDC Sexual Harassment Allegation/Incident Review:

Total sexual harassment allegations in 2022: 1

The facility received one allegation of resident-on-resident sexual harassment in calendar year 2022, and the outcome of the internal investigation into this allegation was unsubstantiated.

Contracted Post-Adjudication Review:

The Assistant Supervisor over Placements is responsible for conducting annual compliance inspections of all contracted post-adjudication placement facilities. The inspections include a comprehensive on-site and clinical evaluation, as well as requesting each placement complete a Contract Facility Incident Summary form that documents the number of sexual abuse allegations, as well as the number of substantiated, unsubstantiated, and unfounded investigative dispositions. The review of each placement the agency contracted with in 2022 that housed MCJPD youth concluded there were **ZERO** allegations of sexual abuse involving MCJPD's juveniles in calendar year 2022. Upon the Assistant Supervisor's annual review of each contracted post-adjudicated program, it was determined the contracted facilities provided satisfactory care for residents and the contractual agreements were continued.

Comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years to assess the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse:

As indicated in the agency's 2022 Annual Review of Sexual Abuse Incidents and Aggregate Data Report, the MCJDC had zero substantiated allegations of sexual abuse in 2021 and, therefore, no corrective action is available to assess or address in this report.

As required by PREA standard §115.388 (c), the agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Henderson

Quality Development Supervisor/PREA Coordinator

I have reviewed and approve the contents of this report and approve for the report to be published on the agency's website:

Bruce Gusler

Director