

**Bismarck Transition Center Annual Comparative Reports ( 115.287) and §115.288) for the year 2017.**

Bismarck Transition Center posts an annual report of PREA investigations and outcomes.

The following are standardized definitions offered by the Prison Rape Elimination Act. This ensures everyone is using the same language, and has the same understandings of key terms.

**Sexual abuse** includes:

- (1) Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident; and
- (2) Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate, detainee, or resident:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;

(6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described above.

(7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, detainee, or resident, and

(8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

**Voyeurism** by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer means an invasion of privacy of an inmate, detainee, or resident by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at an inmate who is using a toilet in his or her cell to perform bodily functions; requiring an inmate to expose his or her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of an inmate's naked body or of an inmate performing bodily functions.

**Sexual harassment** includes:

(1) Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate, detainee, or resident directed toward another; and

(2) Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

**Substantiated allegation** means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

**Unfounded allegation** means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

**Unsubstantiated allegation** means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

**The following annual reports offer a yearly comparison of the number of PREA Investigations completed based upon receipt of reports/complaints of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. All reports are investigated.**

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Bismarck Transition Center has compiled the following data regarding PREA reports and subsequent PREA investigation results for the year of **2017**.

**Bismarck Transition Center - 2017**

There were (10) PREA Investigations in 2017.

Resident Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2017:

Sexual Abuse: (3) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (4) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (1) Unfounded.

Voyeurism: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (1) Unfounded

1 unsubstantiated complaint of sexual abuse of a resident by a staff member resulted in a change to the Women's Services Unit handbook. The female resident alleged a male Resident Assistant sexually abused her in the WSU storage room. The change to the Resident Handbook states residents are not allowed in the WSU storage room unless two staff is present. Additionally, this area has been identified as an area where camera coverage is needed.

1 unsubstantiated complaint of sexual abuse of a resident by a staff member resulted in the staff member being terminated from her position as a Case Manager. The allegation was forwarded to the Bismarck Police Department for review for possible criminal charges. Although the allegations were determined to be unsubstantiated, the employee was found to have violated CCCS Inc.'s Standards of Conduct policy, which states no employees may have any outside contact with a former resident for a period of two years from the last date of supervision.

There were no changes or actions taken involving the third allegation.

There were no changes or actions taken as a result of the above identified unfounded allegations.

Resident on Resident:

Resident Allegations Made Towards Resident in 2017:

Sexual Abuse: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (1) Substantiated male on male (0) Unfounded

1 substantiated complaint of sexual harassment of a resident by a resident resulted in one resident receiving disciplinary action and a transfer to more secure housing within the ND DOC&R.

There were (9) PREA Investigations in 2016.

Resident Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2016:

Sexual Abuse: (2) Unsubstantiated (2) Substantiated (3) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (1) Unfounded.

(Note: an additional report of sexual harassment was made from a female resident against a Parole Officer. The report was forwarded for their department to investigate. The resolution is not known).

Voyeurism: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Resident Allegations Made Towards Residents in 2016:

Sexual Abuse: (1) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

There were (8) PREA Investigations in 2015,

Resident Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2015:

Sexual Abuse: (1) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (1) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (2) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded.

Voyeurism: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Resident Allegations Made Towards Residents in 2015:

Sexual Abuse - (1) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (1) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment - (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (2) Unfounded

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**DATA Comparison**

While looking at data from the previous three years, it is evident staff, along with the residents, are more educated about PREA. The number of Resident on Resident allegations has declined. Additionally, there were no substantiated allegations of staff on resident sexual abuse during 2017.

Residents receive information upon admission through fliers and receipt of a PREA Handbook. Additionally, within the first week of their arrival, residents receive

Orientation concerning the role of each department, facility rules and additional information about PREA.

New staff receives training on PREA before they have any inter-action with residents; they sit in on Resident Orientation the first week they are employed (where they receive the same PREA information new residents receive) and again during quarterly training. Reporting mechanisms are visible to both staff and residents and BTC has taken a proactive role in attempting to reduce prison rape.

**The above mentioned information will serve as an annual review for 2017 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of BTC's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, response policies and training.**

It should be noted that the Bismarck Transition Center completed its first PREA audit, conducted by Loree Ivanets, DOJ Certified PREA Auditor, Dickinson, North Dakota, on September 29, 2014 - October 1, 2014. The Bismarck Transition Center was deemed to be in full compliance with PREA standards for Community Confinement facilities on April 10, 2015.

On September 12, 2017 - September 14, 2017, the Bismarck Transition Center underwent its' second PREA audit, conducted by K.E. Arnold, Castle Rock, CO. The Bismarck Transition Center is currently completing corrective action items concerning areas that were deemed deficient by the auditor. The corrective action period ends March 30, 2018.



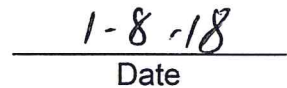
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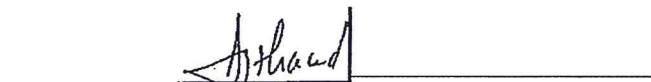
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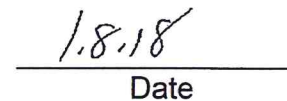
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