

Montgomery County Correctional Facility 2020 Annual Sexual Incident Report Review
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In 2003, the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law. PREA is aimed to eliminate sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities through a "zero-tolerance" policy, as well as through research and information gathering. As a result, National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape (PREA Standards) were published in the Federal Register on June 20, 2012. The Montgomery County Correctional Facility has a zero tolerance for sexual assault/misconduct and we strive to maintain a safe and secure environment for all who are in our custody. This policy establishes standards in the area of prevention, detection, and response to such matters.

In accordance with 115.88, Data Review for Corrective Action, this report is an annual report for the findings at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility during 2020.

Summary of Incidents:

The Montgomery County Correctional Facility is a secure 2080 bed facility for male and female inmates (both pre-trial detainees and sentenced offenders). The goal of the Montgomery County Correctional Facility is to maintain the community's faith in the management of the inmates while ensuring the prevention of sexual assault/misconduct within the facility.

During the week of August 6, 2018, a PREA Compliance Audit was conducted. The Auditor met with Administrative staff, toured the facility, reviewed policies and procedures, met with Correctional staff and interviewed the inmate population. The Auditor's findings were as follows:

STANDARDS DETERMINATION TOTALS:

Exceeds Standard – 2 (Two) Standards or approximately 5% of total standards.

Meets Standard - 42 (Forty two) Standards or approximately 95% of total standards.

Does Not Meet Standard – 0 (Zero) Standards or 0% of total standards

Summary of Corrective Action (if any) – Not Applicable

The goals for MCCF have not changed. MCCF will continue to investigate all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Counseling services and continued education will be offered to the inmate population. Also educating new and existing staff, contractors and volunteers will be provided to help reduce allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment within the Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

Comparison with Prior Year Data:

	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Inmate on Inmate	Staff on Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Staff on Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Staff on Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Staff on Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Staff on Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Staff on Inmate
Number of sexual harassment allegations.	29	5	12	16	24	14	30	19	45	16	24	23
Of those, number of sexual harassment investigations substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Of those, number of sexual harassment investigations unsubstantiated	8	1	6	2	18	4	9	1	19	4	3	5
Of those, number of sexual harassment investigation unfounded	21	4	6	14	6	10	21	18	26	12	21	18
Number of sexual abuse allegations.	19	7	31	1	11	6	9	9	22	3	24	24
Of those, number of sexual abuse investigations substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Of those, number of sexual abuse investigations unsubstantiated	10	2	20	0	7	0	3	0	10	0	13	3
Of those, number of sexual abuse investigations unfounded	9	5	11	1	4	6	6	9	12	3	11	20

Reviews will continue to be completed on an annual basis.

Assessment of Progress in Addressing Sexual Abuse:

MCCF will continue to comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act. MCCF will continue to train all new and existing staff, the inmate population, contracted and volunteer services on the prevention, recognition and reporting of any type of sexual abuse or harassment. MCCF will continue to work with the agencies that have been entered into agreements with to help in reporting, investigating and provide counseling services towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. A review of technology and the need for technology will be reviewed to assist in the prevention of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Additional cameras have been placed in the housing units in the dayroom areas and new body cameras were purchased. The facility has ongoing training for staff in the PREA area and all investigations of sexual abuse are reviewed in accordance with PREA Standards 115.86 to ensure the facility continues to make appropriate changes that are needed.

No additional corrective action recommended at this time.

MCCF is scheduled to be audited again in 2021.

