



JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

County of Galveston
(PROBATION and DETENTION SERVICES)

January 8, 2016

Brent Norris, Director
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Re: Data review for corrective action

Mr. Norris,

The Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department has completed the 2015 review of sexual abuse data collected and aggregated pursuant to the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - Juvenile Facility Standards part 115.388 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of the departments sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training applicable to the Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Center and the Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department.

Year over year comparison revealed no substantiated incidents or allegations of sexual violence or sexual abuse during the calendar year 2014 and 2015. PREA Data Collection records pursuant to 115.387 revealed one allegation reported in 2014 involving an unfounded allegation of staff sexual misconduct related to routine pat search and two allegations reported in 2015 including one allegation related to a youth's plan to exchange sex for contraband which was determined to be unfounded following review of statements and video (see attached facility PREA Data Collection documents) and one allegation of a youth grabbing another youth through his clothing which was determined to be unfounded following review of statements and video. These allegations are not related nor do they suggest a pattern of misconduct requiring a departure from the department's current course of action aimed at 100% compliance with PREA standards.

4M Youth Services, Inc DBA Rockdale Regional Juvenile Justice Center with which the Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department contracts for secure residential treatment reported no allegations of youth on youth sexual violence, staff sexual misconduct or staff sexual harassment in 2014 or 2015. Galveston County did not place any probationers at Rockdale Regional Juvenile Justice Center during 2014. The department placed one juvenile with the Rockdale Regional Juvenile Justice Center during 2015. Monthly in person contacts by the placement officer for the Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department revealed no

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allegations regarding the one resident placed at Rockdale during 2015. Based on the data submitted by the Rockdale Regional Juvenile Justice Center administration, it would appear that this facility has mitigated many of the problems which resulted in multiple allegations in 2013(see attached facility PREA Data Collection documents).

Beginning in 2012, the Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department began making tremendous strides to become compliant with all PREA standards including: policy and procedure implementation; responsive planning; training and education; screening for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness; reporting; responding; and data collection related to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in Galveston County Juvenile Justice facility's and secure placements. The Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department is dedicated to full compliance with 28 C.F.R. Part 115 Prison Rape Elimination Act's Juvenile Facility Standards with policies, procedures and practices which have yielded a very low incidence of sexual violence in department facilities during 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Approved By:



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Dated: 1-12-16
