

ANNUAL PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) STAFFING PLAN REVIEW

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Pursuant to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), 28 CFR 115.313, each facility is required to develop, implement and document a staffing plan that provides for adequate staffing levels, and where applicable, video monitoring, to protect youth against sexual abuse. Staffing plan review will be completed at least annually by the facility administration and the PREA compliance manager.

Describe how generally accepted juvenile justice residential treatment facility (secure and non-secure) practices are being utilized.

Bethany Christian Services Residential Treatment program works exclusively with adolescents who have done sexually inappropriate and/or criminal behavior. All staff have training in trauma, sexual offending, and recognizing setting up sexual action. The program has video monitoring in public spaces of the building. Staffing levels meet or exceed licensing and contract expectations. Procedures are put in place to know at all times where residents are located. Procedures and policies are put in place regarding resident room determination. PREA rules and policy are reviewed with staff upon hiring and in annual training. They are reviewed twice a year in staff meetings. Residents review PREA rules and expectations upon admission to the program, including a video, and are reviewed yearly. All PREA standards are met or exceeded.

Describe how any findings of inadequacy in program policies and procedures are addressed.

Policies related to PREA are current and effective. No deficites are noted; nor are there areas of concern.

Describe how any physical plant inadequacies of video monitoring systems are addressed (if applicable).

There were no noted physical inadequacies. The video monitoring system is accurate and effective. Additional cameras were recommended in December 2024; this is still being added along with updates to the system as a whole. Ridgeview leadership regularly review the need for additional video monitoring equipment in the program.

Describe how sexual abuse reporting on a certain shift, location or other factors, the programs on particular shift, the composition of the youth population, and the number and placement of supervisory staff have impacted staffing decisions.

In 2024, there were five PREA investigations with one still in investigation status, two unsubstantiated, and two unfounded. The 30-days review was completed on the two substantiated investigations. The staff allegation was from 15 years ago, which was unsubstantiated. Staff will continue to be reminded that safety is the priority and that monitoring youth is utmost priority.

1. Staffing ratio is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adequate <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate	Awake Staff-to-Youth ratio is 1:5	Sleeping Hours Staff-to-Youth ratio is 1:10
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Comments

We have a 1:4 awake hours staff ratio on the unit as of 10/01/2024 per new contract. We have a 1:10 unit for sleeping hours ratio. This is consistent with the updated October 2024 MDHHS contract.

2. After reviewing all these areas, it is determined that the current staffing plan is

Adequate Inadequate

Comments

The current staffing plan is adequate.

3. Facilities use of video monitoring systems is

Adequate Inadequate No system in facility

Comments

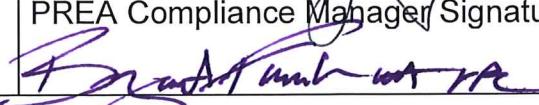
The video monitoring system is adequate. The system playback is slow at times. This is being evaluated.

4. Resources available to ensure adherence to the staffing plan are

Adequate Inadequate

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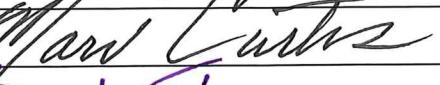
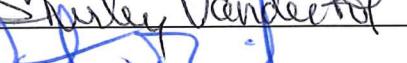
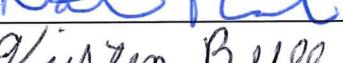
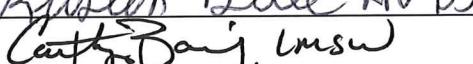
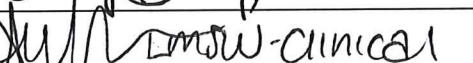
There is adequate supervision of direct care staff (Youth Specialists) by Unit Supervisors and supervision of those two supervisors by the Program Manager.

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