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Dear Board of Managers,

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was enacted to eliminate sexual abuse and harassment in confinement settings. These regulations, the "Final National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape", were published by the Department of Justice and became effective in June of 2012.

The York County Youth Development Center completed its second audit on April 15-16 and is in full compliance with the PREA Act. Attached you will find our 2018 annual report which will be published on the Youth Development Centers' webpage for public review.

The York County Youth Development Center had one (1) PREA related incident in 2018 which was forwarded to local law enforcement for investigation.

The Youth Development continues to improve methods and staff training to ensure the sexual safety of all our residents and continue to work with local law enforcement to thoroughly investigate any allegations or incidents of sexual abuse or harassment.

Please feel free to contact me for more information about the Prison Rape Elimination Act or with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Rodney Wagner, Director

York County Youth Development Center

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2018 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Annual Report

Summary

The County of York owns and operates the Youth Development Center. The Director, Rodney Wagner, is appointed by the York County Board of Managers. The Youth Development Center provides shelter services for both delinquent and dependent males and females ages 10-20 and has a licensed capacity of 36 residents through the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

The York County Youth Development Center has a zero tolerance policy towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. No resident at the Youth Development Center, regardless of age, can give consent to engage in sexual activity. The Youth Development Center's policy strictly prohibits any form of sexual activity between residents, volunteers, contract employees, or between residents and staff. Any such conduct is subject to disciplinary actions and may result in criminal prosecution.

The Youth Development Center collects data regarding sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegations. All allegations are reported to Childline, York County District Attorney's Office or Springettsbury Township Police Department, and to the Department of Human Services Central Region. The Youth Development Center does review incidents for practice improvement efforts, but does not investigate the allegations internally.

Definitions

Youth/ Youth non-consensual sexual acts – Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and sexual contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight; or contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus; or penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

Youth on youth abusive sexual contact – Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person. This does exclude incidents of incidental contact.

Youth on youth sexual harassment – Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances and requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one youth directed towards another.

Staff sexual misconduct – Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor or other agency representative. Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and youth are included in this definition. Consensual and non-consensual sexual acts include:

- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire; or
- Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts; or
- Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

Staff sexual harassment – Repeated verbal statements, comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative.

Substantiated allegation – An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation- An allegation that was investigated and produces insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Unfounded allegation – An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Report

Youth on Youth Nonconsensual Sexual Acts

- 2016 – Zero Allegations
- 2017 – Zero Allegations
- 2018 – Zero Allegations

Youth on Youth Abusive Sexual Contact

- 2016 – Zero Allegations
- 2017 – Zero Allegations
- 2018 – One (1) Allegation- Referred to law enforcement for investigation

Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment

- 2016 – Zero Allegations
- 2017 – Zero Allegations
- 2018 – Zero Allegations

Staff on Youth Sexual Misconduct

- 2016 – Zero Allegations
- 2017 – Zero Allegations
- 2018 – Zero Allegations

Staff on Youth Sexual Harassment

- 2016 – Zero Allegations
- 2017 – Zero Allegations
- 2018 – Zero Allegations

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