

## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report Adult Prisons & Jails

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Date of Report

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Mailing Address: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>	City, State, Zip: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
Telephone: (641) 939-8194	Is Agency accredited by any organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
The Agency Is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal
<b>Agency mission:</b> The mission of the Hardin County Correctional Center is to provide a facility that is safe, clean, and sanitary for detainees throughout the time of their incarceration. It is the policy of Hardin County, this facility, and the Immigration Service to treat detainees with dignity and respect while maintaining a safe, secure, and sanitary detention facility.	
<b>Agency Website with PREA Information:</b> <a href="http://www.co.hardin.ia.us/216/Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act">http://www.co.hardin.ia.us/216/Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act</a>	

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<b>Facility Information</b>			
<b>Name of Facility:</b> Hardin County Correctional Center			
<b>Physical Address:</b> 11146 14th Ave. Eldora, Iowa 50627			
<b>Mailing Address (if different than above):</b> <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>			
<b>Telephone Number:</b> (641) 939-8194			
<b>The Facility Is:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
<b>Facility Type:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jail	<input type="checkbox"/> Prison	
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<b>Facility Characteristics</b>			
<b>Designated Facility Capacity:</b> 107		<b>Current Population of Facility:</b> 88	
<b>Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months</b>			1248

Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more:		811	
Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:		936	
Number of inmates on date of audit who were admitted to facility prior to August 20, 2012:		0	
Age Range of Population	Youthful Inmates Under 18: 16-17	Adults: 18-53	
Are youthful inmates housed separately from the adult population?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Number of youthful inmates housed at this facility during the past 12 months:		7	
Average length of stay or time under supervision:		31	
Facility security level/inmate custody levels:		maximum, medium, minimum	
Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with inmates:		25	
Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with inmates:		5	
Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with inmates:		4	
<b>Physical Plant</b>			
Number of Buildings: 1		Number of Single Cell Housing Units: 3	
Number of Multiple Occupancy Cell Housing Units:		8	
Number of Open Bay/Dorm Housing Units: 0		5	
Number of Segregation Cells (Administrative and Disciplinary):		14	
Description of any video or electronic monitoring technology (including any relevant information about where cameras are placed, where the control room is, retention of video, etc.):			
Control room in the center of the cells, cameras in all dayrooms.			
<b>Medical</b>			
Type of Medical Facility:		On site medical care	
Forensic sexual assault medical exams are conducted at:		Covenant Medical Center – Waterloo Iowa	
<b>Other</b>			
Number of volunteers and individual contractors, who may have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:		23	
Number of investigators the agency currently employs to investigate allegations of sexual abuse:		1	

## Audit Findings

### Audit Narrative

A PREA audit of the Hardin County Correctional Center was conducted October 29th, 2018 by Chris Sweney, Certified PREA auditor. As part of the audit a full tour of the facility was conducted along with document reviews and staff and inmate interviews. The tour included all area of the main facilities including inmate housing, booking, kitchen, laundry, recreation, control, program areas, medical and administrative offices. Pre Audit posters were observed in all housing and common areas. No inmates specifically requested to speak with the auditor nor did the auditor receive any written correspondence from inmates or staff prior to the onsite visit.

Following the tour the PREA Coordinator provided the auditor with a roster of staff assigned to each shift. A total of four (4) random staff interviews from first (0700-1500) and second (1500-2300) shift were conducted. Random staff interviews also included questions about PREA information provided to inmates upon intake and initial screening of inmates when arriving at the facility. One supervisor from first and second shift was interviewed including questions about unannounced rounds and first responder duties. Other targeted staff interviews included the Jail Administrator (by phone), PREA Coordinator, Investigative Deputy (by phone) responsible for PREA related investigations, both on duty medical staff and administrative staff responsible for completing employee background checks. A total of twelve (12) formal staff interviews were completed.

Following staff interviews the PREA Coordinator provided the auditor with a roster of all (88) inmates at the facility. Inmates were randomly selected by the auditor. At least one inmate from each housing unit was interviewed. There were three (3) juvenile inmates under the age of eighteen, all three were interviewed. Additionally, one female inmate who spoke limited English was interviewed through the translator hotline. No inmates were identified that had hearing or visual impairments, nor were there any inmate who identified as lesbian, gay or transgender. One inmate who had recently made an allegation of sexual harassment was also interviewed. A total of nine-teen (19) formal inmate interviews were completed. The Hardin County Correctional Center reported two (2) allegations of sexual abuse or harassment in the past twelve months. Both incidents were investigated appropriately. Of the two (2) investigations one (1) was substantiated and the other was ongoing during the onsite visit. A thorough after action review was completed for the substantiated allegation. The facility's response and investigative process was reviewed with the PREA Coordinator and found to be well within standard.

Commented [SCJ(C1)]: Has this investigation been completed?

### Facility Characteristics

The Hardin County Correctional Center is located in Eldora Iowa and incarcerates persons charged with state or local crimes, persons serving sentences under court order, persons waiting trial, persons awaiting extradition to another jurisdiction or state, and detainees from other local agencies under jurisdictional agreement. It also contracts for the detention of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees. The facility is required to meet both state and federal detention standards as monitored by the Iowa Department of Corrections and the ICE Inspections Bureau. The Hardin County Law Enforcement Center was completed in July 2000 and houses the Sheriff's Office, E911 Communications Center, and the Correctional Center, which is the facility that constitutes the county jail. The Jail Division management team consists of the Sheriff, Jail Administrator, Assistant Jail Administrator, and Jail Sergeants. The remainder of the jail staff consists of correctional officers and support staff. The Jail Administrator is responsible for the administration of policy, activity, operation, and business of the county jail. The Assistant Administrator is primarily responsible for the daily operation, appointments, court appearances, and services. The Jail Sergeants assist the administration and support the correctional officers in carrying out their general duties.

along with policy enforcement. Care is given to separate genders, court status, and juveniles. Each pod has fixtures such as a television, shower, tables and chairs, and a telephone. The center holds a wide variety of detainees on the local, state, and federal levels.

### Summary of Audit Findings

Number of Standards Exceeded:

Number of Standards Met:

Number of Standards Not Met:

Summary of Corrective Action (if any)

## PREVENTION PLANNING

### Standard 115.11: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by The Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.11 (a)

- Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.11 (b)

- Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.11 (c)

- If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA Coordinator? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

- Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

The Hardin County Correctional Center has a zero tolerance policy towards all forms of sexual abuse and harassment. This policy outlines how the department prevents, detects, and responds to incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy also includes definitions of prohibited behaviors and sanctions for those who participated in those behaviors. The policy includes a description of agency strategies and responses to reduce and prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates.

Hardin County has a designated PREA Coordinator to oversee the development and implementation of their PREA program. The PREA Coordinator indicated during her interview that she has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee the facilities efforts to comply with the PREA standards.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (Section 6)  
Hardin County Sheriff's Organizational Structure  
PREA Coordinator

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.12: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.12 (a)

- If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its inmates with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to comply with the PREA standards in any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other

entities for the confinement of inmates.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### 115.12 (b)

- Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates OR the response to 115.12(a)-1 is "NO".) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☐ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

The Hardin County Correctional Center does not currently contract for the confinement of their inmates. Hardin County Policy does not however; require that any future contract facilities comply with the PREA standards.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (Section 6)  
PREA Coordinator

#### Corrective Action

The Hardin County Correctional Center does not currently contract for the confinement of their inmates at other facilities. However, nothing in policy or statute prevents them from doing so. During the onsite visit no language existed which required future contract facilities to comply with PREA standard. A recommendation was made to add language to Hardin County policy to ensure future compliance.

### Standard 115.13: Supervision and monitoring

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.13 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that each facility has developed a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility has documented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the generally accepted detention and correctional practices in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any judicial findings of inadequacy in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration all components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated) in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the composition of the inmate population in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the number and placement of supervisory staff in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the institution programs occurring on a particular shift in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any other relevant factors in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.13 (b)



- In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document and justify all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)  
☒ Yes   ☐ No   ☐ NA

#### 115.13 (c)

- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section? ☒ Yes   ☐ No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies? ☒ Yes   ☐ No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan? ☒ Yes   ☐ No

#### 115.13 (d)

- Has the facility/agency implemented a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes   ☐ No
- Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts? ☒ Yes   ☐ No
- Does the facility/agency have a policy prohibiting staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility? ☒ Yes   ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

The Hardin County Correctional Center is an indirect supervision facility and has a staffing plan which accounts for generally accepted detention and correctional practices; Hardin County follows applicable State and local laws, regulations and standards to determine staffing levels. The Hardin County Correctional Center has no Judicial, Federal or other internal or external findings of inadequate staffing. All components of the facility's physical plant, composition of the inmate population and placement of supervisory staff are also considered.

Deviations from the staffing plan are documented and reported to the Jail Administrator. Staffing requirements are assessed annually and adjustments are made if necessary.

Unannounced rounds are completed by supervisors on each shift and documented in a computerized system. The PREA Coordinator provided documentation of rounds with the pre-audit documentation which shows this as a regular practice. During the onsite visit, supervisors explained how unannounced rounds are documented. Random inmate interviews indicated that supervisors as well as other staff make regular rounds. Policy prohibits staff from alerting other staff members that supervisory rounds are occurring.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures  
Computerized Round Management System (Guardian)  
PREA Coordinator  
Supervisory Staff Interviews  
Random Staff Interviews  
Random Inmate Interviews

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

**Standard 115.14: Youthful inmates**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.14 (a)**

- Does the facility place all youthful inmates in housing units that separate them from sight, sound, and physical contact with any adult inmates through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

**115.14 (b)**

- In areas outside of housing units does the agency maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- In areas outside of housing units does the agency provide direct staff supervision when youthful inmates and adult inmates have sight, sound, or physical contact? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

**115.14 (c)**

- Does the agency make its best efforts to avoid placing youthful inmates in isolation to comply with this provision? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- Does the agency, while complying with this provision, allow youthful inmates daily large-muscle exercise and legally required special education services, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

- Do youthful inmates have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].)  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

The Hardin County Correctional Center does house youthful offenders under the age of 18. Hardin County policy requires youthful inmates to be sight and sound separate from adult inmates in all areas of the facility including booking/classification, recreation and housing. During the onsite visit there were three offenders housed under the age of eighteen. All three were interviewed and confirmed compliance with this standard.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (Section 17)  
 Facility Tour  
 PREA Coordinator  
 Supervisory Staff Interviews  
 Random Staff Interviews  
 Youthful Offender Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.15: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

##### 115.15 (a)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

##### 115.15 (b)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates in non-exigent circumstances? (N/A here for facilities with less than 50 inmates before August 20, 2017.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the facility always refrain from restricting female inmates' access to regularly available programming or other out-of-cell opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A here for facilities with less than 50 inmates before August 20, 2017.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### 115.15 (c)

- Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.15 (d)

- Does the facility implement a policy and practice that enables inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.15 (e)

- Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex inmates for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If an inmate's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.15 (f)

- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex inmates in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

The Hardin County Correctional Center prohibits cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches. All strip searches are authorized by a supervisor and documented. The facility has implemented policies and procedures that enable inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their buttocks, or genitalia, except when such viewing is incidental to routine checks. Staff is trained to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches, and searches of transgender and intersex inmates using the least intrusive method possible. Staff interviews showed an understanding of the inmate search policy. Hardin County policy requires staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (Section 17)  
Hardin County PREA Training Curriculum (Employees)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Supervisory Staff Interviews  
Random Staff Interviews  
Random Inmate interviews

**Corrective Action**

No Corrective Action Needed

**Standard 115.16: Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.16 (a)**

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who are blind or have low vision? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have intellectual disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have psychiatric disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have speech disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other (if "other," please explain in overall determination notes)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have intellectual disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have limited reading skills? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Are blind or have low vision? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.16 (b)

- Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.16 (c)

- Does the agency always refrain from relying on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistance except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in

obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center takes steps and has a policy which ensures inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Hardin County provides inmates with materials which are available in English and Spanish. Additionally, Hardin County has access to a translation hotline. PREA posters and educational materials are provided in English and Spanish. Inmates who are deaf are provided written information and video with subtitles. Hardin County does not rely on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise an inmate's safety, the performance of first-responder duties, or the investigation of an inmate's allegations.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures  
Hardin County Sexual Assault Awareness Brochure (English/Spanish)  
PREA Posters (English/Spanish)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Random Staff interviews  
Random Inmate interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.17: Hiring and promotion decisions

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

##### 115.17 (a)

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.17 (b)

- Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.17 (c)

- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with inmates, does the agency: perform a criminal background records check? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with inmates, does the agency: consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.17 (d)

- Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.17 (e)



- Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.17 (f)

- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.17 (g)

- Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.17 (h)

- Does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

The Hardin County Correctional Center prohibits hiring and/or promoting anyone who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution. Hardin County completes criminal background checks on all new employees, contract staff and volunteers before they are allowed to have contact with inmates. Hardin County policy requires that all new employees be asked whether they have engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution; been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not

consent or was unable to consent or refuse or been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above. This is accomplished with a form that is filled out by all applicants who will be working in the jail.

Criminal background checks are repeated every five years for current employees. Volunteer background checks are repeated every year. Nothing found in policy prohibit the facility from providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee if requested from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures  
Hardin County Pre-employment PREA Questionnaire  
Staff Background Check Review  
Volunteer Background Check Review  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Administrative Assistant interview

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

## Standard 115.18: Upgrades to facilities and technologies

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### 115.18 (a)

- If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

### 115.18 (b)

- If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

Hardin County considers the effect of any new design, acquisition, expansion, or modification on the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. **No additions or major modifications have been made to the facility since** Hardin County's last audit in 2015.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures

Facility Tour

Pre-Audit Questionnaire

PREA Coordinator Interview

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

## RESPONSIVE PLANNING

### Standard 115.21: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.21 (a)

- If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### 115.21 (b)

- Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is

not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**115.21 (c)**

- Does the agency offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.21 (d)**

- Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.21 (e)**

- As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.21 (f)**

- If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating entity follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

**115.21 (g)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### 115.21 (h)

- If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? [N/A if agency attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.21(d) above.] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Sheriff's Department is responsible for criminal and administrative investigations. Emergency healthcare as well as forensic examinations by SANE/SAFE staff are provided at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo Iowa with no cost to the victim. An advocate from the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP) Resources is provided to the inmate upon request to provide emotional support through the forensic medical examination and investigation interviews. There were no forensic medical exams performed by SANE/SAFE staff during the last twelve months.

**Commented [SCJ(C2)]:** Who would provide this service if needed?

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
 Hardin County Sexual Assault Awareness Brochure (English/Spanish)  
 PREA Posters (English/Spanish)  
 Covenant Medical Center Website - <https://www.wheatoniowa.org/locations/covenant-medical-center/>  
 PREA Coordinator Interview  
 Investigative Staff Interview  
 Medical Staff Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.22: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.22 (a)

- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.22 (b)

- Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency document all such referrals? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.22 (c)

- If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does such publication describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? [N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### 115.22 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### 115.22 (e)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center has a policy that all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment be referred for investigation to appropriate authorities. Both administrative and criminal investigations are conducted by the Hardin County Sheriff's Office. The Hardin County PREA policy is available on the Hardin County Correctional Center website. Staff interviews showed an awareness of the

responsibilities of each agency and inmates were confident that allegations of sexual abuse and harassment would be investigated.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)

Hardin County Correctional Center Website - <http://www.co.hardin.ia.us/204/Jail>

PREA Coordinator Interview

Investigative Staff Interview

Random Staff Interviews

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

### Standard 115.31: Employee training

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.31 (a)**

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.31 (b)

- Is such training tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.31 (c)

- Have all current employees who may have contact with inmates received such training? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.31 (d)

- Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☒ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☐ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center provides all staff with training which includes their zero tolerance policy, how to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies, inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, the right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting abuse and all other components of this standard. Training is completed during the new hire academy and each year during in-



service. Employee training is documented and maintained in the employee's file. Staff interviews verified a comprehensive understanding of PREA related training

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County PREA Training Curriculum (Employees)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Supervisory Staff Interviews  
Random Staff Interviews  
Random Inmate interviews

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

**Standard 115.32: Volunteer and contractor training**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.32 (a)**

- Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.32 (b)**

- Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.32 (c)**

- Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

**Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative**

All contractors and volunteers who have contact with inmates at the Hardin County Correctional Center receive PREA training prior to working in the facility. Orientation includes the agency's policy and procedures regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detention, reporting, and response including zero tolerance. Upon completion of orientation, the volunteer/contractor signs and an acknowledgment form. Signed forms are maintained at the facility.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County PREA Training Curriculum  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Medical Contractor Interview  
Kitchen Contractor Interview

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

## Standard 115.33: Inmate education

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.33 (a)

- During intake, do inmates receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- During intake, do inmates receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.33 (b)

- Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.33 (c)

- Have all inmates received such education? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Do inmates receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the inmate's new facility differ from those of the previous facility?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.33 (d)

- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.33 (e)

- Does the agency maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.33 (f)

- In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

During the intake process the Hardin County Correctional Center provides inmates with information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to make a report. During the onsite visit no process was in place which documented were inmates are provided more comprehensive PREA information within thirty (30) days of arrival. Inmates acknowledge they have

received and understand the information provided at intake. Documentation is maintained in the inmate's detention file. Additional educational materials are provided in the form of posters and handouts in housing areas.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County Inmate Handbook  
Hardin County Sexual Assault Awareness Brochure (English/Spanish)  
PREA Posters (English/Spanish)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Random Staff Interviews  
Random Inmate Interviews

**Corrective Action**

During the onsite visit no process was in place which documented were inmates are provided more comprehensive PREA information within thirty (30) days of arrival.

**Standard 115.34: Specialized training: Investigations**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.34 (a)**

- In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.31, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**115.34 (b)**

- Does this specialized training include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does this specialized training include proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does this specialized training include sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does this specialized training include the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### 115.34 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).]  
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### 115.34 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center provides specialized investigative training to investigators responsible for investigations within the Jail. The training covers techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection and criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution. Training is documented and maintained in the investigator's training file.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County PREA Training Curriculum  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Investigative Staff Interview

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.35: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.35 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

#### 115.35 (b)

- If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### 115.35 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.35 (d)

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.31? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.32? ☐ Yes ☒ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

MEND Correctional Care provides medical and mental health services for the Hardin County Correctional Center. Medical staff receives specialized PREA training which includes how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, preservation of physical evidence, responding effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse, and how and to whom to report sexual abuse. Hardin County maintains documentation of specialized medical training at the facility.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County PREA Training Curriculum  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Medical Staff Interview

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

## SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

### Standard 115.41: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

**115.41 (a)**

- Are all inmates assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are all inmates assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.41 (b)**

- Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.41 (c)**

- Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.41 (d)**

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (2) The age of the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (3) The physical build of the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (5) Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the inmate about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener's perception whether the inmate is gender non-conforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (9) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10) Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.41 (e)

- In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses? ☒ Yes ☐ No



- In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.41 (f)

- Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.41 (g)

- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a: Referral?  
☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a: Request?  
☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a: Incident of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a: Receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.41 (h)

- Is it the case that inmates are not ever disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8), or (d)(9) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.41 (i)

- Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center screens all inmates for risk of victimization and abusiveness within twenty-four hours of arrival. The screening instrument includes whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability, the age and physical build of the inmate, previous incarceration history, whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent, prior convictions for sex offenses, whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming, past sexual victimization, self-perception of vulnerability and civil immigration status.

Within the first thirty (30) days of arrival at the facility, staff reassesses the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening.

Inmates are not disciplined for refusing answer questions during the screening process. Information obtained during the initial assessment and reassessment is placed in the inmate's classification file. Only authorized staff has access to these files.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County PREA Risk Assessment Screening  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Random Staff Interviews  
Random Inmate Interviews

**Corrective Action**

No Corrective Action Needed

## Standard 115.42: Use of screening information

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.42 (a)

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Housing Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Bed assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Work Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Education Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.42 (b)

- Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.42 (c)

- When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns inmates to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex inmates, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.42 (d)

- Are placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.42 (e)

- Are each transgender or intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.42 (f)

- Are transgender and intersex inmates given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.42 (g)

- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: transgender inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: intersex inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center uses information from the risk assessment to inform housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive. Hardin County makes individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate.

Transgender or intersex inmate's housing is considered on a case-by-case basis, placement considers the inmate's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems. Transgender or intersex inmate's placement is reassessed as needed.

Transgender or intersex inmate's own view with respect to his or her own safety is given consideration.

Transgender and intersex inmates are given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates.

Hardin County does not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates in a dedicated unit based solely on identification or status.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
 Hardin County PREA Risk Assessment Screening  
 PREA Coordinator Interview  
 Random Staff Interviews  
 Random Inmate Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

## Standard 115.43: Protective Custody

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.43 (a)

- Does the facility always refrain from placing inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, does the facility hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.43 (b)

- Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Programs to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Privileges to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Education to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Work opportunities to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document: The opportunities that have been limited? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document: The duration of the limitation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document: The reasons for such limitations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.43 (c)

- Does the facility assign inmates at high risk of sexual victimization to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.43 (d)**

- If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.43 (e)**

- In the case of each inmate who is placed in involuntary segregation because he/she is at high risk of sexual victimization, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

**Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative**

Hardin County Correctional Center policy on protective custody prohibits the placement of inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in the involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If an involuntary segregated housing placement is made the placement is review on a weekly basis until other housing can be found. Segregated housing assignment will not exceed a period of thirty (30) days. Inmates placed in protective custody have access to programs privileges, education, and work opportunities to the extent possible. If restrictions occur, the facility documents the restrictions, duration of the limitation, and reasons for the limitation.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County PREA Risk Assessment Screening  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Random Staff Interviews  
Random Inmate Interviews

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

**REPORTING**

## Standard 115.51: Inmate reporting

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.51 (a)

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.51 (b)

- Does the agency also provide at least one way for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does that private entity or office allow the inmate to remain anonymous upon request?  
☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.51 (c)

- Does staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does staff promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.51 (d)

- Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center provides multiple ways for offenders to report sexual abuse, sexual harassment and retaliation. Inmates may contact the Victim and Restorative Justice Coordinator at the Iowa Department of Corrections or the state Ombudsman Office. Phone numbers and addresses are provided in the PREA pamphlet provided during intake, on posters in the housing units and in the inmate handbook. Staff accepts reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties. Staff may also privately report sexual abuse themselves. All reports are documented and investigated by qualified staff. Staff and inmate interviews showed a thorough understanding of multiple ways to report sexual abuse and harassment.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County Inmate Handbook  
Hardin County Sexual Assault Awareness Brochure (English/Spanish)  
PREA Posters (English/Spanish)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Random Staff Interviews  
Random Inmate Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.52: Exhaustion of administrative remedies

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

##### 115.52 (a)

- Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because an inmate does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse. ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

##### 115.52 (b)

- Does the agency permit inmates to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA



- Does the agency always refrain from requiring an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### 115.52 (c)

- Does the agency ensure that: An inmate who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### 115.52 (d)

- Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by inmates in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- If the agency claims the maximum allowable extension of time to respond of up to 70 days per 115.52(d)(3) when the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision, does the agency notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may an inmate consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### 115.52 (e)

- Are third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates? (If a third-party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the inmate's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### 115.52 (f)

- Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.). ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### 115.52 (g)

- If the agency disciplines an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center does not use administrative procedures to address inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. All sexual abuse allegations shall be forwarded to the Jail Administrator for investigation.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)

Hardin County Inmate Handbook

PREA Coordinator Interview

Random Staff Interviews

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

**Standard 115.53: Inmate access to outside confidential support services****All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report****115.53 (a)**

- Does the facility provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.53 (b)**

- Does the facility inform inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.53 (c)**

- Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**☐**Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center provides inmates with access to outside support services through an **MOU with the Rape Victim Advocacy Program**. Inmates may contact the **Rape Victim Advocacy Program** via toll-free hotline or they may write to them at the address provided upon intake. Information is also posted in all living units. Additional information is available on the kiosks in the housing units. Inmates are informed that phone calls may be monitored and incoming and outgoing mail may be checked.

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#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
 Hardin County Inmate Handbook  
 Hardin County Sexual Assault Awareness Brochure (English/Spanish)  
 PREA Posters (English/Spanish)  
 PREA Coordinator Interview  
 Random Staff Interviews  
 Random Inmate Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.54: Third-party reporting

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

##### 115.54 (a)

- Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center accepts and investigates third-party reports of sexual abuse and harassment. Information is posted in the visiting area and available on the Iowa County website. Staff and inmate interviews reflected an understanding of this standard. Inmates where confident that third party reports would be investigated.

### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County Inmate Handbook  
Hardin County Sexual Assault Awareness Brochure (English/Spanish)  
PREA Posters (English/Spanish)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Random Staff Interviews  
Random Inmate Interviews

### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

## OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING AN INMATE REPORT

### Standard 115.61: Staff and agency reporting duties

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.61 (a)

- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against inmates or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.61 (b)

- Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, does staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent

necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.61 (c)

- Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.61 (d)

- If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.61 (e)

- Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

Hardin County Correctional Center policy requires all staff to immediately report and document sexual abuse and sexual harassment including third-party and anonymous reports. Staff is prohibited from discussing information related to sexual abuse reports with anyone other than those directly involved.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Supervisory Staff Interviews  
Random Staff Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

## Standard 115.62: Agency protection duties

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.62 (a)

- When the agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

Hardin County Correctional Center policy requires staff to take immediate action to protect any inmate subject to substantial risk of sexual abuse. Policies outline the immediate steps that are to be taken to protect inmates with a substantial risk of sexual abuse. Inmates at risk are immediately removed from the area and placed in a safe location. Staff interviews showed a thorough understanding of the steps needed to protect an inmate at risk for sexual abuse. Hardin County has not had any reports of an inmate who was at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse during the 12 months prior to the audit.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County PREA Risk Assessment Screening  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Random Staff Interviews  
Random Inmate Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

## Standard 115.63: Reporting to other confinement facilities

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.63 (a)

- Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.63 (b)**

- Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.63 (c)**

- Does the agency document that it has provided such notification? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.63 (d)**

- Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

**Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative**

Hardin County policy requires, upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, that the Jail Administrator must notify the head of the facility where the sexual abuse is alleged to have occurred within 72 hours. No such notifications were made in the last twelve months.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)

Jail Administrator Interview

PREA Coordinator Interview

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

**Standard 115.64: Staff first responder duties****All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report****115.64 (a)**

- Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser?  
☒ Yes ☐ No



- Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.64 (b)

- If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center has a policy and provides training to all first responders which include the separation of the alleged victim and abuser; preservation and protection of the crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect evidence; the collection of physical evidence, requesting that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating; and ensuring that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating. Staff was very knowledgeable of their responsibilities when responding to reports of sexual abuse.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
 Hardin County PREA Training Curriculum (Employees)  
 PREA Coordinator Interview  
 Supervisory Staff Interviews  
 Random Staff Interviews  
 Random Inmate interviews

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

**Standard 115.65: Coordinated response**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

**115.65 (a)**

- Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

**Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative**

The Hardin County Correctional Center has a written coordinated response plan to address Incident of inmate sexual abuse. The plan coordinates actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse among first responders, security, medical and mental health practitioners, investigative staff, facility administration, and victim advocates.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Supervisory Staff Interviews  
Random Staff Interviews

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

**Standard 115.66: Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

**115.66 (a)**

- Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.66 (b)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

Hardin County collective bargaining agreements do not prevent the removal of staff accused of sexual abuse from contact with inmates pending the outcome of an investigation. Hardin County may remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates or place an employee on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
 PREA Coordinator Interview  
 Supervisory Staff Interviews  
 Random Staff Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.67: Agency protection against retaliation

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.67 (a)

- Has the agency established a policy to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.67 (b)**

- Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.67 (c)**

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor any inmate disciplinary reports? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate housing changes? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate program changes? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor negative performance reviews of staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor reassignments of staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.67 (d)**

- In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.67 (e)

- If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.67 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center has policies and processes in place to protect inmates and staff that report sexual abuse and harassment. The PREA Coordinator is responsible for this process. Those that report are monitored for at least ninety (90) days. Monitoring includes any inmate disciplinary reports, housing, or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff. Hardin County policy allows the monitoring period to be continued as needed.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Supervisory Staff Interviews  
Random Staff Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.68: Post-allegation protective custody

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.68 (a)

- Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.43? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center may use segregated housing for a short period of time to protect those that report sexual abuse. Victims placed in protective custody are monitored and seen by medical and mental health. Placement is reviewed within twenty-four hours and again every seven days. Alternative housing is generally found within thirty days of placement. Hardin County documents any restriction or loss of privileges due to being placed in protective custody. In the last twelve months Hardin County has had no inmates place on protective custody following a report of sexual abuse.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
 PREA Coordinator Interview  
 Supervisory Staff Interviews  
 Random Staff Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

## INVESTIGATIONS

### Standard 115.71: Criminal and administrative agency investigations

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.71 (a)

- When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**115.71 (b)**

- Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.34? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.71 (c)**

- Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.71 (d)**

- When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.71 (e)**

- Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as inmate or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.71 (f)**

- Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.71 (g)**

- Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.71 (h)**

- Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.71 (i)

- Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.71(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.71 (j)

- Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.71 (k)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### 115.71 (l)

- When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center has a policy which requires that all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment be referred for investigation to appropriate law enforcement authorities. Administrative investigations are conducted internally by the PREA Coordinator/Jail Administrator. Allegations which may result in criminal charges, whether they are inmate-on-inmate or staff-on-inmate allegations are forwarded to the Hardin County Sheriff's Department for investigation. Facility staff is required to cooperate fully with all internal and external investigations. Investigators receive specialized training to conduct investigations dealing with sexual assault and abuse. Evidence is collected using a uniform method that preserves evidence. Iowa County Jail policy requires that all documentation from investigations be maintained for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)

PREA Coordinator Interview



Supervisory Staff Interviews  
Investigative Staff Interview  
Random Staff Interviews

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

## Standard 115.72: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.72 (a)

- Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

Interviews with investigative staff indicate that Hardin County imposes a standard of preponderance of evidence for proof, or a lower standard, when determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. Investigation reports provided additional support further demonstrating compliance with this PREA standard.

### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Investigative Staff Interview

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

## Standard 115.73: Reporting to inmates

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.73 (a)

- Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.73 (b)

- If the agency did not conduct the investigation into an inmate's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### 115.73 (c)

- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.73 (d)

- Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.73 (e)

- Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.73 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center has a process in place to notify inmates following an investigation, which indicates the findings as substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded. The PREA Coordinator will notify the inmate directly in cases of substantiated or unsubstantiated cases and record it in the inmate file. One such notification was completed in the twelve months prior to the onsite visit.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Investigation Documents and Notification Letter  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Investigative Staff Interview

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

## DISCIPLINE

### Standard 115.76: Disciplinary sanctions for staff

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.76 (a)

- Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.76 (b)

- Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.76 (c)

- Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.76 (d)

- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

Hardin County Correctional Center policy addresses disciplinary sanctions of employees up to removal for PREA related issues. The employee manual provided to all employees explains the disciplinary process to them. Staff interviews revealed an awareness of the departments zero tolerance policy as it pertains to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Random Staff Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

#### Standard 115.77: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.77 (a)

- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.77 (b)

- In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center has a zero tolerance involving sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmate by contractors and volunteer. The policy outlines criminal actions taken in the event a volunteer or contractor sexual abuses or participates in sexual harassment. Interviews of contract staff and volunteers showed an awareness of this policy.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Contract Medical Interview  
Contract Kitchen Staff Interview

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.78: Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.78 (a)

- Following an administrative finding that an inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, are inmates subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (b)**

- Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (c)**

- When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (d)**

- If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (e)**

- Does the agency discipline an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (f)**

- For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (g)**

- Does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between inmates to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between inmates.)  
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

Hardin County Correctional Center policy outlines disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed on inmates who engage in sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Inmates are subject to discipline internally for inmate on inmate sexual abuse. Inmates are only disciplined for sexual relations with staff in cases where it is determined to be without consent from staff.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County Inmate Handbook  
Hardin County Sexual Assault Awareness Brochure (English/Spanish)  
PREA Posters (English/Spanish)  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Random Staff Interviews  
Random Inmate Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

## MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE

### Standard 115.81: Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

##### 115.81 (a)

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? ☒ Yes ☐ No

##### 115.81 (b)

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

##### 115.81 (c)

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a jail inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure

that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.81 (d)

- Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.81 (e)

- Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center has protocols in place to transport a victim of sexual abuse to Covenant Medical Center where SANE/SAFE certified staff is available. Hardin County also has processes in place to provide emergency prophylactic medications if deemed appropriate by medical staff in consultation with the inmate.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Covenant Medical Center Website - <https://www.wheatoniowa.org/locations/covenant-medical-center/>  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Supervisory Staff Interviews  
Medical Staff interview

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

#### Standard 115.82: Access to emergency medical and mental health services

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.82 (a)



- Do inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.82 (b)

- If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.62? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.82 (c)

- Are inmate victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.82 (d)

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center has protocols in place to transport a victim of sexual abuse to Covenant Medical Center Website with SANE/SAFE certified staff for medical examined if required. Iowa County also has processes in place to provide emergency prophylactic medications if deemed appropriate by medical staff in consultation with the inmate.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Covenant Medical Center Website - <https://www.wheatoniowa.org/locations/covenant-medical-center/>  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Supervisory Staff Interviews  
Medical Staff interview

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

**Standard 115.83: Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers****All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report****115.83 (a)**

- Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.83 (b)**

- Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.83 (c)**

- Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.83 (d)**

- Are inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if all-male facility.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

**115.83 (e)**

- If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.83(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if all-male facility.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

**115.83 (f)**

- Are inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.83 (g)**

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.83 (h)

- If the facility is a prison, does it attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners? (NA if the facility is a jail.)  
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center has protocols in place to provide ongoing medical examination of inmates who claim sexual abuse. Medical staff interviewed was well versed in the emergency protocol to follow with sexual abuse victims. Hardin County has mental health staff available for inmates needing those services. Hardin County has not had a need for ongoing medical or mental health care for sexual abuse victims and/or abusers within the twelve months prior to the audit.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
 PREA Coordinator Interview  
 Supervisory Staff Interviews  
 Medical Staff interview

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

## DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW

### Standard 115.86: Sexual abuse incident reviews

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### 115.86 (a)

- Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.86 (b)

- Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.86 (c)

- Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.86 (d)

- Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.86(d)(1) - (d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA Coordinator? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.86 (e)

- Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

Hardin County Correctional Center procedures require a sexual abuse incident review must be conducted within 30 days of the conclusion of investigations, unless the allegation is determined to be unfounded. The review team consists of the PREA Coordinator, security staff, medical and administrative staff. The incident review team reviews the circumstances of the incident; the inmates and staff involved, whether actions taken were consistent with agency policies and procedures, if allegation or investigation indicates a need for policy changes and whether the incident or allegation were motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status, gang affiliation. The report is completed and submitted to the Jail Administrator for review. The Hardin County Correctional Center has had one investigation of sexual abuse in the past twelve months which was substantiated, an action reviews was completed as outlined by policy.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Completed Sexual Abuse Incident Review  
PREA Coordinator Interview  
Supervisory Staff Interviews

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

### Standard 115.87: Data collection

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

##### 115.87 (a)

- Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

##### 115.87 (b)

- Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

##### 115.87 (c)

- Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice? ☒ Yes ☐ No

##### 115.87 (d)

- Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.87 (e)

- Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its inmates.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

#### 115.87 (f)

- Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)  
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at the facility using a standardized instrument and set of definitions, and aggregates the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually. The data collected is based on the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice. Hardin County reviews and collects data as needed from all available documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews. The Hardin County Correctional Center does not contract its inmates to other facilities. Hardin County provides all data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice upon request.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
Hardin County Correctional Center Website - <http://www.co.hardin.ia.us/216/Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act>  
PREA Coordinator Interview

#### Corrective Action

No corrective action needed

#### Standard 115.88: Data review for corrective action

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.88 (a)

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.88 (b)

- Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.88 (c)

- Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.88 (d)

- Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The Hardin County Correctional Center reviews relevant data collected to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including identifying problem areas; taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective action. The report is approved by the Jail Administrator and made

readily available to the public through its website. Hardin County redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of the facility.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)

Hardin County Correctional Center Website - <http://www.co.hardin.ia.us/216/Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act>

PREA Coordinator Interview

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

**Standard 115.89: Data storage, publication, and destruction**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.89 (a)**

- Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.89 (b)**

- Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.89 (c)**

- Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.89 (d)**

- Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.87 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

**Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative**



The Hardin County Correctional Center makes all aggregated sexual abuse data readily available to the public at least annually through its website. All reports are securely retained and maintained for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection. The annual report is made available to the public through the Hardin County website.

**Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed**

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)

Hardin County Correctional Center Website - <http://www.co.hardin.ia.us/216/Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act>

PREA Coordinator Interview

**Corrective Action**

No corrective action needed

## AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.401 (a)**

- During the three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and during each three-year period thereafter, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (N/A before August 20, 2016.)  
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA

**115.401 (b)**

- During each one-year period starting on August 20, 2013, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**115.401 (h)**

- Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.401 (i)**

- Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.401 (m)**

- Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 115.401 (n)

- Were inmates permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

This was the Hardin County Correctional Center's second audit of the PREA standards. During the on-site visit the auditor was afforded access to all areas of the facility, allowed to interview inmates and staff in private, and was provided with all necessary documentation to complete a thorough audit. Contact information for this auditor was visible in all areas of the facility.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)  
 Hardin County Correctional Center Website - <http://www.co.hardin.ia.us/216/Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act>  
 PREA Coordinator Interview

### Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.403 (f)

- The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports within 90 days of issuance by auditor. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AGENCY AUDIT. In the case of single facility agencies, the auditor shall ensure that the facility's last audit report was published. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or in the case of single facility agencies that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- ☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- ☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- ☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

The auditor observed on the agency's website Hardin County's previous Final PREA Audit Report. Hardin County ensures that final reports are published on their website.

#### Policy, Materials, Interviews and Other Evidence Reviewed

Hardin County Policies and Procedures (PREA)

Hardin County Correctional Center Website - <http://www.co.hardin.ia.us/216/Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act>

PREA Coordinator Interview

## AUDITOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

- ☒ The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- ☒ No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review, and
- ☒ I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

### Auditor Instructions:

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Chris Sweney

**Auditor Signature**

**Date**

<sup>1</sup> See additional instructions here: <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Save-or-convert-to-PDF-d85416c5-7d77-4fd6-a216-6f4bf7c7c110>.

<sup>2</sup> See *PREA Auditor Handbook*, Version 1.0, August 2017; Pages 68-69.