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Memorandum

To: Jailer Jason Maydak
From: Captain Oscar Jeffries
Date: January 8, 2024
Re: 2023 Annual PREA Report

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'O. Jeffries', written over a horizontal line.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal law established to support the elimination and prevention of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the correctional system. PREA addresses both inmate-to-inmate sexual abuse and staff-to-inmate sexual abuse. The Boone County Jail fully supports the guidelines set forth in this law and has ZERO-TOLERANCE for any and all incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Sexual abuse or sexual harassment of inmates by other inmates or staff, even if the offender consents, initiates or pursues, is prohibited and subject to administrative discipline and criminal charges. The Boone County Jail is proactive in screening new intakes for potential risk of sexual victimization or being sexually abusive. Our facility also educates staff and inmates on the PREA standard.

PREA requires an annual report be made readily available to the public and at a minimum requires the report to include progress in addressing sexual abuse, data, data comparison and corrective actions.

Progress:

Annually the Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), Detention Standards Compliance Unit with ICE conducts an inspection at the Boone County Jail. During the 2023 inspections the facility met all criteria within the Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention Intervention Standard. A PREA audit was conducted in April of 2023 by a DOJ certified PREA auditor, with an overall score of “Meets Standards.”

Data:

The data collected for 2023 is compiled using PREA standard criteria and we will need to submit upon request Form SSV-3.

In accordance with PREA all investigations are assigned one of three possible determinations:

- *Substantiated*- an allegation which was investigated and determined to have occurred
- *Unfounded*- an allegation which was investigated and determined not to have occurred
- *Unsubstantiated*- an allegation which produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination of a substantiated or unfounded claim

2023 PREA Data

PREA Finding	Inmate-on-Inmate	Staff-on-Inmate	Total
Substantiated	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated	0	1	1
Unfounded	4	1	5
Open	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	3	7

Analysis of Findings:

With the PREA audit tool being established by the United States Department of Justice this should lead to better focus in our training. Nevertheless, the Boone County Jail has always maintained a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual misconduct.

Problem Areas:

There were no known problem areas found during the past year.

Corrective Actions:

Formal PREA training was given to all Deputies and healthcare staff at the Boone County Jail during 2023. PREA training was also given to all volunteers and contractors during 2023. Policies were also developed and implemented banning all personal cell phones from entering the secure area of the facility. The security camera system was upgraded to add an additional 135 cameras for a total of 281 cameras. This also included the addition of 3 NVR's to give the capability of reviewing and recording all 281 cameras.

Planned Efforts for 2024:

- Continue training efforts
- Continue compliance with PREA

Summary:

The Boone County Jail maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The jail will continue training and education to comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act to prevent in-custody sexual abuse or sexual harassment.