

PREA 2018 Annual report part 2

Finding comparison and corrections

In 2018 there were 51 reports of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment at LMDC.

In 2017 there were 54 reports of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment at LMDC.

The PREA Incident review committee met 5 times in 2018 and recommendations and suggestions were made during these meetings to improve the facilities ability to prevent and respond effectively to PREA incidents.

Among the suggestions made were increase training to LMDC PREA investigators and as a result of this all investigators were required to complete the NIC online PREA investigator course and submit documentation to the training department. This is in addition to LMDC required training.

Also to be in compliance with PREA standards the review meeting frequency has been increased to once a month and for 2019 there have been 9 PREA incident review meetings conducted so far.

Due to several substantiated PREA incidents of sexual abuse occurring with LMDC inmates in the Custody of the Jefferson Co. Sherriff Office, a comprehensive partnership was started with JCSO and LMDC and PREA basic training of responding detecting and reporting sexual abuse is now being taught to JCSO Deputies and Supervisors. Also Technical assistance and policy development program was started and is in progress with JCSO training staff.

Increased staff training was recommended and after a meeting with LMDC training both line staff and supervisor's in-service training in PREA subjects was increased.

Camera placement and increased camera technology was a recommendation from cases discussed. As a result numerous cameras in inmate living areas have been repositioned and updated and body worn cameras' have been issued to sworn staff.

Additional coordination with medical, mental health and classification was suggested in several incident reviews as a result the PREA Coordinator now meets with the Director of Nursing, Director of mental health services and a Classification supervisor 4 times a week to review and discuss ongoing issues and incidents. This increase LMDC's ability to respond to incidents of Sexual Assault, Abuse and Harassment in a coordinated manor.