

PREA AUDIT REPORT Interim Final
ADULT PRISONS & JAILS

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Facility Information			
Facility name: Augusta State Medical Prison			
Facility physical address: 3301 Gordon Highway Groveton, Georgia 30813			
Facility mailing address: <i>(if different from above)</i>			
Facility telephone number: 706-855-4700			
The facility is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County
	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for profit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for profit		
Facility type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prison	<input type="checkbox"/> Jail	
Name of facility's Chief Executive Officer: Warden Scott Wilkes			
Number of staff assigned to the facility in the last 12 months: 895 (GDOC and Contracted)			
Designed facility capacity: 1326			
Current population of facility: 1247			
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels: Minimum, Medium, and Close			
Age range of the population: 18-96			
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Agency Information			
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AUDIT FINDINGS

NARRATIVE

Augusta State Medical Prison (ASMP) was audited November 7th and 8th, 2016 by DOJ PREA Auditor G. Peter Zeegers. Prior to the on-site audit, a review of all pre-audit documents was completed. During the initial audit meeting, this auditor, Grace Atchison, North Region PREA Coordinator; Scott Wilkes, Warden; Betty McDowell, Unit Manager; Ruthie Shelton, PREA Compliance Manager; Priscilla Kitt, SART Leader; Lt. Latasha Harris; Tameka Frazier, PREA Compliance Manager Back-up; and Sandra Farmer, SART Medical Representative were present.

A facility tour was conducted, which included all buildings of the facility and the outside grounds. There is twenty-four hour a day, 7 day a week medical and mental health staff. In the past 12 months. Staff receive annual training on PREA policies and procedures. Inmates receive a comprehensive PREA education within 30 days of intake. Contractors and volunteers receive PREA education that is commiserate with their inmate contact and duties. During the tour, it was noted that the Notice of PREA Audit and other PREA related materials were posted in several locations where staff and offenders were present.

Interviewees were identified from a list of staff and offenders. There were 1,247 inmates present at the beginning of the audit. The interviews included 12 offenders and 10 random staff which included both shifts. Additionally, 14 specialized staff interviews were conducted. There was 169 PREA allegations in the last twelve months. All incidents led to investigations and reviews following GDOC policy. There was one offender who identified as being LGBTQI that was interviewed. There were no limited English proficient or disabled offenders. All required policies, documentation, reports, logs and files were checked for compliance with PREA Standards. There were no offender letters received by the auditor before the on-site audit.

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DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Augusta State Medical Prison is located in Grovetown, Georgia, approximately 135 miles from Atlanta, Georgia. The total capacity is 1326 male inmates. There is a hospital on-site that can also provide services for both male and female inmates who are sentenced to any institution in G.D.O. C.

There are 35 housing units, which includes housing for General population, Transient population, Acute Care, Crisis Stabilization, Medical Assistance, 24-hour nursing, Segregation, Recovery/Rehabilitation and Pre-Post Operation. Space was observed for administration, mental health, offices, conference rooms, kitchen, dining hall, laundry, gymnasium, open-bay and cell-type dormitories, medical clinic, and ID/Processing. Each living unit has provisions for inmate privacy while showering, using the toilet, or changing clothing. Each living unit also had posted PREA information for inmates, as well as the Pre-Audit Notice. No letters were received, pre-audit, from inmates.

Augusta State Medical Prison is also the home of a large and complex medical hospital. This hospital provides Specialty and Surgical procedures, stating Tertiary Inpatient Care, Dialysis, Pain Management, Palliative Care, Specialty Evaluations and Ancillary Services through the services of Georgia DOC staff, Augusta University Medical Center and contractors. Inpatient care is provided with 60 beds for both acute care and long-term care. Ancillary services include laboratory, imaging, cardiovascular and respiratory therapy, physical therapy and pharmacy. Specialty services include: Comprehensive Cardiology Clinic, Cardio-thoracic surgery, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General surgery, Hematology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Oncology, Ophthalmology, Optometry, Oral surgery, Orthopedic clinics, Otolaryngology clinics, Pain management, Plastic surgery, Podiatry, Pulmonology, Radiology, Rheumatology, Urology, and Vascular surgery. There are 28 negative pressure rooms, 35, CSU beds, 12 ACU beds, and 50 beds in a Specialized Mental Health Treatment Unit (formerly a Tier Mental Health Unit).

Educational opportunities are available for inmates, including GED, ABE, and Literacy/Remedial services. Occupational opportunities include Barbering, Laundry Services, Food Preparation, Office Assistant, Education Aide, Welding, General Maintenance, Carpentry, and Custodial Maintenance. Religious activities are available. Counseling services include Motivation for Change, Sex Offender, Psycho-Educational Program, Re-Entry Skill Building, Early Recovery Skills & Relapse Prevention, Thinking for Change, Moral Recognition, and Activity Therapy.

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

The on-site audit was conducted on November 7th and 8th, 2016. The 12 offenders screening instruments were reviewed. All were completed within the 72 hour time frame. The offender education acknowledgment forms were completed on day of intake. All staff background screenings were completed, as well as staff PREA training records being timely and complete. Policies and procedures were verified by reviewing staff files and the staff interviews.

All Agency Policies that were submitted to this PREA Auditor via thumb drive were reviewed prior to arrival for the on-site audit. Additionally, during the on-site audit many of these documents and relevant information were again reviewed. Policies and documents were viewed such as: Statewide PREA Policy 208.06, Georgia Department of Corrections and Augusta State Medical Prison Leadership Organizational Charts, employee and offender handbooks, DOC General Directives, various statutes, internal and external facility audit reports, PREA audit guide, PREA audit notices, ASMP layouts, facility program specific coordinated response plan, statewide and internal PREA-related memos and emails, policy amendment emails, staffing plan, various postings, staffing breakdown and rosters, master schedules, camera listings and locations, various logbooks, Staff Training Acknowledgement Forms, various staff trainings, offenders programming/job/educational information, Agency Mission Statements, and MOU's and agreements.

During the on-site audit, it was noticed that the Segregation Unit had privacy concerns with the doors. While still conducting the on-site audit, the showers had curtains added and the privacy issues were addressed and verified by this auditor. The results of the audit indicate that the facility is in full compliance with PREA Standards. A final report is being issued. The facility staff were very helpful, very professional, and well versed in PREA activities at the facility level. The facility response to privacy concerns confirms the facility commitment ensuring to the safety of all offenders. It was a pleasure to work with the Warden and his staff.

Number of standards exceeded: 4

Number of standards met: 36

Number of standards not met: 0

Number of standards not applicable: 3

Standard 115.11 Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA Coordinator

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 mandates a zero tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy outlines how it will implement the agency's approach. The policies include definitions, sanctions for prohibited behaviors and addresses strategies and responses. An organizational Chart and staff interviews were included. The interview with the facility PREA Compliance Manager indicated that she finds the time to complete her duties. The agency has a Statewide PREA Coordinator (who is a PREA Auditor) and three Regional PREA Coordinators. They state that they have time to complete their PREA related responsibilities. There are 87 Facility PREA Compliance Managers who indirectly report to the PREA office.

Standard 115.12 Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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There are currently twenty-seven (27) contracts with other agencies for the confinement of the agency's inmates. Twenty-three (23) are with jails and four (4) are with other prisons. Sample of contracts show required PREA obligations and periodic monitoring as required.

Standard 115.13 Supervision and monitoring

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 requires a staffing analysis and unannounced rounds by supervisory staff. A staffing plan, dated July 1st, 2016, was provided that is specific to the facility. Additionally, there was an annual review completed and documented. All deviations from the staffing plan are documented shift-by-shift in the Duty Officer Logbook. GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 addresses unannounced rounds on a weekly basis by Supervisory staff and the Duty Officer. These rounds were documented in each housing unit's logbook as well as in the duty officer log book. Offenders' interviews verified that opposite gender staff announce their presence before entering the offender's dorms.

During the on-site audit, it was noticed that the Segregation Unit had privacy concerns with the doors. While still conducting the on-site audit, the showers had curtains added and the privacy issues were addressed and verified by this auditor.

Standard 115.14 Youthful inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy 208.06 addresses the separation requirement between youthful offenders and adult inmates. There were no youth at the facility during the audit.

Standard 115.15 Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 prohibits any cross-gender strip search or visual body cavity searches unless exigent circumstance or by medical practitioner. The agency does not permit cross-gender pat down searches except in exigent circumstances. Any cross-gender search is required to be documented. Staff interviews confirmed that staff receive training in how to conduct cross-gender pat-searches in a respectful and professional manner and this was verified through training records. There is a facility policy memo that identifies how transgender or intersex detainees will be identified for searches. The facility provides privacy for offenders while showering, changing clothing, and performing bodily functions. This was verified during the facility tour. The agency also prohibits searching transgender and intersex offenders strictly to identify genital status. There are policies requiring the announcement of opposite gender staff when they begin their shift. Policy also directs that information is made available in units to advise offenders that both male and females staff routinely work and visit offenders housing areas. The policy memo also directs that they re-announce if they return after leaving the area. Offenders

report that they do hear male staff announce their presence.

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

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy 208.06 outlines the PREA Education Plan and details how offenders with disabilities are made aware of how to report PREA allegations. Language Line is the interpreter service and their contact information is available to the Shift OIC, Duty Officer and SART members. Inmate education is available in both English and Spanish, as well as made available through posted notices throughout the institution. A list of bilingual staff is available (Spanish/Korean), with specific instructions if a particular interpreter is not available. PREA video used for comprehensive education is only available. Some PREA documents are available in Spanish. Agency policy prohibits the use of inmates for interpretation except in situations where information is immediately needed to protect the safety and security of the inmates and the facility.

Standard 115.17 Hiring and promotion decisions

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 addresses the hiring or promoting of any person who has engaged in sexual abuse or attempted to engage in sexual abuse within an institution or in the community and considers incidents of sexual harassment. All employees and contractors undergo a criminal background check prior to hire/contract. The policy addresses 5-year criminal background checks for non-security staff. The Georgia Department of Corrections complete annual background checks on all security staff. This was verified by the auditor monitoring staff personnel files. A facility policy memo addresses 5-year criminal background checks for contractors, as well as addresses that material omissions regarding misconduct or false information are grounds for termination. The agency does provide information to requests from institutional employers where an employee has applied to work.

Standard 115.18 Upgrades to facilities and technologies

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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N/A – Augusta State Medical Prison has had no recent modifications or upgrades to technology.

Standard 115.21 Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The agency is responsible for administrative investigations. The Georgia Department of Corrections “Office of Professional Standards” provides the administrative investigations. The Richmond or Columbia County Sheriff Offices conducts criminal investigations. This depends on which side of the facility the alleged crime was committed. Uniform Evidence Protocols are noted in a variety of policies, specifically PREA Policy 208.06 addresses all areas required for the facility. The medical staff are responsible for requesting assistance if the victim requests. The medical staff stated that a SANE nurse is always available through a contract with SART, the agencies SANE response unit. The physical examination shall be provided at no cost to the offender. The facility can use an inside trained staff member as their victim advocate. This staff member received Victim Assistance Training in order to help offenders who need the services. Training certification documentation was viewed by the auditor. An MOU to an outside victim advocate group was reviewed, Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services of University Health Services, Inc., to provide advocate services, if needed.

Standard 115.22 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

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The agency and facility are committed to ensuring that all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are investigated and are identified in the GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 as major incidents, which require investigation. Any sexual assault allegations are referred to the SART team, and shall be referred to the “Office of Professional Standards” if criminal in nature. Either Richmond or Columbia County Sheriff Offices responds. Policy is on the website as well.

Standard 115.31 Employee training

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The PREA policy 208.06 addresses all areas for training staff. There is a separate class regarding Gender-Responsive Training that all staff are required to take annually. Interviews with staff indicated that they were aware of the required elements of PREA training. Reviews of staff PREA training records was also conducted. All training was timely and effective according to the staff interviews.

Standard 115.32 Volunteer and contractor training

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Policy 208.06 mandates that ASMP provides training for all volunteers and contractors based upon their contact with offenders. This training includes zero-tolerance, how to protect the victim, and who to notify in the event of a reported incident.

Standard 115.33 Inmate education

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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All offenders receive information regarding the Zero Tolerance Policy and how to report a PREA incident upon intake at ASMP. There is also education on definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Prevention strategies to minimize offender's risk of sexual victimization while in ASMP custody, treatment options and programs available to offender victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, monitoring, and discipline, and prosecution of sexual perpetrators. Full PREA education is provided to all offenders within 15 days of intake. The PREA information is provided through the Offender's Education "Speaking Up" Video and staff performing the intake. PREA Posters were seen throughout the facility during the tour in English and in Spanish. PREA Policy 208.06 addresses this standard. During the facility tour, this auditor viewed an intake in progress. The procedure mirrored what intake staff had discussed, offenders' interviews, and policy dictated.

Standard 115.34 Specialized training: Investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 requires specialized training for Investigators. The agency has provided documentation of investigators completing a 16-hour training. Additionally, all SART staff have completed this same training. The Office of Professional Standards trains its agents and investigators in conducting investigations in a confinement setting. Specialized training includes techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral. This training was verified by the auditor in the training records. Interview with OPS Investigator verified the training.

Standard 115.35 Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 requires medical and mental health staff are to receive standard staff training as well as specialized training. A review of documents indicates that this is complete. Interviews with medical and mental health staff confirm this as well. ASMP medical and mental health staff and/or Georgia Correctional Healthcare (GCHC) staff members are trained using the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Specialized Training PREA Medical and Mental Health Standards curriculum. Certification has been printed and maintained in the employee training file. GDOC medical and mental health staff are also required to attend the annual in-service PREA training.

Standard 115.41 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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All offenders arriving at Augusta State Medical Prison receive a screening for sexual victimization or sexual aggressiveness. An objective tool is used for this purpose. The GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 requires the risk screening to be completed within 72 hours of arrival and reviewed 30 days after intake, as well as when new information is obtained. The policy also prohibits the discipline of an offenders for refusal to answer questions from the screening, and the facility has created a system in which only identified staff can access the completed screening tool. All elements of this standard have been met.

Standard 115.42 Use of screening information

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Information from the PREA Sexual Victimization/Sexual Aggressor Classification Form is used to assist with housing decisions. Each housing decision is also based on other factors. The GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 requires a bi-annual review of all transgender and intersex offenders housing and programming. All transgender and intersex offenders are given the right to shower separately from all other offenders. ASMP makes individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each offender.

Standard 115.43 Protective custody

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 prohibits the use of involuntary segregated housing unless there is no other option for keeping an offender who is vulnerable to victimization separate from aggressive offenders. Any placement of an offender in involuntary segregated housing is documented. Participation in programs, privileges, education and work opportunities may be restricted due to security issues; however all efforts are made to provide certain programming within the segregated housing. All restrictions are documented. The policy requires a review every 30 days for continued restriction/placement.

Standard 115.51 Inmate reporting

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The agency allows for the reporting of any knowledge, suspicion or information through internal and external sources. Externally, offenders can mail a letter to The State Board of Pardons and Paroles, which is not a part of the Georgia Department of Corrections. Internally, offenders are provided different methods to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment: They may call *7732 on the phone (In each dorm), which goes directly to the Statewide PREA Coordinator, or they may report allegations through the JPay email system. This information is contained within the Offender's Handbook, as well as posted throughout the facility. Staff may report any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding sexual abuse or sexual harassment by following the chain of command, EAP resources, PREA Hotline or writing to the external State Board of Pardons & Paroles or Ombudsman. Staff are provided methods to report privately and anonymously as well. GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 meets the requirements of the standard.

Standard 115.52 Exhaustion of administrative remedies

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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N/A – Augusta State Medical Prison does not have administrative procedures to address offenders’ grievances. In an interview with the Warden, he stated that if there is a PREA related grievance it is treated as a first responder incident. It is immediately reported to forwarded to the institutional SART for investigation and then to the Office of Professional Standards.

Standard 115.53 Inmate access to outside confidential support services

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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ASMP provides offenders with access to inside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse with a certified victim advocate. There is an MOU between ASMP and Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services of University Health Services, Inc., to respond and perform victim advocacy services, if needed. This agencies information was posted in all areas where staff and offenders congregate.

Standard 115.54 Third-party reporting

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The Georgia Department of Corrections website, <http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/Divisions/ExecutiveOperations/PREA.html>, provides for three separate reporting options for the receipt of third-party reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. They may contact the Statewide PREA Coordinator, the Ombudsman, or Victim Services. Both the Ombudsman and Victim Services will report information directly to the Statewide PREA Coordinator, who will inform the Warden. Any reports made directly to the facility will be investigated. This was confirmed through staff interviews.

Standard 115.61 Staff and agency reporting duties

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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Staff are prohibited by policy from sharing information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment with individuals who are not identified as a part of the investigative team. All medical and mental health staff are mandatory reporters of sexual abuse in the facility. Offenders are made aware of this during their initial medical and mental health screenings. The SART team is responsible for all initial investigations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. All staff during their interviews articulated their firm knowledge of their duties to report an incident, suspicion, or allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Standard 115.62 Agency protection duties

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

GDOC Policy 208.06 dictates that all allegations of imminent sexual abuse are taken seriously and steps are taken immediately to protect the alleged victim. Notification is immediately made to the SART team who will investigate. Interviews with staff confirm their knowledge regarding their duty to protect offenders.

Standard 115.63 Reporting to other confinement facilities

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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Any allegations of sexual abuse that are received that have occurred in another institution are required by GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 to be reported to the Superintendent/Warden of that facility. This information is documented. The policy also requires that any receipt of such allegations from another institution shall be investigated similar to if the allegation was made while the detainee was housed at ASMP.

Standard 115.64 Staff first responder duties

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 addresses all components of Standard 115.64. First responders are required to protect the victim, address the preservation of evidence and to preserve the crime scene. All non-security staff are trained to provide the victim with protection and to make an appropriate report to the Warden or Superintendent. Staff interviews confirm their understanding of their first responder duties.

Standard 115.65 Coordinated response

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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Augusta State Medical Prison has a Coordinated Response Checklist that addresses all requirements of the PREA standards in response to allegations. The Coordinated Response Checklist is specific to the facility, and includes all contact names and phone numbers. Staff interviews confirmed their knowledge of the Coordinated Response Plan.

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

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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N/A – Augusta State Medical Prison does not enter into collective bargaining agreements.

Standard 115.67 Agency protection against retaliation

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 addresses practices to protect both staff and offenders who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment from retaliation. Various protection methods are identified, including housing changes, transfers for both offenders and staff, as well as emotional support services. Retaliation is monitored for a minimum of 90 days, with periodic status checks. A facility policy memo addresses the protection of individuals who assist in the investigation.

Standard 115.68 Post-allegation protective custody

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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The GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 meets all requirements of PREA Standard 115.43. Additionally, any detainee who has suffered sexual abuse and is placed in Administrative Segregation (Protective Custody) is seen every seven days by a counselor who documents their status and provides this to the Warden. Additionally, the classification team reviews all placements in Administrative Segregation every thirty days.

Standard 115.71 Criminal and administrative agency investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The Georgia Department of Corrections conducts its' own administrative investigations. All investigators have received specialized training as required pursuant to PREA standard 115.34. All evidence available is gathered and preserved. Prior reports involving the same perpetrator or victim are reviewed. Credibility of any person identified during the investigation is individually based and no polygraph examination or other truth-telling device is offered as a condition of continuing the investigation. SART is responsible for conducting an initial investigation and the administrative investigation. Administrative investigations include addressing staff actions, credibility and investigative facts and findings. Any investigations where there appears to be criminal activity is referred for prosecution, and no interviews are conducted without consulting the "Office of Professional Standards". Both administrative and criminal investigations are documented and include narrative of the evidence collected. Criminal investigations are turned over to Richmond or Columbia County Sheriff Offices for further investigation and disposition.

Standard 115.72 Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 imposes no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations are substantiated.

Standard 115.73 Reporting to inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 requires, and investigative files indicate, that reporting offenders are advised of the outcome of PREA investigations by a SART team at the conclusion of the investigation. Additionally, the policy requires information on the progress of the case. This notification is documented.

Standard 115.76 Disciplinary sanctions for staff

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 requires disciplinary sanctions, up to and including termination, for staff who violate agency policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment. All disciplinary actions are reviewed based upon the nature and circumstances of the allegation and disciplinary action on prior comparable offenses. Any staff terminations for violation of the agency zero-tolerance policy are reported to the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST).

Standard 115.77 Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 requires that any contractor or volunteer who violates the zero-tolerance policy are prohibited from any contact with offenders. If applicable, the actions of the contractor or volunteer will be reported to the licensing body. There were no incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment by a contractor or volunteer.

Standard 115.78 Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

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All offenders shall be subjected to appropriate disciplinary actions as per the PREA standards. Sanctions are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the incident, the offender's history and similar sanctions imposed for comparable offenses. An offender's mental health is considered in the determination of sanctions. No offender is sanctioned for contact with a staff member who consented to the contact. No offender is sanctioned for good faith reporting. This agency prohibits all sexual activity between offenders.

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

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 requires immediate services of medical and mental health services upon notification of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Confidential information of prior sexual abuse is shared only upon the consent of the offender. Follow-up counseling is conducted within three (3) days and as necessary thereafter.

Standard 115.82 Access to emergency medical and mental health services

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

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- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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GDOC Policy 208.06 dictates that offenders who report sexual abuse shall be immediately taken to medical. Those who report victimization within the past 72 hours will then be set up for a SANE examination. Mental health services will begin immediately and followed up within three (3) days. Additional counseling services are available as necessary thereafter as well as requested by the victim. STD related information is provided. All treatment is offered at no cost to the victim, regardless if they identify the alleged perpetrator or not.

Standard 115.83 Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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GDOC PREA Policy 208.06 provides for ongoing medical and mental health care for victims of sexual abuse, whether the incident occurred within an institution or in the community. All care is consistent with the community level of care. Follow-up care is provided within two (2) weeks and as requested by the victim. Timely services are available. STD testing and treatment is provided. There are no costs to an offender for services as a result of sexual victimization.

Standard 115.86 Sexual abuse incident reviews

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The Georgia Department of Corrections requires an incident review for all allegations of sexual abuse where the findings were substantiated or unsubstantiated. Augusta State Medical Prison conducts an incident review for all sexual abuse incidents, unless the incident has been labeled unfounded. There is a monthly incident report provided to the Warden that details all formal Incident Reviews for the month and includes any recommended corrective action.

Standard 115.87 Data collection

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The Georgia Department of Corrections maintains records and data on all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment that captures information as identified by the DOJ-SSV. This information is aggregated annually and included in their annual report. The agency also obtains information from the agencies with whom it contracts for the confinement of offenders.

Standard 115.88 Data review for corrective action

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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corrective actions taken by the facility.

The Georgia Department of Corrections reviews 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 actions for each facility. These reports include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of The Georgia Department of Corrections' progress in addressing sexual abuse.

Standard 115.89 Data storage, publication, and destruction

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The agency has publicized the 2015 PREA data on the website. The reports contain no personal identifiers. A facility policy memo identifies that PREA related documents be maintained for at least 10 years of the initial report or as long as the abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus 5 years, whichever is longer.

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.

G. Peter Zeegers

12/8/2016

Auditor Signature

Date