

2020 PREA ALLEGATION SUMMARY REPORT

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YEAR 2020

Substantiated allegations	7
Unsubstantiated allegations	6
Unfounded allegations	2
Pending allegations	1
Total allegations	16

ALLEGATIONS BREAKDOWN BY FACILITY

ADAPT	2	1 Unsubstantiated, 1 Substantiated
Burnet Intensive Services	3	1 Unfounded, 2 Substantiated
Community Correctional Center (CCC)	5	1 Unfounded , 2 Unsubstantiated, 2Substantiated
Cornerstone	0	
Pathways for Women	4	2 Unsubstantiated, 2 Substantiated
Serenity Hall	0	
Spring Grove	0	
Turtle Creek Center	2	1 Pending, 1 Unsubstantiated

IDENTIFIED VULNERABILITIES

1. Not all areas of the facilities are monitored through video surveillance.
2. A trend seems to be evident that newly hired and entry-level staff are most vulnerable to be named in a PREA allegation.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

1. A PREA Tips grant to purchase video surveillance equipment has been attained for 2021. This will also afford the correctional programs to increase education for staff and clients in addition to becoming more trauma-informed.
2. On site training occurred for staff when PREA allegations increased.
3. PREA Forums held quarterly in order to communicate the most current updates and address problem areas.
4. A PREA Co-Coordinator was identified to assist with compliance
5. Three sites passes the required audit in March 2020 – CCC, Pathways and Cornerstone.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Talbert House is required to abide by the PREA Standards for Community Confinement Agencies that were enacted in June 2012. Talbert House has an existing zero-tolerance practice. The agency will continue to ensure employees are trained on PREA standards. Policies and procedures are reviewed and updated annually. Upon admission, clients are provided with a handbook informing them of their rights and resources related to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and/or retaliation. The process for educating clients is still an ongoing practice. An increase in the numbers of cameras over the past 5 years has proven to be helpful in doing investigations. In several allegations, either the use of cameras has confirmed or denied inappropriate behavior occurred. We continue to seek funding to increase camera monitoring at all Talbert House sites. As noted above, Talbert House received a PREA TIPS grant to obtain additional equipment, increase education for clients and staff plus implement more trauma-informed approach for any victim clients in our care. Additionally, we have found the following practice to be helpful in maintaining safety: hiring same sex staff whenever possible and transferring staff to same-sex facilities when needed. Agency PREA procedures are updated each January, or more often, if indicated. All facilities' most recent PREA audits have been uploaded onto the Talbert House website.

PREA COORDINATOR

Maura Lang and Cathy Jo Vanderpool of the Quality and Compliance Dept. are the PREA Coordinators for Talbert House.

DEFINITIONS

<i>Substantiated allegation</i>	an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred
<i>Unfounded allegation</i>	an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred
<i>Unsubstantiated allegation</i>	an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred

Definitions provided by PREA Resource Center, Prisons and Jail Standards - § 115.5 General definitions
www.prearesourcecenter.org/training-technical-assistance/prea-101/prisons-and-jail-standards