



BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

Sexual Violence 2013 Annual Report for Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority

Data included in this report is from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

Inmates confined in the BRRJA on December 31, 2013 were 939 males and 136 females. During 2013, new admissions to the jail were 9,569 males and 2,801 females. The average daily population at BRRJA in 2013 was 1,024 males and 141 females.

Inmate on Inmate Sexual Violence

The categories of inmate on inmate sexual violence are reported separately and are:

Non-consensual acts:

- Contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and
- Contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and the anus including penetration; or
- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus; or
- Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person by hand, finger, or other object.
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Abusive Sexual Contacts:

- Contact of any person without consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and
- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

The Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority records all allegations of inmate on inmate sexual violence.

There were no allegations of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts during this period.

There were two allegations of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contact during this period.

After thorough and objective investigations of both of these allegations, one was found to be unsubstantiated, which means evidence was insufficient to determine that the event occurred.

One of the allegations was found to be substantiated, which means the event was determined to have occurred. The substantiated allegation and all information concerning it was forwarded to local law enforcement for further investigation and appropriate actions.

Staff Sexual Misconduct and Harassment

Staff sexual misconduct and harassment includes any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative, and includes two categories which are reported separately and defined as follows:

Staff Sexual Misconduct / consensual or non-consensual acts including:

- Intentional touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks with the intent to arouse, or gratify sexual desire; or
- Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts; or
- Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for sexual gratification.

Staff Sexual Harassment includes:

- Repeated verbal statements or comments of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative;
- Demeaning references to gender or derogatory comments about body or clothing; or
- Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

The Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority records all allegations of staff sexual misconduct and sexual harassment.

There were two allegations of staff sexual misconduct during this period. Both allegations were found to be unsubstantiated, which means that after thorough and objective investigations there was insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred. There were two allegations of staff sexual harassment during this period. Correction made to this number after a review of the individual site reports led to recalculation. All allegations were found to be unsubstantiated, which means that after thorough and objective investigations there was insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

There is no significant change in the number of allegations from previous years. Staffing plan reviews were conducted at all sites as well as individual incident reviews to determine if any changes or corrective actions were needed. A cumulative incident review by a committee consisting of the PREA Managers also took place. In each of the cases, it was determined that they were isolated incidents and there was no evidence indicating an agency wide or site specific problem; therefore, no immediate changes to current plans or procedures were suggested.

The BRRJA has implemented PREA standards to enhance our current standard operating procedures and to further prevent and detect any form of sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, or sexual harassment. Our staff is very proactive when assessing any potential issue and suggesting and implementing corrective actions if appropriate. We have extensive and ongoing training for all employees on these issues, and all inmates are educated on PREA related information upon entering any BRRJA facility.