



# BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

## Sexual Violence 2014 Annual Report for Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority

Data included in this report is from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

Inmates confined in the BRRJA on December 31, 2014 were 1015 males and 156 females. During 2014, new admissions to the jail were 8,408 males and 2,738 females. The average daily population at BRRJA in 2014 was 1,000 males and 165 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.

#### **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 two (2) allegations of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts during this period. The first allegation was investigated and determined to be unfounded, which means after a thorough and objective investigation it was found not to have occurred. The second allegation was investigated and determined to be unsubstantiated, which means after a thorough and objective investigation there was insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

There was one (1) allegation of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contact during this period. This allegation was found to be unsubstantiated, which means after a thorough and objective investigation there was insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

## **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 four (4) allegations of staff sexual misconduct during this period. Of the four allegations all were thoroughly investigated and all were determined to be unfounded. This means the allegations were investigated and upon completion of the investigation process it was determined that the incidents did not occur.

There were zero (0) allegations of staff sexual harassment during this period.

### **Corrected History (To Accurately Reflect Information From Prior Annual Reports):**

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 there were two (2) allegations of staff sexual misconduct.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 there were two (2) allegations of staff sexual harassment.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 there were zero (0) allegations of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 there were two (2) allegations of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contact.

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.