



## **BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY**

### **Sexual Violence 2018 Annual Report for Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority**

Data included in this report is from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Inmates confined in BRRJA on December 31, 2018 were 929 males and 173 females. During 2018, new admissions to the jail were 7,533 male and 2,522 female. The average daily population at BRRJA in 2018 was 924 males and 185 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 was one (1) allegation of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts during this period. This allegation was determined to be unfounded, which means after an investigation, there was no evidence that the allegation occurred.

There were three (3) allegations of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contact during this period. These allegations were determined to be unfounded, which means after an investigation, there was no evidence that these allegations 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 two (2) allegations of staff sexual misconduct during this period. These allegations were determined to be unfounded, which means after an investigation, there was no evidence that the allegation occurred.

There were fourteen (14) allegations of staff sexual harassment during this period. These allegations were determined to be unfounded, which means after an investigation, there was no evidence that these allegation occurred.

**History:**

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2017 there were six (6) allegations of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2017 there were seven (7) allegations of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contacts.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2017 there were fourteen (14) allegations of staff sexual misconduct.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2017 there were sixteen (16) allegations of staff sexual harassment.

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.