Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report
Community Confinement Facilities

☐ **Interim** ☒ **Final**

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Auditor Information

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Agency Information

Name of Agency: North Carolina Department of Public Safety		**Governing Authority or Parent Agency** *(If Applicable)*: N/A	
Physical Address: 512 N. Salisbury Street		**City, State, Zip:** Raleigh, NC 27604	
Mailing Address: 4201 Mail Service Center		**City, State, Zip:** Raleigh, NC 27699-4201	
Telephone: 919-733-2126		**Is Agency accredited by any organization?** ☐ Yes ☒ No	
The Agency Is:	☐ Military	☐ Private for Profit	☐ Private not for Profit
☐ Municipal	☐ County	☒ State	☐ Federal

Agency mission: To promote public safety by the administration of a fair and humane system which provides reasonable opportunities for adjudicated offenders to develop progressively responsible behavior.

Agency Website with PREA Information: www.ncdps.gov

Agency Chief Executive Officer

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PREA Coordinator Reports to: NCDPS Chief Deputy Secretary	**Number of Compliance Managers who report to the PREA Coordinator** 138

Facility Information

Name of Facility: DART Cherry Program			
Physical Address: 1302 W. Ash Street, Goldsboro, NC 27530			
Mailing Address (if different than above): Click or tap here to enter text.			
Telephone Number: 919-731-7930			
The Facility Is:	☐ Military	☐ Private for Profit	☐ Private not for Profit
☐ Municipal	☐ County	☒ State	☐ Federal

Facility Type:	☒ Community treatment center	☐ Halfway house	☐ Restitution center
	☐ Mental health facility	☐ Alcohol or drug rehabilitation center	
	☐ Other community correctional facility		

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Have there been any internal or external audits of and/or accreditations by any other organization? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Director	
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Facility Characteristics

Designated Facility Capacity: 300	**Current Population of Facility:** 255		
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months			822
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months who were transferred from a different community confinement facility:			0
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more:			0
Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:			967
Number of residents on date of audit who were admitted to facility prior to August 20, 2012:			0
Age Range of Population:	☒ Adults 18 and over	☐ Juveniles Click or tap here to enter text.	☐ Youthful residents Click or tap here to enter text.
Average length of stay or time under supervision:			90 days
Facility Security Level:			N/A
Resident Custody Levels:			N/A
Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with residents:			72
Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with residents:			6
Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with residents:			8

Physical Plant

Number of Buildings: 5	**Number of Single Cell Housing Units:** 0
Number of Multiple Occupancy Cell Housing Units:	0
Number of Open Bay/Dorm Housing Units:	3

Description of any video or electronic monitoring technology (including any relevant information about where cameras are placed, where the control room is, retention of video, etc.):

The facility is equipped with a video surveillance system which includes 32 cameras. The monitors are located in the workers stations throughout the facility. The monitoring data is maintained for at least 30 days or until review of data is complete, whichever occurs first.

Medical

Type of Medical Facility:	On-site clinic
Forensic sexual assault medical exams are conducted at:	Wayne Memorial Hospital

Other

Number of volunteers and individual contractors, who may have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	6
Number of investigators the agency currently employs to investigate allegations of sexual abuse:	2

Audit Findings

Audit Narrative

The auditor's description of the audit methodology should include a detailed description of the following processes during the pre-onsite audit, onsite audit, and post-audit phases: documents and files reviewed, discussions and types of interviews conducted, number of days spent on-site, observations made during the site-review, and a detailed description of any follow-up work conducted during the post-audit phase. The narrative should describe the techniques the auditor used to sample documentation and select interviewees, and the auditor's process for the site review.

The DART Cherry Program is located in Goldsboro, North Carolina. The facility's first PREA audit was conducted in April 2016. The current audit was attained and assigned to the Auditor by TrueCore Behavioral Solutions, LLC of Tampa, Florida.

The notifications of the on-site audit were posted six weeks prior to the audit, providing auditor contact information. The postings of the notices were verified by photographs received electronically from the Facility Manager. The photographs indicated notices were posted in various locations throughout the facility including the housing areas, educational areas, dining areas, and administrative areas. The pre-audit questionnaire (PAQ), policies, procedures and supporting documentation were received within adequate timeframe for review. The documents were uploaded to a USB flash drive. The initial review revealed the flash drive was well-organized and easy to navigate. Any additional information needed was discussed with the Facility Manager and was received within a timely manner or available for review during the onsite visit.

An entrance briefing was conducted with the Facility Manager, PREA Compliance Manager, Program/Standards Manager, Personnel Assistant, PREA Investigator, and Administrative Assistant. During the briefing, the Auditor explained the audit process and a tentative schedule for the on-site visit to include conducting interviews with the staff and residents and reviewing the documentation. A complete guided tour of the entire facility was conducted. During the tour, direct-care staff was observed to be supervising and interacting with the residents. PREA signage was not displayed in all areas frequented by the residents; therefore, the Auditor recommended additional PREA signage be posted and ensure signage has bold print. Corrective actions were taken to rectify this issue. Additional signage was posted in the needed areas. Photos have been sent to the Auditor to verify the actions taken. The facility was clean and well maintained. Staff announced themselves prior to entering the housing area of the opposite gender. Observation of community bathrooms revealed all shower stall openings had shower curtains to allow residents privacy when taking showers; however, there were no coverings to allow for privacy in the toilets. Corrective actions have been taken to address these concerns and photos have been sent to the Auditor

to verify the actions taken. Observation of the surveillance system monitors revealed cameras do not capture showers, toilets or residents' dressing areas.

Over the two-day on-site visit, twelve random direct care staff from all three shifts and eleven specialized staff were interviewed. The interviews revealed staff are knowledgeable of PREA standards and were able to articulate their responsibilities. Twenty-six residents were randomly selected to be interviewed. The interviews revealed the residents were informed of their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment; however, most residents were not aware of the services provided by the victims' advocacy services. Staff took corrective action and conducted an education session to review the services provided by the victims' advocacy service. A resident signature roster verifying the actions taken was sent to the Auditor. There were no targeted residents to be interviewed at this facility during this auditing cycle. The training records of staff interviewed, and the files of residents interviewed were reviewed along with policies and other secondary documentation. The Auditor reviewed staff, contractor and volunteer training records to ensure that all required training had been completed. The Auditor also reviewed staff personnel files to determine if there were any completed investigations and disciplinary actions taken regarding PREA related allegations. There has been no allegation of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment within the facility in the past 12 months.

The victims' advocacy service, Wayne Uplift Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, was contacted to determine the scope of services provided. A live person responded to the call and indicated that there were no calls received from the DART Cherry Program residents over the past 12 months.

A close-out meeting was held at the conclusion of the on-site audit with the Facility Manager, PREA Compliance Manager, Program/Standards Manager, Personnel Assistant, PREA Investigator, and Administrative Assistant and an opportunity for questions and a review of the on-site audit process was provided.

With the necessary corrective actions addressed, the facility was found to be compliant with all applicable standards as indicated below and detailed throughout this report.

Facility Characteristics

The auditor's description of the audited facility should include details about the facility type, demographics and size of the resident, resident or detainee population, numbers and type of staff positions, configuration and layout of the facility, numbers of housing units, description of housing units including any special housing units, a description of programs and services, including food service and recreation. The auditor should describe how these details are relevant to PREA implementation and compliance.

The DART Cherry Program is a 300 bed, non-secure Substance Abuse facility which serves adult males. Residents have been committed to the care and

custody of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) through the adult court system. The average length of stay is approximately 90 days. Nine hundred and sixty-seven residents have been admitted to the DART Cherry Program in the past 12 months. The facility is equipped with a video surveillance system which includes 32 cameras. The monitors are located in the workers stations throughout the facility.

The physical plant consists of five buildings; an administrative building which contains offices for the Facility Manager, Program Standards Manager, Personnel Assistant, and Administrative Assistant; an educational building which contains classrooms, Chief Probation and Parole Officer and staff, Medical Staff, and Community College Staff; three open-bay dorm housing units which contain Substance Abuse Workers offices, laundry room, clinical office for issuing residents meds, recreation/visitation room, staff breakroom, resident bunk beds, individual shower stalls with shower curtains, and toilets with curtains.

There is an outside recreation area for residents use. The facility provides supervision of adults in a safe, secure and humane environment. Residents have access to psychiatric services through contracted providers. Visitation is conducted on Sunday.

The DART Cherry Program employs one Facility Manager, one Program Standards Manager, one Administrative Assistant II, two Accounting Clerks, one Processing Assistant, one Substance Abuse Program Director, one Personnel Assistant, one Clinical Social Worker, three Substance Abuse Program Administrators, three Substance Abuse Counselor Advanced, 14 Substance Abuse Counselors, 39 Substance Abuse Workers, one Substance Abuse Program Consultant, and six nurses. The facility operates a health clinic with 24-hour nurses to provide medical care for minor health conditions. Medical services are coordinated by the facility’s Medical Doctor.

Summary of Audit Findings

*The summary should include the number of standards exceeded, number of standards met, and number of standards not met, **along with a list of each of the standards in each category**. If relevant, provide a summarized description of the corrective action plan, including deficiencies observed, recommendations made, actions taken by the agency, relevant timelines, and methods used by the auditor to reassess compliance.*

***Auditor Note:** No standard should be found to be "Not Applicable" or "NA". A compliance determination must be made for each standard.*

Number of Standards Exceeded: 0

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Number of Standards Met: 39

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Number of Standards Not Met: 0

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Summary of Corrective Action (if any)

Standard 115.215 Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches
Standard 115.222 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations
Standard 115.231 Employee training
Standard 115.233 Resident Education
Standard 115.251 Resident Reporting
Standard 115.253 Resident access to outside confidential support services

PREVENTION PLANNING

Standard 115.211: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by The Auditor to Complete the Report

115.211 (a)

- Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.211 (b)

- Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

☐ **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

☒ **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

☐ **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The NC General Statute 14-27.31, and the DART Cherry Program Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) PREA mandates zero-tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and outlines how the facility carries out its approach to preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy includes definitions of prohibited behaviors and sanctions for those found to have participated in prohibited behaviors. The procedure also provides strategies and responses for reducing and preventing sexual abuse and harassment. The Agency Head and Agency PREA Coordinator were interviewed at an earlier time.

The DART Cherry Program is an adult residential treatment facility governed and operated by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) which employs an agency-wide PREA Coordinator who is in an upper-level management position within the agency. She reports to the Chief Deputy Secretary, and who has reported to have sufficient time to attend to PREA duties. She also has four staff who assist her with PREA related duties. She currently

has 138 PREA Compliance Managers that indirectly report to her. She is very knowledgeable regarding PREA standards and agency policies and practices.

A Substance Abuse Program Administrator also serves as the PREA Compliance Manager. The PREA Compliance Manager's interview revealed the PREA Compliance Manager has sufficient time to oversee the facility's PREA compliance efforts, perform her other duties, and she is well versed on the PREA standards and her responsibilities.

Standard 115.212: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.212 (a)

- If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its residents with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to comply with the PREA standards in any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.212 (b)

- Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents OR the response to 115.212(a)-1 is "NO".) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.212 (c)

- If the agency has entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards, did the agency do so only in emergency circumstances after making all reasonable attempts to find a PREA compliant private agency or other entity to confine residents? (N/A if the agency has not entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

- In such a case, does the agency document its unsuccessful attempts to find an entity in compliance with the standards? (N/A if the agency has not entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

Documentation reviewed indicated that the DART Cherry Program does not contract for the confinement of its residents with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies.

Standard 115.213: Supervision and monitoring

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.213 (a)

- Does the agency develop for each facility a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency document for each facility a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the physical layout of each facility in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the composition of the resident population in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration any other relevant factors in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.213 (b)

- In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document and justify all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)
  ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.213 (c)

- In the past 12 months, has the facility assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to the staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- In the past 12 months, has the facility assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to prevailing staffing patterns? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- In the past 12 months, has the facility assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to the facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- In the past 12 months, has the facility assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adequate staffing levels? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP provide for the implementation of a staffing plan with adequate staffing levels to protect residents against sexual abuse.

The staffing plan is based upon the facility's capacity of 300 residents. The facility's Policy requires the facility to document deviations from the staffing plan on the Shift Report; however, the facility uses an emergency call-in plan for coverage as needed; therefore, there were no deviations from the plan to review.

While North Carolina's General Statute 143B-709 requires a staffing analysis every three years, the agency policy requires an annual assessment of the staffing plan, including a review of all required components of the standard. Documentation of the annual assessment of the staffing plan dated March 14, 2018 was reviewed and found to be in compliance with all elements contained in (c) of this standard.

The facility utilizes direct staff supervision to protect residents from sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The facility's Policy requires intermediate or higher-level staff to conduct unannounced rounds to deter and identify staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment. An interview with a higher-level staff member and a review of unannounced rounds documentation revealed over time unannounced rounds are conducted on all three shifts in all areas of the facility.

Standard 115.215: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.215 (a)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?
  ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.215 (b)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female residents, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if less than 50 residents)
  ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the facility always refrain from restricting female residents' access to regularly available programming or other outside opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A if less than 50 residents) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.215 (c)

- Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female residents?
  ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.215 (d)

- Does the facility implement policies and procedures that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an area where residents are likely to be showering, performing bodily functions, or changing clothing? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.215 (e)

- Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex residents for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- If a resident's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the resident, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.215 (f)

- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP Chapter F–Section.0100 Operational Searches were reviewed.

Policies require documentation of any cross-gender searches. There was no reported cross-gender searches conducted. Training documents reviewed indicated that staff have completed appropriate training. Agency policy and facility SOP require the announcement of cross-gender staff entering the housing units. Resident and staff interviews confirmed that female staff announce themselves in the units, as well as a general announcement at the beginning of each shift where female staff are present.

The ACDP PREA Policy states the facility must be configured to allow residents to shower, perform bodily functions and change clothing without staff of the opposite sex viewing their bodies. Staff and resident interviews confirm there is no cross-gender viewing. Observation of the bathrooms revealed all shower stalls have shower curtains to allow privacy while taking showers; however, there were no coverings to allow for privacy in the toilets. Corrective actions have been taken to address these concerns and photos of the newly installed curtains have been sent to the Auditor to verify the actions taken.

Standard 115.216: Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.216 (a)

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who are deaf or hard of hearing? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who are blind or have low vision? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have intellectual disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have psychiatric disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have speech disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other? (if "other," please explain in overall determination notes.) ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have intellectual disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have limited reading skills? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Are blind or have low vision? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.216 (b)

- Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to residents who are limited English proficient? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.216 (c)

- Does the agency always refrain from relying on resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of

first-response duties under §115.264, or the investigation of the resident's allegations?
☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP Reasonable Accommodations for Residents with Disabilities requires steps to be taken to ensure residents with disabilities or who are limited English proficient are provided meaningful access to all aspects of the facility's efforts to prevent, protect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This policy also states the facility will not rely on resident interpreter, resident readers or any kind of resident assistants except when a delay in obtaining interpreters services could jeopardize a residents' safety.

DART Cherry Program has identified World Wide Interpreters for the provision of interpreter services by telephone. The contract service shall be for a period of one year. The NCDPS reserves the right to extend the contract for an additional two, one-year periods. There is PREA material in both English and Spanish available at the facility. Staff and residents were clear on how to access interpreter services if needed. Random staff interviews verified the facility does not use resident assistants and there were no instances of resident interpreter or readers being used in the past 12 months.

There were no targeted residents to be interviewed at this facility during this auditing cycle. The Agency has a narrative that is required to be read to all residents at intake and it appears that this is being conducted as required by Agency directive.

Standard 115.217: Hiring and promotion decisions

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.217 (a)

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.217 (b)

- Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.217 (c)

- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Perform a criminal background records check? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.217 (d)

- Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.217 (e)

- Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.217 (f)

- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.217 (g)

- Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.217 (h)

- Unless prohibited by law, does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP Hiring and Promotion Decisions, address hiring and promotion processes and decisions, including the requirement for background checks for new hires. The collective Policies and interview with the Human Resource staff member revealed information regarding the hiring process, completion of background checks, and the grounds for termination. The Policies are aligned with the requirements of the standard and provide that background checks are conducted every five years. A review of a sample of personnel files confirmed compliance.

A pre-hire form requires applicants to provide information regarding previously related sexual misconduct allegations and convictions. The policy prohibits hiring or promoting anyone who may have contact with residents and prohibit enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who engaged in previous sexual misconduct.

According to the Human Resource staff, the facility considers any incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in determining whether to hire a person, contract for services, or whether to promote an employee. The policy and an interview with the Human Resource staff indicates staff has a continuing duty to report misconduct and provide omissions of misconduct or providing false information will be grounds for termination.

A review of personnel files for a sample of staff hired in the past 12 months revealed all had criminal records checks and a sample review of personnel files of current staff employed for more than 5 years revealed all have had criminal background checks conducted every five years.

Standard 115.218: Upgrades to facilities and technologies

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.218 (a)

- If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing

facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)
☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.218 (b)

- If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)
  ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

An interview with the Facility Manager revealed that the DART Cherry Program has not acquired any new facilities or updated surveillance technology since August 20, 2012.

RESPONSIVE PLANNING

Standard 115.221: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.221 (a)

- If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.221 (b)

- Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.221 (c)

- Does the agency offer all residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.221 (d)

- Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.221 (e)

- As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.221 (f)

- If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating entity follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.221 (g)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.221 (h)

- If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (Check N/A if agency attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.221(d) above.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP provides the agency conducts only administrative investigations. The Goldsboro City Police Department would

complete criminal investigations, and no criminal investigations were conducted in the past 12 months.

The Clinical Practice Guidelines cover appropriate evidence collection. The Agency has two PREA Support Persons (PSP) who are trained for victim advocacy services, and acts as the link to assist victims with the investigative process, professional resources, community-based advocates, and mental health professionals. There is an Incident Scene Tracking Log for documenting persons who may enter a possible crime scene before investigators are on-site, as well as a Chain of Custody form for documenting any evidence.

A resident who experience sexual assault are taken to the Wayne Memorial Hospital. Forensic examinations are conducted by a SAFE or SANE medical examiner as documented in the Memorandum of Agreement. There is no cost incurred by a resident for these services. The facility has contact with the Wayne Uplift Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program who has agreed to provide services for residents. The PREA Support Person (PSP) will assist the victim in contacting the Wayne Uplift Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program if requested.

Standard 115.222: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.222 (a)

- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.222 (b)

- Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency document all such referrals? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.222 (c)

- If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does such publication describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? [N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal investigations. See 115.221(a).]
  ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.222 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.222 (e)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires an administrative and/or criminal investigation for all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. All staff are required to report all allegations, knowledge and suspicions of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation, staff neglect and/or violations of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. All staff are required to refer all alleged incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment for investigation to the Goldsboro City Police Department for the determination of criminal charges. The Goldsboro City Police Department provides services on a 24-hour basis that will include the responsibility of investigating allegations of sexual abuse by qualified staff who have received training concerning sexual abuse and forensic examination issues.

Staff refer all allegations of sexual abuse and harassment to the Central Office and the Office of PREA Administration for completion of an administrative

investigation. The appropriate information will be entered on form OPA-I200 Community Supervision Report. The NCDPS PREA policy can be found at the North Carolina state's website and information can be found in their PREA pamphlet (Sexual Abuse Awareness for the Resident) that is available in English and Spanish. DART Cherry Program has received no allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment resulting in a criminal investigation. All staff interviews reflected and confirmed their knowledge on the reporting, referral process and policy's requirements; however, the majority did not know the agency who conducts the administrative and criminal investigation in response to an allegation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. As a corrective action, prior to the writing of this report, the facility conducted a facility wide staff-refresher training and provided to the auditor proof of the training.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Standard 115.231: Employee training

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.231 (a)

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in juvenile facilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.231 (b)

- Is such training tailored to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male residents to a facility that houses only female residents, or vice versa? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.231 (c)

- Have all current employees who may have contact with residents received such training? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.231 (d)

- Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires an in-depth PREA Training upon initially becoming an employee (entry level training) as well as refresher training annually. All the PREA training provided to employees statewide contains all ten (10) topics consistent with this standard's requirements and is tailored to all facilities with the gender of their resident populations. The staff training documentation including a PowerPoint presentation and staff interviews confirmed staff receives PREA training during initial training and during refresher training. All employees are trained as new hires regardless of their previous experience. All new employees receive the NCDPS Employee brochure on prevention strategies to maintain a professional atmosphere and sign the PREA Acknowledgement Form indicating they received the training and understand their responsibilities for all the different training modules and tested upon completion of the initial PREA training. A review of all staff and training education forms as well as staff interviews confirmed that staff are receiving their required PREA training. Employee training records are maintained electronically and certain training documents (NCDPS Human Resources on Boarding Checklist form and PREA Acknowledgement Form) are maintained in their personnel file. Additionally, the new employees are provided a "Breaking the Code of Silence" Correctional Officer's Handbook and a palm card identifying specific PREA information i.e. first responder protocol.

Standard 115.232: Volunteer and contractor training

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.232 (a)

- Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.232 (b)

- Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with residents)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.232 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents to receive in-depth PREA training. All volunteers and contractors receive the PREA training, PREA Volunteer brochure and sign the PREA Acknowledgement Form upon completion of the PREA training they received. The training consists of a power point presentation that includes: policies, PREA definitions, reporting requirements and other required procedures. Additionally, the brochure provided to all volunteers and contractors is a guide to prevention and undue familiarity and sexual abuse with offenders/residents. An interview with a volunteer confirmed his understanding of the facility's zero-tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. A review of the documentation confirmed volunteers and contractors are aware of the facility's requirement for confidentiality and their duty to report any incidents of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment.

Standard 115.233: Resident education

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.233 (a)

- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: The agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: How to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- During intake, do residents receive information regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.233 (b)

- Does the agency provide refresher information whenever a resident is transferred to a different facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.233 (c)

- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are limited English proficient? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are deaf? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are visually impaired? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are otherwise disabled? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Have limited reading skills? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.233 (d)

- Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.233 (e)

- In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to residents through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires residents to receive appropriate education information regarding safety, their rights to be free from sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation, reporting and the agency's response to allegations within 15 days upon arrival. However, the case management staff provides the residents with this information immediately upon arrival during their initial intake and orientation process. This information is reviewed verbally with the resident and a pamphlet is provided to them for future reference. After the review with the resident, he is asked to sign various forms which include, Offender PREA Education Acknowledgment Form, to verify receipt for all information regarding orientation to the facility. All residents are provided a NCDPS Sexual Abuse Awareness for the Resident pamphlet which includes information on prevention/intervention, self-protection, reporting and treatment/counseling and is available in English and Spanish. Documentation of resident's signatures were reviewed and confirmed during resident interviews. Some residents interviewed stated they received this information the same day they arrived at the facility and verified the receipt of the pamphlet. PREA signage was not displayed in all areas frequented by the residents; therefore, the Auditor recommended additional PREA signage be posted and ensure signage has bold print. Corrective actions were taken to rectify this issue. Additional signage was posted in the needed areas. Photos have been sent to the Auditor to verify the actions taken.

There were no targeted residents to be interviewed at this facility during this auditing cycle. The Agency has a narrative that is required to be read to all residents at intake and it appears that this is being conducted as required by Agency directive.

Standard 115.234: Specialized training: Investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.234 (a)

- In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.231, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.234 (b)

- Does this specialized training include: Techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does this specialized training include: Proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does this specialized training include: Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does this specialized training include: The criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.234 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.234 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires an investigation for all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to the Goldsboro City Police Department for criminal investigations and the Office of PREA Administration for administrative investigations. All investigators undergo an extensive training developed by the NCDPS Office of PREA Administration prior to conducting criminal and administrative investigations which includes the NCDPS PREA Specialized Investigations: Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment. The facility does not conduct administrative or criminal investigations, however, assigned personnel conduct fact finding investigations. There are two staff at the facility who have completed the NCDPS PREA Specialized Investigations: Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment and other required investigative training. Documentation was reviewed and in compliance with the PREA requirements for specialized training for investigators who investigate allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement.

Standard 115.235: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.235 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.235 (b)

- If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.235 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.235 (d)

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.231? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.232? [N/A for circumstances in which a particular status (employee or contractor/volunteer) does not apply.] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires PREA training and specialized training for medical and mental health staff. It was evident through the medical staff interview they had received the basic PREA training provided to all staff and the specialized training offered by NCDPS [Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Medical and Mental Health Response (Prisons-Health Services)]. All medical and mental health staff sign the "Medical & Mental Health Care PREA Training

Acknowledgement" form to acknowledge they received the training and understand their responsibilities in the event of an incident.

The medical staff do not conduct forensic examinations. An interview with the medical staff confirmed their understanding of the requirement to complete the specialized training and verified completing the course. Forensic examinations are conducted at the Wayne Memorial Hospital by SANE or SAFE certified examiners.

SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

Standard 115.241: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.241 (a)

- Are all residents assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other residents or sexually abusive toward other residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Are all residents assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other residents or sexually abusive toward other residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.241 (b)

- Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.241 (c)

- Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.241 (d)

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has a mental, physical, or developmental disability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The age of the resident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The physical build of the resident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has previously been incarcerated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the resident about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener's perception whether the resident is gender non-conforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The resident's own perception of vulnerability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.241 (e)

- In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.241 (f)

- Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the resident's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the resident's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.241 (g)

- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Referral? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Request? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Incident of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Receipt of additional information that bears on the resident's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.241 (h)

- Is it the case that residents are not ever disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8), or (d)(9) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.241 (i)

- Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the resident's detriment by staff or other residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires prior to placement as part of the screening process each resident is screened upon admission with an objective screening instrument for risk of victimization and sexual abusiveness with the OPUS Mental Health Screening Inventory and within seventy-two hours a mental health practitioner will conduct an initial Mental Health Assessment. Most

residents are screened within seventy-two hours upon arrival at the facility to determine placement and their special needs. Those residents who score vulnerable to victim or sexually aggressive are included into the alert system, as well as receiving further assessments, as identified. This intake screening is used in combination with information about personal history, medical and mental health screenings, conversations, classification assessments as well as reviewed court records and case files. Residents are reassessed at a minimum of every thirty (30) days and throughout their stay at the facility. The facility's policies limits staff access to this information on a “need to know basis”. Most resident interviews and the documentation revealed that risk screenings are being conducted on the same day as the admission. Staff interviews confirmed a screening is completed on each resident upon admission to the program. Residents reporting prior victimization, according to staff, are referred immediately for a follow-up with medical or mental health staff. Although there have been no transgender or intersex residents admitted to the facility within the past year, staff were aware of giving consideration for the residents on views of their safety in placement and programming assignment.

Standard 115.242: Use of screening information

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.242 (a)

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Housing Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Bed assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Work Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Education Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.242 (b)

- Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each resident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.242 (c)

- When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex resident to a facility for male or female residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns residents to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.242 (d)

- Are each transgender or intersex resident's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.242 (e)

- Are transgender and intersex residents given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.242 (f)

- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual residents in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: transgender residents in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: intersex residents in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP precludes gay, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex residents being placed in a particular housing unit, beds or other assignments based solely on their identification or status. In addition, the policy describes the screening and assessment process and how that information, along with information derived from medical and mental health screening and assessments, records reviews, database checks, conversations and observations, is used to determine a resident's appropriate placement, housing and bed assignments, as well as work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse. The case management staff utilize various forms and any other pertinent information during the resident's admission process. Staff interviews described how information is derived from the forms as indicated above and the initial health assessment and mental health/substance abuse screening forms to determine placement and risk level. There are three housing buildings containing 12 rooms with 8 to 18 beds, and shower/bathroom area. Isolation is not utilized at the facility as a means of protective custody.

REPORTING

Standard 115.251: Resident reporting

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.251 (a)

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.251 (b)

- Does the agency also provide at least one way for residents to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.251 (c)

- Do staff members accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Do staff members promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.251 (d)

- Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP provides multiple internal ways for residents to report sexual abuse and harassment retaliation, staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Residents are informed verbally and in writing on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. These various ways of reporting include advising an administrator, a staff member, external reporting, placing a written complaint in the grievance/PREA box, and third party. While touring the entire facility, it was observed in the living areas postings of the PREA information (posters). The victim advocate information postings were limited. Reporting procedures are provided to residents through the Resident/PREA Orientation, brochure, and Resident Rule Booklet. Most staff and resident interviews along with the orientation and supporting documentation verified compliance with this standard. After the on-site visit, the victim advocate information was clearly posted in various areas throughout the facility. The Facility Manager sent photos verifying this corrective action to this auditor prior to the submission of this report.

During the intake and admission process residents are advised of their rights and sign a form acknowledging they had been advised of these rights.

Some residents identified the grievance/PREA box as a means to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment and as the anonymous reporting capability. Most staff interviews along with the postings, and supporting documentation confirmed multiple internal ways for residents to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, their understanding of the policies and their obligation of being mandated child abuse reporters.

Standard 115.252: Exhaustion of administrative remedies

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.252 (a)

- Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because a resident does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse. ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA

115.252 (b)

- Does the agency permit residents to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any

portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the agency always refrain from requiring a resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.252 (c)

- Does the agency ensure that: A resident who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.252 (d)

- Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by residents in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- If the agency determines that the 90-day timeframe is insufficient to make an appropriate decision and claims an extension of time [the maximum allowable extension of time to respond is 70 days per 115.252(d)(3)] , does the agency notify the resident in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the resident does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may a resident consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.252 (e)

- Are third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of residents? (If a third-party files such a request on behalf of a resident, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- If the resident declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the resident's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)
  ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.252 (f)

- Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- After receiving an emergency grievance alleging a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.).
  ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)
  ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the resident is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.252 (g)

- If the agency disciplines a resident for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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The DART Cherry Program SOP describes the orientation residents receive explaining how to use the grievance process to report allegations of abuse and has administrative procedures/appeal process for dealing with resident's grievances regarding sexual abuse and/or harassment. Residents may place a written grievance or complaint in the locked PREA/grievance box (black box) located in all three (3) housing units of the facility.

The facility has a multi-layered grievance process enabling timely response and layers of review. The policies and procedures describe an unimpeded process. Residents are not required to utilize an informal process for reporting allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment nor are they required to submit it to the staff member involved in the allegation. Also, the facility has an emergency grievance procedure requiring an initial response within 48 hours and a final decision within five (5) calendar days. The staff interviews confirmed there is a grievance process relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment complaints at the facility. Some resident interviews and documentation confirmed there is a grievance process relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment and a written complaint can be placed in the PREA/grievance box (black box). Resident interviews indicated they would contact a trusted staff, parent/guardian, DSS or court counselor in relation to sexual abuse or sexual harassment complaints. DART Cherry Program did not have any grievances in the past twelve (12) months related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment complaints.

Standard 115.253: Resident access to outside confidential support services

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.253 (a)

- Does the facility provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving residents mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.253 (b)

- Does the facility inform residents, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.253 (c)

- Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide residents with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP ensures that residents are provided access to outside confidential support services, PREA Support Persons and legal counsel. There is evidence of DART Cherry Program's Facility Manager obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding with Wayne Uplift Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program to provide confidential emotional support to residents who are victims of sexual abuse. There have been no calls from residents to outside services in the past 12 months. Resident interviews confirmed they have reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys through visitation,

correspondence or by telephone. The Resident/PREA Orientation contained information of outside services. Resident interviews revealed limited knowledge of how to access outside services. Since the initial review and on-site visit, the facility's PREA postings located in their housing units were updated to clearly post the victim advocate services and the telephone number. The Facility Manager sent photos to verify the actions taken to this auditor prior to the submission of this report.

Standard 115.254: Third-party reporting

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.254 (a)

- Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a resident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP identifies the Department's third-party reporting process and instruct staff to accept third party reports. NCDPS website provides the public with information regarding third-party reporting of sexual abuse or sexual harassment on behalf of a resident. In addition, the Department has established a confidential webpage for employees to report allegations Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Misconduct in the Department and these concerns may be reported anonymously. There are two separate reporting options for the receipt

of third-party reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. They may write to the State-wide PREA Coordinator or send an email through the link provided. This information is reported directly to the State-wide PREA Coordinator who will inform the Facility Manager. These reports will be investigated. All resident interviews confirmed their awareness of reporting sexual abuse or harassment to others outside of the facility including access to their attorney. All staff interviews were able to describe how reports may be made by third parties.

OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING A RESIDENT REPORT

Standard 115.261: Staff and agency reporting duties

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.261 (a)

- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against residents or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.261 (b)

- Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, do staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.261 (c)

- Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform residents of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.261 (d)

- If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.261 (e)

- Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP identified the reporting process for all facility staff to immediately report any knowledge, suspicion or information they receive regarding sexual abuse and harassment, retaliation against residents or staff who report any incidents, or any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. All facility staff are mandated reporters and most random staff interviews confirmed the program's compliance with this standard. Additionally, the facility staff receive information on clear steps on how to report sexual abuse and to maintain confidentiality through the facility's protocol and/or training. The staff would complete an incident report with the details of any incidents that would occur in the facility in compliance with this standard. An interview with medical staff confirmed their responsibility to inform residents under 18 years old of their duty to report and limitations of confidentiality.

Standard 115.262: Agency protection duties

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.262 (a)

- When the agency learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the resident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires that immediate action to be taken upon learning that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. There were no residents determined to be subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse in the past 12 months.

Documentation and interviews with the Facility Manager and other random selected staff were able to articulate, without hesitation, the expectations and requirements of NCDPS Policies and PREA Standards, upon becoming aware that a resident may be subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. Staff interviews indicated if a resident was in danger of sexual abuse or at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, they would act immediately to ensure the safety of the resident, separate from the alleged perpetrator and contact their immediate supervisor. Additionally, the resident would be referred for mental health services.

Standard 115.263: Reporting to other confinement facilities

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.263 (a)

- Upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.263 (b)

- Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.263 (c)

- Does the agency document that it has provided such notification? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.263 (d)

- Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires the Facility Manager, upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, to notify the Facility Manager where the alleged abuse occurred and to report it in accordance with NCDPS policy and procedures. Also, according to policy and procedure the Facility Manager is to immediately report the incident for investigation and complete an incident report. The Facility Manager had received no allegations that a resident was abused while confined at another facility during the past 12 months.

Standard 115.264: Staff first responder duties

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.264 (a)

- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.264 (b)

- If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires staff to take specific steps to respond to a report of sexual abuse including; separating the alleged victim from the abuser; preserving any crime scene within a period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence; request that the alleged victim not take any action that could destroy physical evidence; and ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any action to destroy physical evidence, if the abuse took place within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence. There had been no allegations of sexual abuse during the past 12 months. Random staff and first responder interviews validated their technical knowledge of actions to be taken upon learning that a resident was sexually abused. Also, every interviewed staff, without hesitation, described actions they would take immediately, and these steps were all consistent with NCDPS policies and procedures. It was evident that staff have been trained in their responsibilities as first responders. The staff had palm cards containing the policy on the first responder's specific steps to respond to a report of sexual abuse.

Standard 115.265: Coordinated response

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.265 (a)

- Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP provides a written coordinated response system to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse among staff first responders, administration, executive staff and contacting medical and mental health outside sources. DART Cherry Program's staff have a system in place providing the staff with clear actions to be taken by each discipline for accessing, contacting administrative staff, medical and mental health staff, contacting law enforcement, victim advocate services, and a number of other individuals. Interviews with the Facility Manager and other staff validated their technical knowledgeable of their duties in response to a sexual assault.

Standard 115.266: Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.266 (a)

- Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any residents pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

115.266 (b)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) does not engage in the collective bargaining process regarding any violation of departmental policy regarding PREA, therefore this standard is not applicable.

Standard 115.267: Agency protection against retaliation

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.267 (a)

- Has the agency established a policy to protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.267 (b)

- Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for resident victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for residents or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.267 (c)

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor any resident disciplinary reports? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor resident housing changes? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor resident program changes? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor negative performance reviews of staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor reassignments of staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.267 (d)

- In the case of residents, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.267 (e)

- If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.267 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires the protection and monitoring of residents and staff who have reported sexual abuse and sexual harassment or who have cooperated in a sexual abuse or harassment investigation. NCDPS policy prohibits retaliation against any staff or resident for making a report of sexual abuse as well as retaliation against a victim who has suffered from abuse. The monitoring at a minimum will take place for a period of 90 days or longer, as needed. This monitoring would include resident disciplinary reports, housing and program changes, negative performance reports as well as reassignments of staff. The PREA Support Person (PSP) is responsible with the monitoring of the conduct or treatment of residents who reported the sexual abuse and of residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to determine if changes that may suggest possible retaliation exist. The PREA Compliance Manager (PCM) is responsible with the monitoring of the conduct or treatment of staff who reported the sexual abuse to determine if changes that may suggest possible retaliation exist. The PCM is responsible for assigning a PSP that will serve as an advocate to link services (community-based advocates or mental health professionals) and support to residents who report sexual abuse and sexual harassment by another resident, staff member, contractor or volunteer. The PCM has designated several staff for this role and completed the required form (OPA-A18). These individuals are screened for appropriateness to serve as a victim advocate and receive specialized training. Staff interviews and training documentation confirmed the role of the PSP individuals in the facility. If a retaliation should occur, the assigned PSP individual would complete several forms depending on whether it is a staff or resident retaliation monitoring. Upon completion of the investigation, the PCM will complete a "PREA Sexual Abuse and Harassment Retaliation Report" form [Staff (OPA-I22)] and a PSP individual will complete a "PREA Sexual Abuse and Harassment Retaliation Report" form [Offender (OPA-I24)]. There were no incidents of retaliation in the past 12 months.

INVESTIGATIONS

Standard 115.271: Criminal and administrative agency investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report
115.271 (a)

- When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.271 (b)

- Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.234? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.271 (c)

- Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.271 (d)

- When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.271 (e)

- Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as resident or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring a resident who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.271 (f)

- Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.271 (g)

- Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.271 (h)

- Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.271 (i)

- Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.271(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.271 (j)

- Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.271 (k)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.271 (l)

- When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? [N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP require all staff to refer all alleged incidents of sexual abuse or harassment to local law enforcement, Goldsboro City Police Department, for criminal investigations and the facility to conduct their own administrative investigations. Additionally, staff refer all allegations of sexual abuse and harassment to the Central Office and the Office of PREA Administration. There have been no reports of alleged staff or inmate sexual abuse or harassment in the past 12 months. The facility investigator has received the specialized training as required by the standards. It was evident the staff reported incidents as required and reports are maintained for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the department. Evidence is collected and prior reports involving the same perpetrator or victim are required to be reviewed. In staff alleged sexual abuse cases, no interviews are conducted with staff until approved by the Office of Special Investigations; and any allegations that are criminal in nature are referred to law enforcement.

Standard 115.272: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.272 (a)

- Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP investigates the allegation and indicates a standard of a preponderance of the evidence or a lower standard of proof for determining if allegations are substantiated. An interview with the Facility Manager indicated that the Facility Investigator conduct fact finding investigations and do not make conclusions following his investigations (which are administrative in nature) therefore the Facility Manager in consultation with legal and his supervisory staff and Human Resources would make a determination regarding disciplinary actions to be imposed and the standard they would use is the preponderance of evidence.

Standard 115.273: Reporting to residents

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.273 (a)

- Following an investigation into a resident's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.273 (b)

- If the agency did not conduct the investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the resident? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.273 (c)

- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.273 (d)

- Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.273 (e)

- Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.273 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires that any resident who alleges that he or she suffered sexual abuse is informed in writing contains the process for notifying residents whether the allegation proves substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded following an investigation. This policy further requires that following an resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, the facility informs the resident unless the allegations are "unfounded" whenever the staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit; the staff member is no longer employed at the facility; NCDPS learns that the staff member has been indicted or convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. With regard to investigations involving resident-on-resident allegations of sexual abuse, the facility will inform the resident whenever the facility learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted or convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. There has been no reported investigation of alleged staff or resident's inappropriate sexual behavior that occurred in this facility in the past 12 months that was completed by the agency/facility. The Facility Manager validated his technical knowledge of the reporting process during his interview.

DISCIPLINE

Standard 115.276: Disciplinary sanctions for staff

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.276 (a)

- Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.276 (b)

- Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.276 (c)

- Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and

circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.276 (d)

- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies unless the activity was clearly not criminal? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires staff disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating facility's sexual abuse or harassment policies. Also, the policy mandates that the violation be reported to the Office of PREA Administration and local law enforcement. The policy also mandates that the violation be reported to law enforcement. All disciplinary sanctions are maintained in the employees HR file in accordance with NCDPS policy and procedures. Termination is the presumptive sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse. Additionally, staff may not escape sanctions by resigning. Staff who resign because they would have been terminated, are reported to the local law enforcement, unless the activities were not clearly criminal. There has been no employee disciplined in the past 12 months for violation of the facility's sexual abuse or harassment policies. The Facility Manager interview validated his technical knowledge of the reporting process was consistent with NCDPS policies and procedures.

Standard 115.277: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.277 (a)

- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies unless the activity was clearly not criminal? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.277 (b)

- In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires that volunteers and contractors in violation of the facility's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and harassment of residents will be reported to Office of PREA Administration and local law enforcement unless the activity was clearly not criminal and to relevant licensing bodies. Additionally, the policies require the facility staff to take remedial measures and prohibit future contact with residents in the case of any violation of

the facility's sexual abuse and harassment policies by contractors or volunteers. All volunteers and contractors must sign the PREA Acknowledgement Form upon completion of the PREA training they received. This was verified during documentation review and interview with the Facility Manager. There have been no volunteers or contractors reported in the past 12 months for engaging in sexual abuse or harassment of a resident.

Standard 115.278: Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.278 (a)

- Following an administrative finding that a resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse, are residents subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.278 (b)

- Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.278 (c)

- When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether a resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.278 (d)

- If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to require the offending resident to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.278 (e)

- Does the agency discipline a resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.278 (f)

- For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.278 (g)

- Does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between residents to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between residents.)
  ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires that any resident found to have violated any of the agency's sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies will be subject to sanctions. DART Cherry Program's staff provides each resident with a Resident/PREA Orientation and Resident Rule Book that includes their rights and responsibilities, a disciplinary list of violations, disciplinary procedures and transfers. Residents will be offered therapy counseling or other interventions designed to address and correct the underlining reasons for their conduct. There were no administrative findings of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse that have occurred at the facility in the past 12 months. The Facility Manager indicated that residents may also be referred for prosecution if the allegations were criminal.

MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE

Standard 115.282: Access to emergency medical and mental health services

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.282 (a)

- Do resident victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?
  ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.282 (b)

- If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.262? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.282 (c)

- Are resident victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.282 (d)

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?
  ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires resident victims of sexual abuse are offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted disease prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate and unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. The medical staff have a protocol in place to assist in expediting a resident to the emergency room with specific documentation (Appointment Trip Ticket) for the staff. Additionally, documentation provided confirmed treatment services are provided to every victim without financial cost. Wayne Memorial Hospital provides the emergency services and forensic examinations and Wayne Uplift Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program as the victim advocate services for this facility. An interview with the medical staff confirmed that residents have immediate access to emergency medical and mental health services.

Standard 115.283: Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.283 (a)

- Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.283 (b)

- Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.283 (c)

- Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.283 (d)

- Are resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if all-male facility.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.283 (e)

- If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.283(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if all-male facility.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.283 (f)

- Are resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.283 (g)

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.283 (h)

- Does the facility attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers. Additionally, the policy requires the facility to offer medical and mental health evaluations and appropriate follow-up treatment. Victims of sexual abuse will be transported to the Wayne Memorial Hospital where they will receive treatment and where physical evidence can be gathered by a certified SANE/SAFE medical examiner. There is a process in place to ensure staff track on-going medical and mental health services for victims who may have been sexually abused. All care is provided and consistent with the community level of care. There have been no investigations of alleged resident's inappropriate sexual behavior that occurred in this facility in the past 12 months.

The medical and mental health staff have a protocol in place to assist residents upon discharge from the facility to continue services if needed.

DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW

Standard 115.286: Sexual abuse incident reviews

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.286 (a)

- Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.286 (b)

- Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.286 (c)

- Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.286 (d)

- Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.286(d)(1) - (d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.286 (e)

- Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires a PREA Post Incident Review (OPA-I10) of every sexual abuse allegation at the conclusion of all investigations, except those determined to be unfounded within thirty days. DART Cherry Program's Sexual Abuse Incident Review Team consists of the Facility Manager, PREA Compliance Manager, other upper level management and input from other staffing positions, including medical and mental health staff. There has been no investigation of alleged staff or resident's inappropriate sexual behavior that occurred in this facility in the past 12 months. Staff interviews confirmed they would document their review on their PREA Post Incident Review (PIR) form that captures all aspects of an incident.

Standard 115.287: Data collection

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.287 (a)

- Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.287 (b)

- Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?
  ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.287 (c)

- Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.287 (d)

- Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews?
  ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.287 (e)

- Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its residents? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.287 (f)

- Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)
  ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires the collection of accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual assault. The Facility Manager inputs information into

form OPA-I200 and the PREA Coordinator forwards this information relating to PREA. The NCDPS PREA Coordinator implemented a data collection protocol and collects all data relating to PREA. NCDPS has a data collection instrument to answer all questions for the U.S. Department of Justice Survey of Sexual Abuse Violence. A review of the annual report revealed it was completed according to this standard.

Standard 115.288: Data review for corrective action

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.288 (a)

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.287 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.287 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.287 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.288 (b)

- Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.288 (c)

- Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.288 (d)

- Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires the review of data for corrective action to improve the effectiveness of its prevention, protection and response policies, practices and training. A review of the 2015-2016 Annual Report indicated compliance with the standard and included all of the required elements. The NCDPS 2015-2016 Annual Report is posted on the NCDPS Website for public review. The Facility Manager monitors collected data to determine and assess the need for any corrective actions. The 2015-2016 annual report was readily available on the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) website.

Standard 115.289: Data storage, publication, and destruction

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.289 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.287 are securely retained? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.289 (b)

- Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.289 (c)

- Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.289 (d)

- Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.287 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The DART Cherry Program SOP requires that data is collected and securely retained for 10 years. The aggregated sexual abuse data was reviewed, and all personal identifiers are removed.

AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.401 (a)

- During the prior three-year audit period, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (*Note: The response here is purely informational. A "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.*) ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.401 (b)

- Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (*Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard*.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

- If this is the second year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited during the first year of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is **not** the *second* year of the current audit cycle.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is **not** the *third* year of the current audit cycle.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.401 (h)

- Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.401 (i)

- Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.401 (m)

- Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with residents, residents, and detainees? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.401 (n)

- Were residents permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

Since August 2016, NCDPS has ensured one-third of all operated facilities have been audited as evidenced by the Final Audit reports provided on the Agency's website.

The Auditor was provided complete access to the facility and observed all areas of the facility's buildings and grounds. Additionally, all relevant documents were provided upon request.

The facility made space available for private staff and resident interviews. Residents were provided information on the "Notice of the Auditor's Onsite Visit" regarding how to send confidential information to the Auditor.

Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.403 (f)

- The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports within 90 days of issuance by auditor. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AGENCY AUDIT. In the case of single facility agencies, the auditor shall ensure that the facility's last audit report was published. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or in the case of single facility agencies that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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The DART Cherry Program meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

A review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety web page at https://www.ncdps.gov/Adult-Corrections/Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act revealed PREA Audit Reports dating back to 2015 through 2018 for facilities operated by NCDPS are posted and can be downloaded.

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 resident or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

Auditor Instructions:

Type your full name in the text box below for Auditor Signature. This will function as your official electronic signature. Auditors must deliver their final report to the PREA Resource Center as a searchable PDF format to ensure accessibility to people with disabilities. Save this report document into a PDF format prior to submission.[1] Auditors are not permitted to submit audit reports that have been scanned.[2] See the PREA Auditor Handbook for a full discussion of audit report formatting requirements.

Cheryl M. Anderson July 25, 2018

Auditor Signature **Date**

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[2] See *PREA Auditor Handbook*, Version 1.0, August 2017; Pages 68-69.