Burleigh Morton Detention Center
2024 Annual PREA Report

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The Burleigh Morton Detention Center(BMDC) is committed to meeting the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) and enhancing the safety and security for those incarcerated at the BMDC. This report is a summary of the facility's efforts in PREA compliance. By examining the collection and aggregation of facility data the BMDC is dedicated to improving the effectiveness of sexual abuse detection, prevention and response.

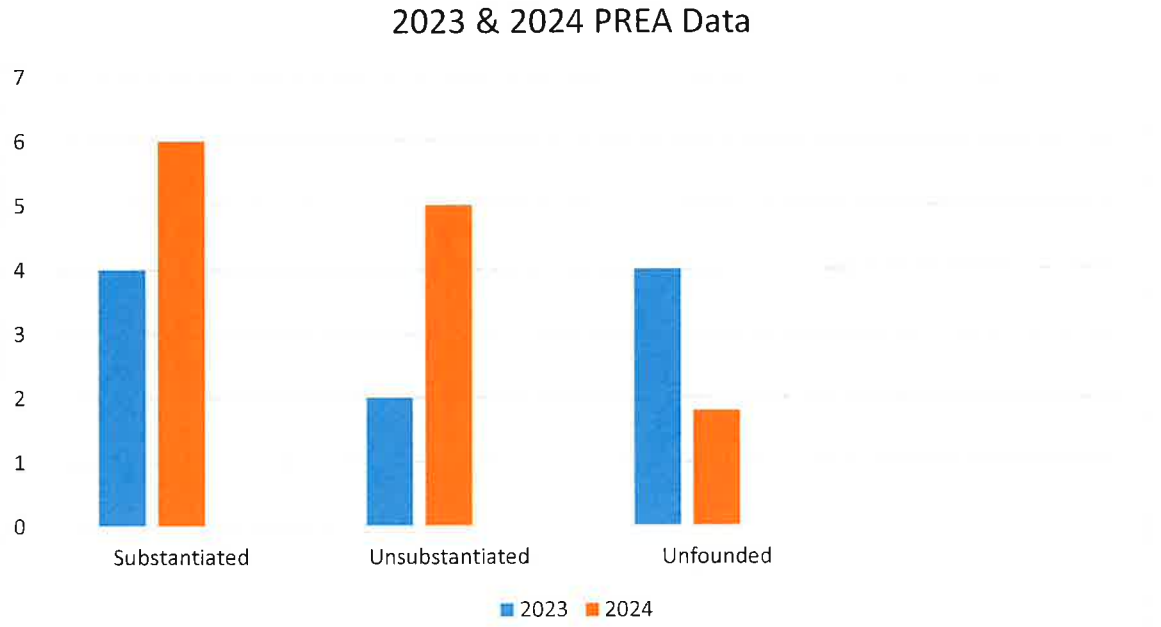
Purpose:

This document serves as an annual review to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training at the BMDC pursuant to 115.88 and 115.89 of the national PREA standards. Therein, the facility is required to:

1. Review and aggregate incident-based sexual abuse data annually to improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detention, and response policies, practices and training to include:
    a. Identifying problem areas
    b. Taking corrective action on an on-going basis; and
    c. Preparing an annual report on its findings
2. Compare the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior year's and provide an assessment of the facility's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
3. Publish the annual report on the BMDC link in the Burleigh County website of its findings and corrective actions.

Aggregated Data:

The following graphs represent data collected from the referrals for investigation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; both inmate-on inmate and staff/contractor/volunteer-on-inmate. The data contains aggregated data as well as comparison between 2023 and 2024.



Comparative Data Analysis:

The comparison in the graph above shows the totals of all referrals for investigation, regardless of their disposition. In 2023, the facility total was 10 referrals while the facility total for 2024 was 13 referrals. There is no clear reason for the difference in referrals from 2023 to 2024.

The BMDC has a "zero tolerance" policy towards all forms of sexual abuse and harassment. Every substantiated incident indicates an "area of concern" and warrants continued due diligence towards "zero tolerance".

Prevention Planning:

The BMDC strives to implement best practices and the requirements of PREA standards to address allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates

The following are areas of improvement or continued improvement by the facility:

1. Continue to review and update facility PREA policy and training.
2. Continue to train staff, inmates, contractors and volunteers with up-to-date information.
3. Continue to review the physical plant and address possible areas of concern.

Summary of Actions and Achievements:

BMDC is up-to-date with the PREA audit process and in full compliance with all PREA standards. The next PREA audit will occur in 2025.

Four training sessions were held during 2024 to provide the complete PREA training course to new employees, as well as correctional staff from other agencies.

Conclusion:

It is the goal of the BMDC that every inmate in our care understands and exercises their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment from other inmates, contractors, volunteers and staff.