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Annual PREA Data Review Meeting/Corrective Action Plan

February 5, 2019

Ocean County Juvenile Services held its annual review of the Juvenile Detention Centers PREA incident data for calendar year 2018, on February 5, 2019. In attendance for the data review were Director Jon Carman, Chief of Custody Alex Ivanov and PREA Coordinator Edward Turnbach. Ocean County Juvenile Detention investigated two incidents as possible PREA Violations during 2018. Allegations were directed towards staff members in both cases. The conclusion reached during the evidentiary/investigative process was that one of the two incidents had merit. While it was construed that the incident had merit, it was ultimately determined not to have risen to a level of criminality as defined by Local, State or Federal Law. Corrective action taken for that incident included a one-day employee suspension and a move of the resident who made the allegation to a different section of the secure housing unit. A remediation discussion took place between the Director, the Chief of Custody and the accused staff member. A thorough and complete review of the second allegation revealed that the incident was unsubstantiated and without merit. There were no sanctions or remediation efforts necessary as determined by the investigation of that allegation. Staffing levels during both incidents met the criteria established by the Juvenile Justice Commission of the State of New Jersey and by the guidelines set forth in the Official Staffing Policy of The Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center. The Detention Center was at full staff as defined by those policies during both incidents. A review of Staffing Levels for the current calendar year determined that no changes to those levels are currently needed based on the average daily

population count for the facility. An inspection of the facility CCTV System during both incidents showed that cameras are fully functioning and without any type of encumbrances or blind spots. The determination was made that no further updates to the CCTV Security System are presently required, as its performance is meeting the facilities needs relative to the safety and security of staff and residents. The system was updated and overhauled entirely in 2017.