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Annual PREA Data Review Meeting/Corrective Action Plan

February 15, 2020

Ocean County Juvenile Services held its annual review of the Juvenile Detention Centers PREA incident data for calendar year 2019, on February 15, 2020. In attendance for the data review were Director Jon Carman, Chief of Administrative Services Rick Seitz and PREA Coordinator Edward Turnbach. Ocean County Juvenile Detention had no formal or informal PREA allegations or investigations during calendar year 2019. Staffing levels for the facility 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 the entirety of 2019. A review of Staffing Levels for the current calendar year determined that no changes to those levels are needed, based on the average daily population count for the facility. The upgraded CCTV System which went in to service in 2017, continues to perform in a manner which is sufficient to protect the interests of all residents and staff members of the facility.

The facilities tri-annual PREA Audit was completed during December of 2019 by an independent auditor contracted through Juvenile Services. The findings of that report indicated that the department met all of the criteria for full compliance with the law. Recommendations as a result of that audit were also instituted in order to fine tune the agency policies relating to PREA. Specifically, all employees are to formally announce their presence when entering any unit that is housing members of the opposite gender. That recommendation was placed in motion through remediation training and additional signage in all housing units.