

Peer I
PREA ALLEGATION SUMMARY REPORT
2016

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YEAR 2016

Total Number of Allegations: 3
Number of Substantiated Allegations: 2
Number of Unsubstantiated Allegations: 1
Number of Unfounded Allegations: 0

Allegations Breakdown: By Facility

Motivation House: 1
Dedication House: 2
Inspiration House: 0
Investment House: 0

Identified Vulnerabilities: None
Corrective Action: None

Year Five Assessment

During 2016, Peer I created additional focus for the LGBTQ community. In January of 2016, Peer I, in partnership with Sheridan Behavioral Health Clinic, started an LGBTQ process group for clients. The initial plan was to hold the group every other week for one hour, but due to participants' requests, it was decided to have the group meet every week for 1 and ½ hrs. This group continued throughout the year and will be ongoing through 2017. It has received highly positive feedback from participants. Additionally, there were inservices for staff and also for clients to educate regarding sexual orientation, expression and identity. Consequently, there appears to be a greater level of understanding at Peer I about LGBTQ issues, concerns and treatment needs.

During 2016, three incidents were reported to the PREA Coordinator. Each incident was investigated; one was found to be unsubstantiated and two were found to be substantiated. In each case, all of the rights and privileges of the clients involved were monitored and protected. The PREA Investigative Committee met and reviewed each of these cases. It was determined that there were no identified vulnerabilities and additional staff and client trainings were conducted to address the incidents. For additional information, incident reports are on file at the Peer I program.

PREA-related in-services for staff in 2016 included trainings regarding Boundaries, an LGBTQ Primer, and a PREA refresher class. Additionally there were three new staff members who received an individual 1-hour PREA training session with the PREA Coordinator.

Memoranda of Understanding continues to be in effect with Denver Health and Hospital Authority until 2020. The Memoranda of Understanding with Blue Bench (providing confidential support and advocacy for victims of sexual assault) continues in effect until June of 2018.

A full copy of the audit report from 2015 is publically available at www.artstreatment.com.