

The Haven

PREA ALLEGATION SUMMARY REPORT

2016

Submitted by: Stephanie Robertson, PREA Coordinator

YEAR 2016

Total Number of Allegations: 1

Number of Substantiated Allegations: 1

Number of Unsubstantiated Allegations: 0

Number of Unfounded Allegations: 0

Allegations Breakdown: By Facility

Haven House: 1

Haven Mother's House: 0

Identified Vulnerabilities: None

Corrective Action: None

Year Five Assessment

The Haven had one incident of sexual harassment that was reported by client in March 2016. The incident occurred when a cis-gendered client asked questions about the genitalia of a client who is transgendered. The victim suggested and the perpetrator participated in a restorative justice process which included both sanctions and educational components. No further incidents occurred and no further action was required to assure the safety of the victim.

The Haven continues to focus on prevention as a key component of maintaining the safety of clients within the therapeutic community milieu. Protective factors for clients are enhanced by early and ongoing education of clients and staff. The Haven has focused on improving staff knowledge regarding the importance of gender-specific treatment for women and for trauma informed care. On 11/16/16, The Haven programs received a four-hour trauma informed training through Nachshon Zohari of the Denver Office of Behavioral Health Strategies. The main focus of the training was to learn how to create a trauma-informed system of care. Participants were able to identify situations at the Haven that may need to be looked at from a trauma informed lens and apply six important categories for Trauma-Informed Practice to these situations. In late 2016, the programs took a survey of practices. Next steps in 2017 will incorporate this survey feedback into positive change.

In August 2016, ten staff participated in PREA refresher training. This training focused on a complete review of the initial training materials for staff as well as site specific policies and procedures for response to incidents. All new Haven House and Mother's house staff received PREA training individually or in very small group settings.

The Haven continued to operate under existing memoranda of understanding, with entities which support The Haven's adherence to PREA standards. Addictions Research and Treatment Services (ARTS), on behalf of both Peer I and The Haven, has signed MOUs with Denver Health and Hospital Authority (SANE provider) and Blue Bench (victim advocacy and support). The Blue Bench MOU is valid until June 2018, and the Denver Health and Hospital Authority MOU is valid through February 2020. ARTS continues to utilize The Spring Institute as primary provider for interpretive language services, and retains copies of the Denver Police Department Sex Crimes Unit Policies for criminal investigation.

Cameras continued to be used in both residential Haven House and Mother's House. These cameras are strategically placed in basement areas to assist staff in detecting, deterring and preventing sexual abuse and sexual harassment, as well as detection of other potential hazards. The Haven staff use these to augment other safety & monitoring protocols.

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