



Perception Programs Annual PREA Audit Report FY 2020

December 31, 2020

Perception Programs, Inc. (PPI) has continued to maintain its obligation to uphold its PREA Policy and Procedures by ensuring the routine training and re-training of staff and routine engagement with staff and clients regarding the importance of staying vigilant in the areas of monitoring and reporting. PPI maintains a Zero Policy against all forms of sexual harassment and/or sexual abuse. Incoming staff are oriented to PREA standards upon hire and proof of this is captured via an acknowledgement which is housed in their personnel file. Additionally, all residential staff are required to take PREA training annually.

PPI has three residential programs all submit to PREA standard to include tri-annual audits. Perception House and Next Step Cottage are due to be audited in 2021.

Grace House, our 5-bed Mental Health Halfway House, operated by the Department of Corrections (DOC) was scheduled for its first PREA Audit in June of 2020 since first opening in 2017. However, the visit was rescheduled for October of 2020 by the Department of Justice due to COVID-19 restrictions. In September of 2020 we were notified that the DOC was suspending all PREA audit until January of 2021. At present, our first audit is scheduled for October 11-12, 2021. For this reason, there are no audit results to share for Grace House yet. DOC and DOJ

In FY 2020 there were one report of sexual abuse made by Perception House clients. In the first report a client reported that another client touched her in a manner that made her feel uncomfortable. A thorough investigation did not yield sufficient proof to evidence the claim. As a result, the finding was unfounded. T

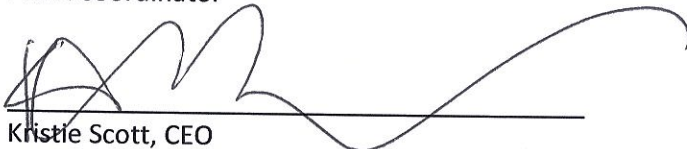
There were no PREA reports made by Grace House or Next Step Cottage residents in FY20.

PPI, Inc. is pleased with its FY20 outcomes as there were no reports of staff on resident concerns and no substantiated allegations. We will remain diligent in our application of preventative measures to ensure a Zero Tolerance culture is fostered.

Respectfully submitted,

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