



Minutes for Indiana Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team

Call to order

A bi-monthly meeting of the Indiana Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team was held on January 24, 2025 at 10:00am EDT via Microsoft Teams. It began at 10:03 a.m. and was presided over by Amy Blackett with Ashli Smiley filling in as secretary.

Attendees

Members in attendance: Amy Blackett, Angie Morris, Ashli Smiley, Devon McDonald, Sid Newton, Jan Lutz, Jennifer Barrett, and Eileen Potenza

Members not in attendance: N/A

Approval of minutes

Ashli moves to approve December's meeting minutes. Eileen seconded the motion. Unanimous member vote to approve.

New Business

1. Jon McDonald will resume representing ICJI on the State SART Committee beginning March 2025.
2. Eileen will be beginning a new position on Prevail's SA survivor council to provide peer support, speaking engagements, and other opportunities to educate about sexual violence.
3. NCA preliminary data for 2024 shows approximately 10,000 Indiana children provided forensic interviews throughout the state. Update regarding CACs, including operational costs, DCS leadership and partnerships discussions with CACs.
4. ISP has a new superintendent.
5. Legislative updates:
 - a. HB 1413 (Cash) addresses the backlog of SAKs-passed committee without opposition.
 - b. HB 1415 addresses the responsibilities and membership of the State SART-no hearing scheduled at this time.
 - c. HB 1093 addresses Sexual Assault Victim's Rights Bill-no further updates at this time.
 - d. HB 1123 addresses a budget for state VOCA funding-no further updates at this time.
6. ICESAHT is rebranding to ICESA, including new email domain and website updates. They are focusing on program sustainability with current and anticipated VOCA cuts and working to hire a new SART Coordinator.

Old Business

None

Motions

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Amy Blackett moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 11:15 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashli Smiley', written in a cursive style.

Ashli Smiley for Angie Morris/Meeting Secretary Signature

[Approved April 2, 2025]