



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 October 25, 2024 at 10:00am EDT via Microsoft Teams. It began at 10:00am and was presided over by Amy Blackett with Angie Morris as secretary.

Attendees

Members in attendance: Amy Blackett, Angie Morris, Ashli Smiley, Jan Lutz, Jennifer Barrett, Jon McDonald, Kelly Gartland, Sid Newton

Members not in attendance: Eileen Potenza, Devon McDonald

Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting was made by Kelly Gartland. Vote: 7-0-1 (Abstention-Jon McDonald)

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2024 meeting was made by Jan Lutz. Vote 7-0-1 (Abstention-Jon McDonald)

New Business

1. ICESA update: ICESA will cease human trafficking efforts effective 12/31/2024. It is believed that IPATH will continue to address a majority of human trafficking work throughout the state.
2. Time frames for evidence collection/medical forensic examination: Discussion about issues with patients being denied a medical forensic examination; healthcare providers are citing timeframes and reimbursement as the reason(s) patients are not seen. Discussed other states are expanding their timeframes due to changes in testing sensitivity and literature that supports the presence of DNA longer than initially thought. The SART discussed the potential for providing guidance to stress the importance medical forensic examinations for patients that are seeking care, regardless of timeframe, including documenting the patient's history, sign and symptoms, all of which may have evidentiary value and the priority of the exam remaining focused on medical care and treatment and not evidence collection. The SART agreed to continue discussions to provide guidance and support to this ongoing issue. For patients that want care but cannot find a facility to see them due to time frames, please reach out to Ashli Smiley or Angie Morris for assistance.
3. Child Advocacy Centers: Several CACs throughout the state are working to expand access to medical forensic examinations on site soon.

Old Business

1. Anonymous Kit Guidance: Amy to finalize guidance document to get this distributed throughout the state and posted on SART website, as there are continued concerns and issues related to the Anonymous Kits; including recent issues with a facility putting anonymous patient names on the chain of custody forms.

Motions

Meeting minute approvals (noted above).

Announcements

Adjournment

Amy Blackett moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 11:10am.



Meeting Secretary Signature

Approved: December 17, 2024