

# **Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Services Implementation Task Force**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

**1:00pm**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Opening Remarks**

- ☐ Cordelia Coppleson, Task Force Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.
- ☐ The meeting was held electronically and a verbatim audio and video recording of this meeting was made.
- ☐ Please email [sane@ilag.gov](mailto:sane@ilag.gov) to request a link to the recording.

### **New Board Membership**

No new board membership was discussed.

### **Approval of September 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

- ☐ Corrections: Sarah Buening requested the following corrections/changes to the 9/21/23 Minutes:
  - Area Wide Treatment Planning Update-The proposed rule changes were approved by the Task Force and sent to IDPH for legal review and to go to JCAR
  - Feedback on the “Right To Choices” brochure was forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General
  - The Taskforce approved Area Wide Treatment Planning to draft optional language for the sample template agreement between hospitals for compensation to transfer hospitals and treatment hospitals.
- ☐ Dr. Goyal made a motion to approve the amended minutes .
- ☐ Dr. Pitzele seconded the motion.
- ☐ The amended minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote, which can be found at the end of the document.

### **Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Committee Reports:****Areawide Treatment Plan Committee**

Sarah Beuning provided an update of the final committee report. A draft report has been prepared and sent to the committee for review and approval. The committee is also working on the Taskforce approved draft of optional language for the sample template agreement between hospitals to allow compensation for transfer and treatment hospitals.

**Cost of Care Committee – committee on hold****On-Call SANE/SAFE Programs Committee**

Ann Adlington provided update: The On-Call SANE Guide has been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General for review and will be contained on the OAG website under the Safer Community section.

The SANE webinar was held on 9/13/23 with a good turnout.

The committee's final report has been drafted and submitted to the committee for review and approval.

**Out-of-State Areawide Treatment Plan Subcommittee**

No report.

**Urban Areawide Treatment Plan Subcommittee**

Penny Eriks provided update: The subcommittee has reached out to Chicago-area hospitals with lower volume of patients to link with higher volume hospitals for transfers and information for the transfers have been provided to the hospitals. It is now the responsibility of each hospital to choose how they will proceed in the future. A draft final report is forthcoming.

**Rural Areawide Treatment Plan Subcommittee – on hold, no update anticipated.**

### **Nursing School Curriculum Committee**

Dr. Pitzele provided update: An updated curriculum, including forensics, has been proposed. A final report will be provided in the future, including recommendations for the curriculum.

### **Telehealth Committee**

Lisa Mathey provided an update. The committee compiled a comprehensive literature review about telehealth. The committee also conducted a study in Illinois and the results of that study has been published in a peer reviewed journal: *Can Telehealth Provide Timely and Equitable Quality Medical Forensic Services? Perspectives of Illinois Hospital Administrators*, Journal of Forensic Nursing, Vol. 19, No. 4, October/December 2023.

Telehealth for SANE is supported by IAFN whose guidelines are followed for state QMP verification. Resources are available at: TeleSAFE – IAFN [forensicnurses.org](https://forensicnurses.org).

A final report and recommendations by this committee is being processed.

### **Illinois Department of Public Health**

No update.

### **Office of the Illinois Attorney General Update**

Erin Tendick provided an update.

Trainings: There was an Adult/Adolescent SANE training in Mendota in August of 2023 with 48 in attendance. In October of 2023, 74 individuals attended the Adult/Adolescent SANE training in Peoria. 51 individuals attended the Foundations training in October, 2023 and there are over 100 people signed up for the same training at the end of November, 2023. In September and November of 2023, 71 people attended the 2 hour course on the Illinois State Police Crime Lab. In October of 2023, 40 individuals attended the 2 hour training on IDPH Sexually Transmitted Disease program. In early 2024 there will be another Adult/Adolescent Training.

### **Illinois State Police Update**

Brenda Danosky provided update. The new and approved consent paperwork is now in the sexual assault forensic evidence kits and the new consent paperwork is available on the ISP website. The new kits will be available in the beginning on 2024.

**Task Force Members Announcements and Concerns:**

Dr. Pitzele asked for information about compensation for hospitals conducting SANE examinations. Dr. Goyal did not have any data at this time.

**Public Comment**

Jaclyn Rodriguez raised questions about federal funding/grants that are or are not being utilized in the rural communities to which Christele Perez assured that the OAG is in compliance with the guidelines and that if Ms. Rodriguez has any questions or concerns she can reach out directly to AAG Perez.

A question was asked: “Who are the recipients of the Southern Grant?”. AAG Perez answered that no region or hospital was the recipient of the grant, rather a private company.

Question by Penny Erichs, “Has that company been paid for its services?”. AAG Perez responded that the company has been and will be paid for services they can provide verification of.

Ms. Rodriguez asked if a request for instructors has been sent out for the January training. Erin Tendrick answered, yes.

**Next Meeting January 11, 2024 at 1pm****Adjournment**

- ☐ Dr. Burton made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- ☐ Dr. Sifferman seconded the motion.
- ☐ The motion was approved by a Roll Call vote, which can be found at the end of the document.
- ☐ The meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm