

# Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Services Implementation Task Force

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

1:00pm – 3:30pm

## Video Conferencing Locations

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Building One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702	IDPH - Chicago Director's Office Conference Room 69 W. Washington St. 35th Fl Chicago, IL 60602	IDPH - Marion Regional Office 2309 W. Main St. Marion, IL 62959
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## Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members Present: Ann Adlington (SANEs), Sarah Beuning (Sexual Assault Survivors and Rape Crisis Centers), Nancee Brown (Sexual Assault Survivors and Rape Crisis Centers), Dr. Joseph Burton (Hospitals), Dr. Scott Cooper (Physicians), Marites Gonzaga-Reardon (Nurses), Eva Hopp (Hospitals), Heather Keirnan (Hospitals), Sandy Kraiss (Hospitals), Lisa Mathey (Hospitals), Patty Metzler (SANEs), Jessica O'Leary (Office of the Illinois Attorney General (OAG), Debra Perry (Sexual Assault Survivors and Rape Crisis Centers), Dr. Monika Pitzele (Emergency Physicians), Karen Senger (Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH))

### I. Opening Remarks and Roll Call

- Karen Senger, Co-Chair (IDPH) called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.
- Role call was taken and a quorum of members were present.
- Dr. Joseph Burton was introduced as a new member representing hospitals, replacing Dr. James Hildebrant. Dr. Burton is the Emergency Department Medical Director at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital in Mattoon.
- Patty Metzler was introduced as an interim SANE representative. Patty has been appointed by the Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses to temporarily replace Christy Alexander. Patty is a SANE-P, SANE-A at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.
- An updated member list was included in the meeting handouts.
- Karen encouraged all members to relay information discussed during Task Force meetings to the constituencies they represent.

### II. Approval of November 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Debra Perry made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancee Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### III. Illinois Department of Public Health Update

- SASETA Hospital List – Karen Senger reviewed the updated list of hospitals' sexual assault treatment and transfer plans. The list was reorganized based on feedback

received during the last Task Force meeting and will be placed online by the end of the week. There are two transfer hospitals and one treatment hospital left to finalize their plans by the end of the week. IDPH will decide then, if and what action may be taken for noncompliance. “Northwestern” will be added in front of Central DuPage and Kishwaukee hospitals.

- SASETA Data Collection Report – The SASETA Data Collection Report for July-December 2019 was provided with meeting handouts. Karen reviewed a proposed new data collection form and revised definitions handout. Task Force members agreed to seek additional information from Treatment Hospitals with Approved Pediatric Transfer to capture how many pediatric patients present to the hospitals and how many are then transferred to a Treatment Hospital as well as how many patients present to Out-of-State Hospitals on their own or by referral from law enforcement or others. Once this information is collected, members will discuss if it would be useful to post online. Sandy Kraiss, Illinois Health and Hospital Association, offered to reach out to Transfer Hospitals to see how difficult it would be for the hospitals to provide data on the number of patients transferred for sexual assault services for the purpose of identifying whether transferred patients are reaching their intended treatment facilities. Additional formatting edits were provided.
- 77 IAC 545 Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Code - The first public comment period closed on January 16, 2020. Responses to comments received will be sent to the commenters by the Department. The Department filed the documents with the Joint Commission of Administrative Rules to be placed on the March 15, 2020 agenda and posted for the Second Notice period of February 20, 2020 – April 4, 2020.
- Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners - The Department and the AG’s Office have talked with different groups and individuals representing physicians currently providing sexual assault services and has determined that there is no standard medical school curriculum, residency curriculum or trainings that can be used to set requirements. It would also be difficult to go back and obtain adequate documentation to assure that trainings attended substantially met the IAFN Educations Guidelines as required in the SASETA. IDPH and the OAG have discussed developing a process that mirrors the approval process of out-of-state SANEs to be fully practicing SANES in Illinois. Physicians will be asked to provide any documentation for trainings that they do have available and to provide a written explanation of how their experience substantially meets the clinical requirements provided for in the IAFN Guidelines. The information will be provided to the OAG for an initial review on a case by case basis and then shared with IDPH. A checklist will be developed based upon the SANE Clinical Logs in order to provide guidance. The goal is to have rules in place by the end of the year.

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

- Online Training for Emergency Department Clinical Staff - The online training is now available. As of 2/21/2020, there have been 1243 registrants. This includes some duplicates as once a person has failed to pass the post-test after 3 tries, they must e-mail SIU to ask for their attempts to be reset. However, a work around that some people are using is to reregister to take it again, therefore making it slightly

more difficult to track the actual number of individuals that have completed the training. Concerns were raised regarding the ability of hospital staff to meet training requirements by July 1, 2020 due to the delay of the release of the OAG online training. Karen Senger will raise the enforcement concern with IDPH's administration and provide information at the next meeting.

- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Trainings - 2020 SANE Trainings are currently being scheduled and will be announced once the information is available.
- SANE Training Statistics - Updated Cumulative Illinois SANE Training, Completion, and Certification Data and Detailed Summary of Trainings Offered 2018 – 2019 documents were provided with meeting handouts.

## **V. Committee Reports**

- On-Call SANE/SAFE Programs – Then Guide to Establishing a SANE Program was finalized by the Committee. The OAG is currently working to finalize formatting and will distribute when complete.

## **VI. Review and Prioritization of Task Force Goals**

- Karen Senger reviewed the Task Force's Statutory and Non-Statutory goal, achievements, and next steps document provided with the meeting handout. Task Force Members discussed priorities for next steps.
  - The full Areawide Treatment Plan committee will meet to discuss concerns raised regarding transportation needs of sexual assault survivors transferred by ambulance to a Treatment Hospital or Treatment Hospital with Approved Pediatric Transfer. In some areas of the state hospitals are requesting that rape crisis center advocates provide transportation for the survivor.
  - The Out-of-State Areawide Treatment Plan subcommittee will meet to begin discussing topics for and information to gather for the report for the General Assembly on the impact of out-of-state transfers.
  - The National Telenursing Center in Massachusetts will be contact to see if a presentation can be provided on its TeleSANE practice at the next Task Force meeting in June.
  - Patty Metzler offered to contact the International Association of Forensic Nurses to begin discussions regarding including SANE training in nursing school curriculum.

## **VII. Task Force Member Announcements or Concerns**

- There was a request to have the Illinois Attorney General's Office present information at the next Task Force meeting regarding its Rural SANE grant.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

- A question was raised regarding whether Out-of-State Hospitals should be collecting/submitting data regarding pediatric patients age 14 – 17. Karen Senger will review the issue and reach out to the Out-of-State Hospitals to discuss further.

## **IX. Adjournment**

- Sarah Beuning made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Debra Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Karen Senger adjourned the meeting.