

February 2017 Forensic Committee Meeting
Indiana Emergency Nurses Association

MEETING MINUTES

- **Attendees**
 - Barb Bachmeier (IU Health Methodist-Indianapolis)
 - Angie Morris (St. Vincent -Indianapolis)
 - Cindy Wathen (St. Vincent-Indianapolis)
 - Angela Bates (IU Health Riley-Indianapolis)
 - Tanya Malone (IU Health Riley-Indianapolis)
 - Michelle Resendez (Franciscan Alliance-Crown Point)
 - Michelle Ditton (Fort Wayne SATC-Fort Wayne)
 - Jade Palin (ICJI-Indianapolis)
 - Caroline Fisher (St. Francis-Indianapolis)
 - Kathy Wasilewski (St. Vincent-Anderson)
 - Andrea Helman (Regional Hospital-Terre Haute)
 - Tracey Horth Kruger (ICESA-Indianapolis)
 - Kristen Pulice (ICESA-Indianapolis)
 - Laurie Gray (ICESA-Indianapolis)
 - Mahri Irvine (ICESA-Indianapolis)
 - Michelle Corrao (Prevail-Noblesville)
 - Holly Renz (Madison County SATC at Community Hospital Anderson-Anderson)
 - Deb Lyons (Community Hospitals-Indianapolis)
 - Cathy Clark (St. Elizabeth, Lafayette)
- **Approval of January Minutes**
 - January 2017 Meeting Minutes-APPROVED
 - Will be posted to Indiana ENA website
- **ICJI Updates and Opportunities for 2017**
 - Presented by Jade Palin-Victim Services Division Manager
 - Grants Available in 2017
 - DVPT: Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment
 - Due: 03/10/2017
 - What it can pay for: advocacy services, outreach, shelters
 - SASP: Sexual Assault Services Project
 - What it can pay for: advocacy services, rape crisis centers
 - STOP: Stop Violence Against Women
 - What it can pay for: Investigative Services, SA/DV Prosecutor, advocates, SART team participation
 - VOCA: Victims of Crime Act Fund
 - What it can pay for: Victims of all crime-specifically violent crimes; advocates, on-call SANEs, training
 - SAVAF: Sexual Assault Victim's Assistance Fund
 - What it can pay for: coordination of services, advocacy, social work, rape crisis centers
 - Contact ICESA for more information regarding this fund.
 - Sign up for grant notifications at <https://egrants.cji.in.gov/Base/Public/Subscribe.aspx>

- Medical Screening Examinations
 - Will ICJI pay for more than one medical screening examination?
 - “I have a patient who was transferred from another facility. They had a medical screening examination at the first facility. Our policy is also to conduct a medical screening examination at our facility. Will ICJI cover the cost of both medical screening examinations?”
 - Answer: No. Per email from Jade Palin, “ICJI will pay for the medical forensic examination, but will not pay for medical screenings done at other locations.”
- **2017 Goals-Additional Discussion and Adoption of Committee Goals**
 - 2017 Proposed Goals and Objectives include:
 - Legislative Issues
 - Continue to review, analyze and assess legislative issues pertinent to forensic nursing and victims in Indiana. Provide support, outreach, education and testimony as needed to address these issues.
 - Education and Training
 - Provide support and expansion of educational and training opportunities throughout Indiana to increase the number of SANEs by promoting and disseminating didactic training opportunities, securing clinical training, widening access to pediatric SANE training and advancing mentorship opportunities.
 - Expansion of Forensic Nursing Services
 - Work to promote, bring awareness to, and expand collaboration with other aspects of forensic nursing including, but not limited to: Legal Nurse Consultants, Nurse Coroners, Nurse Death Investigators, Human Trafficking Experts, Mass Casualty Professionals, Elder Mistreatment Specialists and Corrections Nurses.
 - Statewide SART
 - Continue to support, promote growth and expansion of, and provide education and resources for the newly re-organized Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team through collaboration with IPAC and SART member organizations.

Please provide feedback and/or proposed changes regarding the goals and objectives stated above by March 1, 2017. If comments are not received by March 1st, the committee will assume your agreement to the statements above, as written.

- **Other updates**
 - **ICESA-updates provided by Tracey Horth Kruger, Kristen Pulice, Mahri Irvine and Laurie Gray**
 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April 2017)
 - Save the Date: April 3 (Indianapolis canal)- dying the canal teal in honor of SA Awareness month
 - Statewide Conference Update: ICESA is getting corporate sponsors for the conference which will cover the cost of lunch and dinner for participants. Please continue sharing the Conference information with persons who may be interested.

- ICESA continues to work with the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee to increase SAVAF funding.
 - Kristen Pulice is working with rape crisis centers to expand and fill in the gaps. Work continues with agencies who are interested in becoming a rape crisis center, or who meet, or are close to meeting criteria for becoming a rape crisis center.
 - Mahri Irvine is working with the campus consortium (10 colleges/universities in Indiana) and has several upcoming trainings which include:
 - February 27: Campus SART Webinar
 - March 7: Title IX and Clery Act 101 Webinar (rescheduled from a previous date)
 - March 21: AEquitas-Alcohol and Sexual Assault Webinar
 - April 26: Engaging Men in Sexual Violence Prevention Webinar
 - September 6 and 7: Sexual Assault Response/Prevention for Colleges and Universities
 - See weekly updates from Angie Morris for webinar information.
 - Laurie Gray will continue work with the Statewide SART. Next meeting on March 1st.
- **Legislative Update-provided by Barb Bachmeier**
 - **HB1516:** DV Fatality Review Committee-will mandate access to previous medical records and documentation to allow for a thorough review. Passed out of committee on 2/15. Will move on for a House reading.
 - **SB424:** Expanding definition of suffocation to include restriction of the torso. Passed out of senate committee and will head to the House. Some supported the “torso” part of the bill but had issues with the unrelated methamphetamine language included in the bill.
 - **SB279:** Payment of HIV NPEP to be included as additional forensic services; removes discretionary language related to payment of anti-virals. Passed out of committee and has to go to the appropriations committee because of fiscal impact. Working to see if it can avoid appropriations committee, but unclear. If it has to go through appropriations: One of two things may happen: 1) Chair can give it a hearing or 2) if not, it dies.
- **Prevail-provided by Michelle Corrao**
 - Working on a poster project for Hamilton County public bathrooms (to go on the backs of doors) that will provide information/education about where to go and what to do if you have been sexually assaulted, advocacy resources, etc. Hopes to make this resource available to others who may wish to use it in their communities.
- **ICJI Reimbursement Issues**
 - Concerns raised by Holly Renz that some patients’ examinations are not being fully reimbursed and that SA treatment facilities are absorbing the costs. Cited two recent examples of ICJI not paying for patient’s medical forensic examination; citing services were not received within five days. Believes that the statute is being misinterpreted for these types of services and would like to work with ICJI to resolve these denials. Angie Morris will work with ICJI to obtain additional information and if needed, schedule a meeting with ICJI to address these concerns.

