

Mission: *To promote a community-wide response to sexual violence by coordinating a multi-disciplinary team that will ensure victims receive comprehensive, compassionate care*

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) General Meeting Minutes Thursday January 30, 2020

Call to Order:

Nicole Bishop, Director, Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center (PBCVS)

Welcome/Introductions of Members and Guests:

Nicole Bishop welcomed all who were in attendance at the meeting and facilitated introductions.

Review/Approval of minutes: Minutes for November 21st meeting were approved without any changes.

On-Going Business:

SANE Report: Lisa Alward, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program Coordinator PBCVS

Lisa provided a report on Sexual Assault Responses for November-December 2019. There were a total of 39 call outs and 38 forensic exams. SANEs responded to all cases. In the total call outs there were 7 non-reporting victims. 25 exams were completed at the Butterfly House. Lisa shared information regarding a SANE carts now being available in a couple neighboring hospitals and the importance of the SANE program's improved relationship with these local hospitals.

Child Protection Team Report: Alison Hitchcock, CPT Executive Director & Susan Sims, CPT Senior Case Coordinator

Alison and Susan provided child abuse and child sexual abuse CPT case statistics for the months of November and December 2019.

- **November 2019**
 - 972 Abuse Reports Screened
 - 101 Cases Opened
 - 208 Services Provided
 - **19** Sexual Abuse Forensic Medical Exams were completed
 - **4** Sexual Assault Kits were completed
- **December 2019**
 - 1,006 Abuse Reports Screened
 - 94 Cases Opened
 - 212 Services Provided
 - **16** Sexual Abuse Forensic Medical Exams were completed
 - **2** Sexual Assault Kits were completed

Alison and Susan also took the time to explain the difference between forensic medical exams and sexual assault kits through the CPT process. CPT updates will continue to be integrated into the SART meetings on an ongoing basis to highlight another component of the SART process.

Laboratory Testing Updates: Molly McConnell, PBCVS Grant Coordinator on behalf of Julie Sikorsky, Forensic Laboratory Manager, PBSO

Molly McConnell updated SART members on rape kit backlog and the timeframe for processing sexual assault kits, the number of kits tested and the number remaining. She also wanted to let us know that crime lab will continue with testing the sexual assault kits, backlog and others.

- **Reviewed SA cases (pre & post SB 636): 9,440** (+560 from October meeting)
 - 665 pending additional review by the laboratory
 - 960 cases without SAKs sent to SID for additional review
- **Pre SB636 Cases**
 - Outsourced for analysis: 1679
 - Profiles entered into CODIS: 842 profiles from 792 cases (+19 profiles/+18 cases from October meeting)
 - From evidence: 729 (+15 from October meeting)
 - Suspect samples: 113 (+4 from October meeting)
 - CODIS hits (across all agencies): 305 (+10 from October meeting)
 - 12 arrests made (+1 from October meeting): 8=PBSO, 4=WPBPD
 - PBSO has one outstanding warrant (issued 1/27/19)

SART Case Staffing's: Carol Messam-Gordon, PBCVS Sexual Assault Program Coordinator

Carol updated SART members on the December sexual assault case staffing held on December 13th. Victim Services' staff reviewed 2 cases. In attendance were Advocates, Coordinator, Team supervisors, SANEs and therapist.

The first case involved a five year old. Victim's father contacted Victim Services for information and assistance related to daughter's disclosure of child sexual abuse. Victim is five years-old and has made several comments about sexual abuse by classmates, teachers and also an employee of local gym that father attends. Child also displayed highly sexualized behaviors that are inappropriate for her age. Case was initially reported to DCF and advocate was concerned that this case fell through the cracks. None of the local law enforcement agencies were aware of this case because jurisdiction was not determined. Advocate contacted a sergeant and he was able to assist with determining jurisdiction; the case was then assigned to the appropriate jurisdiction for investigation.

Advocate provided therapy referral to Center for Child Counseling and provided victim's family with information about next steps and points of contact. Advocate also accompanied victim and family for child's forensic interview. Case is inactive at this time but the advocate assigned was able to provide support and appropriate referrals for continued care. All parties involved including victim's father, understand that something may have happened to this child but due to age and limitations of language, she is unable to communicate the details of sexual abuse.

Case is currently inactive pending new information that can be used for further investigation. Child will continue in therapy.

The 2nd case involved a homeless victim who was sexually assaulted by a security guard that she met at a large retail chain in the area. Victim was recently released from Prison, was homeless and was hungry. Victim reported that she was approached by the security guard at this local store and he offered to feed her. Defendant told her to meet him in the parking lot. Victim later met him in the parking lot and he sexually assaulted. Victim reported the incident to law enforcement and was taken to the Butterfly House where she met with an advocate who provided support. A forensic exam was also completed by a SANE. After the forensic exam was completed law enforcement started the taped statement. During the taped statement victim changed her mind and requested to leave and follow-up at a later date.

Advocate and detective have tried on several occasions to schedule victim for an interview and to date victim has not complied. Recently victim contacted the advocate assigned to the case to let her know she has moved out of the area and will not participate in a taped statement or need further assistance. Advocate provided appropriate support and victim was referred to agency in her new area for support.

Case is inactive at this time. All involved are very concerned and would like to know the identity of security guard to rule out a pattern of sexual abuse by this security guard.

Committee Reports:

Community Action Network: Holly Carotenuto, PBCVS Sexual Assault Outreach Coordinator

Holly relayed information regarding upcoming events and the planning for them. The Hispanic Outreach Committee (subcommittee of C.A.N.) recently held the annual Hispanic Outreach Event where 430 people were in attendance. Attendees were able to learn about services available in their community and speak directly to providers. Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is coming up in April 2020 and the C.A.N. Committee is currently preparing for that. Compass' Palm Beach Pride will be March 28-29 in Lake Worth. Holly is working with PBC Animal Care & Control to create a "Paws for Prevention" event for sexual assault survivors, advocates, and other community partners to spend time with the adoptable dogs available. Holly announced that Field of Hope will be on April 7 at SART where survivors of sexual assault can come out and plant a message of hope and healing. Palm Beach State College will host the "What Were You Wearing" clothing exhibition on April 21. Denim Day is April 29 and all SART members were encouraged to wear jeans in support. The next C.A.N. meeting will be February 22 from 9AM-10:30AM at SART.

Training Committee: Molly McConnell, Victim Services Grant Coordinator

Molly reported that Training Committee a. The training committee has been on a break through the holidays due to schedule conflicts but will resume with the New Year. The training committee will be evaluating the needs of the committee itself and formulate a plan to address gaps to ensure the training committee is effective and necessary. Instead of an in-person meeting, the

training committee will be taking a survey regarding meeting frequency, recommended SART member training, and other victim centered training events.

Legislative Committee: Teresa Hadjipetrou, Delegation Aide, PBC Legislative Affairs on b/o Rebecca DeLaRosa, Director of PBC Legislative Affairs

Teresa highlighted House Bill 53 (Statute of Limitations for Sexual Offenses) has been withdrawn. House Bill 53 would have extended the statute of limitation for civil actions for sexual battery committed against minor victims until they are 55 years old. This bill also would have replaced language from “Sexual Battery Offenses on Minors” to “Sexual Offenses” as well as replacing the language to reflect a minor victim being under 18 years old instead of a minor victim needing to be under 16.

Representatives of the Legislative Committee are working hard and are often in Tallahassee at this time due to the legislative session being active starting earlier in January.

New Business:

Senate Bill 510 – Bail Pending Appellate Review: Nicole Bishop, Director, PBCVS (information provided by Abby Ross, Legislative Aide for Senator Lori Berman

Nicole provided information regarding a new legislative bill that will be considered in 2020. Senate Bill 510 was introduced by State Senator Tom A. Wright and prohibits a person from being released on bail when appealing a felony conviction for an offense requiring registration as a sexual offender or sexual predator where the offender was 18 years of age or older and the victim was a minor.

2020 SART Survey: Molly McConnell, Victim Services Grant Coordinator

Molly explained as SART is gearing up for the New Year, we want to ensure that SART and the SART process is running efficiently and effectively. In the next few days after the meeting, Molly will be emailing SART members a link to a survey to evaluate the successes and opportunities of SART, as well as topics of interest that SART members would like to see in future meetings.

Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SART2020>

SART Member of the Year: Molly McConnell, Victim Services Grant Coordinator

Molly announced another upcoming event is the SART Member of Year nominations for 2019. After the meeting, the nomination form with instructions will be provided via email to SART members. Nominees should be individuals who have promoted the mission and purpose of SART and shown exemplary dedication to a victim centered approach. The votes will be tallied and the member with the majority votes will be recognized at and provided 2 tickets to the Awards Luncheon during Victim’s Rights Week in April. Nominations will be open for 2 weeks, followed by a 2 week voting period. Nominations are due on or before Friday, February 14 at 5PM.

Community Corner:

Alex Ortiz, Director of Advancement & Sustainability, Child Rescue Coalition

Alex Ortiz provided an overview of the mission and goals of the Child Rescue Coalition highlighting their efforts and successes locally in Palm Beach County. Child Rescue Coalition is a nonprofit that rescues children from sexual abuse by building donor-funded technology for law enforcement to track, arrest, prosecute, and convict child predators. Due to the efforts of Child Rescue Coalition, close to 12,000 officers in all 50 states and in 95+ countries are using this predator tracking technology. Alex also provided SART members with practical tools and tips to implement in their own homes to help protect their children and loved ones from online predators.

Child Rescue Coalition will be having their 5th annual Tech With Heart Gala on Saturday, April 4th from 6PM-10PM @ Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort. Cindy McCain will be the Celebrity Advocate Keynote Speaker. (More information can be found at: bit.ly/crcgala2020)

Member field discussion: Nicole opened the floor to members to discuss successful collaborations or provide updates. Julie Weil, Executive Director of the Not Just Me Foundation, is working with Survivor Action Team to complete more outreach in the community in order to promote SART. After a successful fundraiser and awareness event for Not Just Me Foundation, she is looking to do more events like this. Julie is requesting venue ideas and connections (stores, bars, etc.) in order to do so.

Lucas O’Ryan, Transgender Youth Program Coordinator at Compass Community Center highlighted the upcoming Palm Beach Pride will take place at Bryant Park in Lake Worth on March 28th-29th from 12PM-6PM daily. On Sunday February 9th, Compass will be throwing their 8th Annual Gay Chili Cook Off, a benefit for the Compass LGBTQ Youth Group at Penny’s at the Duke in Lantana.

J.R. Thicklin of Destiny By Choice, Inc. discussed an upcoming event for February. On Saturday, February 8th, there will be a Domestic Violence Walk in Lake Park.

Next meeting date: February 27, 2020 @ 2pm – 3pm

Thank you!

By Senator Wright

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to bail pending appellate review;
3 amending s. 903.133, F.S.; prohibiting a court from
4 granting bail to specified offenders pending review
5 following a conviction for an offense requiring sexual
6 offender or sexual predator registration if the victim
7 was a minor; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 903.133, Florida Statutes, is amended to
12 read:

13 903.133 Bail on appeal; prohibited for certain felony
14 convictions.—Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 903.132, no
15 person shall be admitted to bail pending review either by
16 posttrial motion or appeal if he or she was adjudged guilty of:

17 (1) A felony of the first degree for a violation of s.
18 782.04(2) or (3), s. 787.01, s. 794.011(4), s. 806.01, s.
19 893.13, or s. 893.135;~~or adjudged guilty of~~

20 (2) A violation of s. 794.011(2) or (3); or

21 (3) Any other offense requiring sexual offender
22 registration under s. 943.0435(1)(h) or sexual predator
23 registration under s. 775.21(4) when, at the time of the
24 offense, the offender was 18 years of age or older and the
25 victim was a minor,~~shall be admitted to bail pending review~~
26 ~~either by posttrial motion or appeal.~~

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.



CHILD RESCUE COALITION

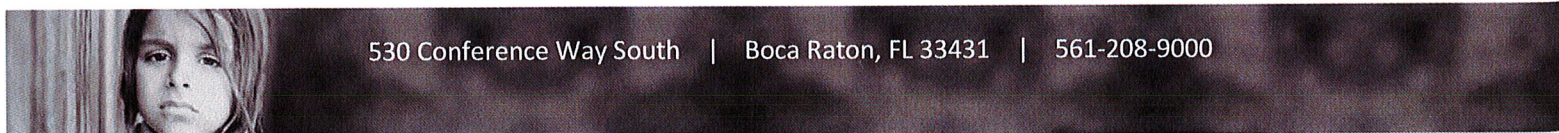
Kids for Privacy Campaign Predator-Attracting Hashtags

As parents, it's our responsibility to keep our children out of harm's way. However, with the expansion of the internet & digital technologies, this responsibility has become even more challenging. Child Rescue Coalition has compiled a list of hashtags to avoid as you post images of your children on social media.

#babykini	#kidsbikinis	#potty	#pottytrainingtime
#babypeeing	#kidshowertime	#pottydance	#pottytrainingtime
#bathchild	#kidsshower	#pottydanceparty	#pottytrainingtwins
#bathtime	#kidsshowertime	#pottydancetime	#pottytrainingtwins
#bathtimebaby	#kidsswimwear	#pottylife	#pottytrainingwoes
#bathtimefun	#lillootoddlerpotty	#pottyparty	#sexychildren
#bathtimefuntime	#lovesbeingnude	#pottyparty	#sexykids
#bathtubkids	#nakedbaby	#pottytime	#sinkbath
#bikinikids	#nakedchild	#pottytrain	#sinkchild
#bikinikidslovers	#nakedchildren	#pottytrain	#skinnybabybooty
#bikinikidsmodeling	#nakedkid	#pottytrained	#splishsplash
#cantkeepclothesonhim	#nakedkiddos	#pottytrainedbefore2	#startpottytraining
#childbath	#nakedkids	#pottytraining	#toddlerbath
#childbathing	#nakedkidsagain	#pottytraining101	#toddlerbathfun
#cleanbabies	#nakedkidsarehappykids	#pottytraining4kids	#toddlerbathhangs
#cleankids	#nakedkidsclub	#pottytrainingbootcamp	#toddlerbathing
#diaperfree	#nakedkidseverywhere	#pottytrainingboys	#toddlerbaths
#diaperfree	#nakedtoddler	#pottytrainingdays	#toddlerbaths
#kidbikini	#nakedtoddleralert	#pottytrainingdiaries	#toddlerbathtime
#kidbikinis	#nappyfree	#pottytrainingfail	#toddlerbathtimefun
#kidsbathing	#nappyfree	#pottytrainingfail	#toddlerbikini
#kidsbathroom	#naptime	#pottytrainingfun	#toddlerbikinis
#kidsbathtime	#nudechild	#pottytrainingguide	#toddlerbikinisrule
#kidsbathtub	#nudekids	#pottytrainingsuccess	#toilettrain
#kidsbedroom	#peeingkid	#pottytrainingsucks	#toilettraining

To learn more about Child Rescue Coalition, visit www.childrescuecoalition.org or email us at info@childrescuecoalition.org.

Go to bit.ly/g3tinvolved to get involved or donate TODAY!



TECH WITH HEART *Gala*

APRIL 04, 2020 • 6 O'CLOCK
OPAL GRAND OCEANFRONT RESORT & SPA

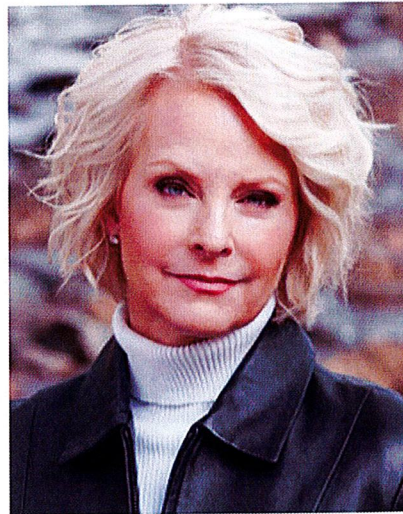


CHILD RESCUE COALITION

Join **Cindy McCain** on April 4th.

Make plans to join Cindy McCain, international human trafficking advocate, for our 5th annual Tech with Heart Gala at the beautiful Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa in Delray Beach, Florida.

The inspirational evening will feature an elegant dinner, open bar, moving presentations, exciting live & silent auctions, and more. Proceeds will enhance Child Rescue Coalition's technological developments, increase law enforcement training and rescue children from sexual exploitation and abuse.



Reserve your tickets @ bit.ly/crcgala2020

Opportunities to sponsor this amazing event available!
Details @ Alex.Ortiz@childrescuecoalition.org

PALM BEACH PRIDE

PRESENTED BY COMPASS COMMUNITY CENTER

MARCH 28 & 29, 2020

@BRYANT PARK IN LAKE WORTH BEACH



**COMPASS
COMMUNITY CENTER**

12PM - 6PM BOTH DAYS

SUNDAY PARADE @ 11:00AM ON LAKE AVENUE





Compass, Inc.
201 N Dixie Hwy,
Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

SAVE the DATE!



Feb. 3 | 10am-12pm

Compass Community Center
Group for Mature LGBT+
| Feb. 3 | Mar. 2 | Apr. 6

Mar. 25 | 2-4pm

Gender Seminar: Legal Panel
Compass Community Center

Jan. 29 | 6-8pm

Business Alliance Social
Colony Hotel Palm Beach

Feb. 1 | 2-4pm

Men's Wellness Seminar
Compass Community Center

Feb. 3 | 6-10pm

Palm Beach Pride Pageant
Lake Worth Playhouse

Feb. 9 | 1-5pm

St. Pili Cook-Off
Party's at the Duke, Lantana, FL

Feb. 26 | 6-8pm

Business Alliance Social
Adview Gardens, WPB

Sat. March 7 | 10am

Red Hat Brunch
Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
@Compass Community Center

Wed. March 11 | 5-7pm

Drag Story Time
@The Book Cellar Lake Worth Beach, FL

Wed. March 25 | 6-8pm

Pride Business Alliance Social
@Roosters West Palm Beach

Fri. March 27 | 7-9pm

Night Runners Pride 5K
@Bryant Park Lake Worth Beach, FL

Sat & Sun March 28 & 29 | 12-6pm

Palm Beach Pride!!!!
@Bryant Park Lake Worth Beach, FL

Sun. March 29 | 11am

Palm Beach Pride Parade
@Downtown Lake Worth Beach, FL

Tue. April 28 | All Day

Dining Out For Life Palm Beach County
@Participating Restaurants