



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 February 22, 2018

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

Welcome / Introductions of Members and Guests:

Review/Approval of minutes: January 2017, minutes were approved by members

On-Going Business: Nicole Bishop

- SART Survivor Activist Julie Weil provided SART members with an update on CNN highlighting one of our Survivor Action Team meetings and especially Julie Weil in a documentary to be released in June 2018. Watch for the Chris Cuomo presentation of “Sexual Assault in America.” Julie provided SART members with Start by Believing t-shirts to wear in April for the sexual assault SART events.
- **FCASV Policy Priorities for 2017-18**
In the 2018 legislative session, FCASV is advocating for amendments to various current Florida statutes to increase protections and support for survivors of sexual violence. Below are outlined and detailed the various changes. During the 2017 session, these amendments were addressed in a comprehensive omnibus bill, SB 1208, filed by Senator Lauren Book, for which no companion bill was filed in the House. This omnibus bill remains a top priority for FCASV in the 2018 session. Some of the sexual assault related bills SART is closely watching:
 - ✓ FCASV is advocating for an amendment to the sexual battery statute, F.S. 794.011, to include an offense identifying the touching of an adult in a lewd and lascivious manner as a sex crime.
 - ✓ FCASV will be working with legislators to pass an amendment to F.S. 825.101 to include disabled individuals aged 16-17 years to the definition of “disabled person” in order to provide protections for all minor and disabled victims of lewd and lascivious activity
 - ✓ FCASV will continue to work to have the relocation statute amended to include protections for some of Florida’s most vulnerable victims – minor victims of crimes committed pursuant to F.S. 800.04.
 - ✓ FCASV supports Marsy’s Law and will continue to advocate for provisions allowing victims to be present at all proceedings (not just the public proceedings) and to recognize a victim’s right to obtain counsel for representation through the criminal process.

- **2018 SART Outstanding Member Award**

Palm Beach County & Certified Rape Crisis Center is accepting nominations for the 2018 outstanding SART member. The purpose of the SART member is to strengthen relationships, build agency collaborations, and increase communication and clarification that will ultimately result in the best possible outcome for the Sexual Assault victims we serve. The member shall be an individual who has promoted the mission of SART and shown exemplary dedication to the victim centered approach. SART Nominations have been extended and voting will close on March 26, 2018.

New Business: April Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities (SAAM), Kat Duesterhaus

- Proclamation: 3.13.18 Governmental Center - 301 North Olive Ave. 6th floor Commission Chambers
- What were you wearing? Friday, April 6th - April 30th
April 6 is 6-8 pm is the opening night of the exhibition which will include art created by survivors. PBCVS clients & the Survivor Action Team will create a display of the clothing they wore at the time of their assault. There will be a page with a few sentences next to each contributors clothing describing why the attire had nothing to do with their assault.
 - Target Audience: Survivors of Sexual Assault, their supporters & General Public
- Denim Day: 4.25.18 In this rape prevention education campaign we ask community members, elected officials, businesses and students to make a social statement with their fashion by wearing jeans on this day as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual assault. There will also be a display on our SART fence to honor victims who will write on those jeans to share their messages from outrage to healing.
- Field of Hope: @ SART -5-7pm – pass out flyers. This is our “Day of Action – Field of Hope” event. We will have an outline of the word “Hope” in huge letters in the field across from our building. Survivors of sexual assault will be writing their statement of hope, healing, anger, anything they wish, on a flag. After the speeches/program, each survivor will have the opportunity (optional) to speak what they wrote & place it in the ground within a letter. There will be vendors, food, and light background music, with survivors, their supporters & general public invited. We expect the Mayor, our WPB Chief of Police & other dignitaries to attend & speak.
- Library Display: Kimberley Small & Jessica Pagan will be on the Library Book Display committee. Display will include: 6 (physical) book displays, Web book list, Web story, Flyers & Posters at the locations with our contact info & services

Member Highlight: Brandy Macaluso, Coordinator of Victim Services for Palm Beach & the Treasure Coast, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc. (CILO)

Brandy discussed the SART/CILO partnership and referral process and Professional Development Trainings below:

- Disability Cultural Sensitivity
- Forensic Interviewing of People with Cognitive & Communication Disabilities
- First Response to Crime Victims with Disabilities
- Sex Crimes Against Victims with Disabilities; Prosecution Edition
- Statutes ; A Guided Tour of our Most Confusing Disability Laws
- Sexuality & People with Disabilities
- When Worlds Collide: Co-Locating a Victim Service Program in a Center for Independent Living
- Sex Crimes Against Kids with Disabilities
- Murdered Caretakers ; When Surviving Family Members with Disabilities are Left Behind
- Human Trafficking Victims with Disabilities; Exploiting the Vulnerabilities
- Housing Accessibility for People with Disabilities

- Disability Etiquette for Professionals
- Planning Events? Plan Ahead! A Guide for Planning Accessible Events
- Disability Laws 101
- Special Considerations when Safety Planning for Victims with Disabilities
- Domestic Violence & Traumatic Brain Injuries
- History of Centers for Independent Living & CILO Service Presentation
- Preparing Victims to Interact with the Media services provided to victims of crimes who are disabled.

SANE Report: Sherry Britton-Susino

- For the month of January 2018 Palm Beach County SANE nurses performed all sexual assault exams. There were twenty-eight call outs for sexual assault exams. Palm Beach County SANE nurses responded to all twenty-eight of these cases. Two cases was non-reporting. Seventeen of the exams were conducted at the Butterfly House and eight exams in the emergency room. Three were SANE response no exam.

Committee Reports: Standing

Community Action Network: All CAN information provided in New Business SAAM report.

Training Committee: Susan Carlini, PBCVS Grant/SART Coordinator

- February 5, 2018: the SART team provided an in-service training to twenty law enforcement officers of Riviera Beach Police Department on sexual assault response.
- **Campus Committee:** Sharon Daugherty
- Nothing at this time
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Legislative: Read in on-going business

SART Case Staffing's: In the month of February SART addressed concerns around a hospital that struggled with the helpline process. The victim waited several hours without the helpline being called. SART will be providing addition training to ERs to rectify this issue in the future.

Ad Hoc:

- **Walk in Their Shoes:** In progress

Member field discussion:

- Program Coordinator of the PBC Substance Awareness Coalition Alexa Lee announced the Youth Summit will be held on April 28th at Palm Beach Lakes High School. 500-600 students are expected and vendors are welcome to register.
- CILO- THRIVE from struggle to survivor will be held at the Brew house Gallery on April 8th, at 4pm.
- FAU Demin Day will be held at FAU on April 3rd.

Next Meeting: March 29, 2018 SART Center 2-3pm