



**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 28, 2016**

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

**Welcome / Introductions of Members and Guests:** Oren Alter, Marissa Baker, Nicole Bishop, David Bradford, Sherry Britton-Susino, Linda Brock, Susan Carlini, Claire Castellano, Sharon Daugherty, Anthony Henderson, Ana Jimenez, Astrel Labbe, Brandy Macaluso, Michelle Macy, Carol Messam-Gordon, Frank Milo, Beth Newcomb, Jennifer Nubin, Natalie Peralta, Jill Raftery, Charles Ramos, Delia Roman, Cheryl Sandhoff, Rob Shelt, Susan Sims, Clifton Smith, Liisa Spinello, JR Thicklin, Jacqueline Valerio, Julie Weil, Steven Venetucci, Frank Katen, Quinn Paton, Michael Simmons, Antonio Perez, Nicholas Tiscione

**Review/Approval of minutes:** November 19, 2015

Members were emailed the minutes and the minutes were approved.

**On-Going Business:** Nicole Bishop

- Nicole Bishop discussed the SART 2016 Strategic Planning Workshop December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 hosted by Boca Raton Police Department. Fifty three SART members were in attendance and participated in the structure of the 2016-2017 strategic plan. Ralph Parilla, consultant filled the role of facilitator and will evaluate the results. The strategic plan will be presented at the February 2016 SART meeting.
- Susan Carlini reviewed the results of the SART 2016 Strategic Plan survey-monkey that were sent to all SART members in November 2015. The results from 40 participants were used to assist in the goals of SART. (see attached)

**New Business:** Nicole Bishop

- Sharon Daugherty presented the *Start by Believing* public awareness campaign designed by End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) designed to change the way we respond to rape and sexual assault. SART is in discussion with the State Attorney's Office

and Chief of Special Victims Unit to champion the campaign. A proclamation will be presented to the Palm Beach County Commission and the Law Enforcement Planning Council pledge will be presented during sexual assault awareness month in April 2016.

**Member Highlight:** Sharon Daugherty, PBCVS Outreach Coordinator and the Survivor Action Team (SAT) presented on

*This is how I felt...*

- The Survivor Action Team presented an alternative style of expressing their healing journey. As always, it serves us as providers to give ourselves time to reflect on the experience of the survivor from their perspective. This presentation brought SART attendees a few moments to validate the experiences of the survivors. The Survivor Action Team stood in front of the meeting and finished the sentence “This is how I felt/feel when....” Each took turns with comments such as, “This is how I felt when I moved out at 16 & had to leave my 6 year old sister behind”, “This is how I feel when I can’t hear one more story”, This is how I felt when I told”.

The Palm Beach County PSA was shown with members of the Survivor Action Team.

**SANE Report:** Sherry Britton-Susino, SART SANE coordinator,

- SANE report for the month of December 2015: There were 21 Sexual Assault call outs, 17 exams completed and the SANE response was 100% for this reporting period.

**Law Enforcement response to Sexual Battery:** Sherry Britton-Susino

- Sherry presented on *Forensic exams, why do they take so long?* The SANE responds to victims of Sexual Assault age 14 years and older who have been sexually assaulted within the preceding 120 hours. A forensic evidence collection kit (SBECK) is done which consists of 6 steps: 1. Fingernail scrapings, 2. Oral swabs, 3. Pubic hair combings, 4. Genital swabs, 5. Rectal swabs, and 6. Debris/other collection. The SANE then does the injury identification and documentation through a complete physical examination looking for all injuries both new and pre-assault. All injuries are documented on a 16 page report. If the assault was drug facilitated and law enforcement requests testing a *Drug facilitated Sexual Assault Kit (DFSA, Tox kit)* will also be completed. The SANE then takes 3 photographs of each injury and does a written documentation. When the exam is complete the SANE will do a high risk assessment and recommendation for prophylactic medications. A sexual assault exam can take from 1 hour to 3 hours to assure that all necessary aspects of the exam are completed to ensure the best chance of prosecution.

**Committee Reports:** Standing

- **Community Action Network:** Sharon Daugherty, SART Outreach Coordinator

## **FLASH MOB 2016**

**WHEN:** APRIL 1, 2016, FRIDAY

**TIME:** ARRIVE @ 5 PM - DANCING TO START AT 6 PM SHARP!

**WHERE:** CITYPLACE IN FRONT OF FOUNTAIN

**WHO:** YOU + COLLEAGUES & FRIENDS

**ATTIRE:** YOUR UNIFORM OR BUSINESS ATTIRE - OR WEAR TEAL

All those who would like to participate are to meet in the center staging area of City Place. The flash mob will start promptly at 6:00 PM. GStar High School of the arts will be assisting with the choreography, participation, and video the event. Registration for the event can be done at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FLASHMOB2016>

- **Training Committee:** Susan Carlini, SART/OVW Grant Coordinator
  1. 4 SART members will be attending the *End Violence Against Women International conference (EVAWI) on sexual assault, domestic violence, and engaging men and boys* in Washington, D.C. March 2016.
  2. The next EVAWI conference opportunity for SART members to attend will be in October 2016 in Orlando Florida.
  3. FDLE update: SART trained on *Sex Crimes* at the FDLE advanced training academy on January 27, 2016. The next SART training at the academy, *Crimes Against Children* on February 17, 2016.
  4. Florida Sex Crimes Conference will be in July 2016 at the Jupiter Resort. SART members will be provided with registration information when available.
  5. Brandy Macaluso of CILO reviewed the success of *Victims with Disabilities: Collaborative First Response Forensic Interviewing, Communication Techniques, and Applicable Statutes*. The training was hosted by Palm Beach Gardens Police Department with several police agencies in attendance. Boynton Beach PD, Palm Beach Gardens PD, and Executive Director of Fl. Sex Crimes. All departments in attendance requested CILO training.
  
- **Campus Committee:** Sharon Daugherty
  1. Campus Round-Up 3 will be held at Palm Beach State College on February 5, 2106. Registration is open with 111 people currently registered to attend.
  
- **Legislative Committee:** Nicole Bishop

**SB 0636 Relating** to Evidence Collected In Sexual Assault Investigations  
Evidence Collected in Sexual Assault Investigations; Requiring that DNA evidence collected in sexual assault investigations be submitted to a member of the statewide criminal analysis laboratory system within a specified period; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to submit a report by a specified date to the Governor and the Legislature on how it will analyze the unanalyzed forensic evidence in sexual assault cases currently held in the statewide criminal analysis laboratory system, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

**SB 0634 Relating to Sexual Offense Victim or Witness Testimony**

Sexual Offense Victim or Witness Testimony; Authorizing a trial court to order the videotaping of the testimony of a victim of sexual battery under certain circumstances; authorizing a trial court to order the use of closed circuit television in proceedings involving a victim of sexual battery under certain circumstances; permitting certain persons to be present in the room during the recording of testimony, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

- **SART Case Staffing's:** Carol Messam-Gordon, Sexual Assault Program Coordinator  
*The goal of the SART Staffing is to review complex cases, learn from each other, set structure, and facilitate a smooth process...*  
1/8/16 case staffing: 4 complex cases were staffed. Two separate cases were the same victim. Another two separate cases presented at the same hospital with similar victimizations. Advocates, law enforcement, and SANE discussed the cases, reviewed appropriate services, and utilized the victim centered approach.  
Case staffing's held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. Law enforcement was encouraged to bring forth cases to be staffed.

**AdHoc:**

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

**Member field discussion:**

- Nothing at this time.

**Next Meeting:** February 25, 2016 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM