

Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Services Implementation Task Force

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

I. Opening Remarks and Roll Call

- Cordelia Coppleson, Co-Chair, Office of the Illinois Attorney General, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. This Meeting is being held electronically pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, and a verbatim audio and video recording of this meeting will be made upon request. Please email sane@ilag.gov to request a link to the recording.
- Roll Call was taken, and a quorum was present. The Roll Call vote can be found at the end of the minutes.

II. New Board Membership

Cordelia Coppleson introduced the new board members:

- Cordelia Coppleson (OAG)
- Penny Eriks (SANE Coordinator for Silver Cross Hospital)
- Kaylie Gilbert (Rural SANE Leader for OAG)
- Melanie Whitmer (Program Manager for Freedom House Rape Crisis Center)
- Megan Williams (Public Health Manager for IHPA).

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes November 17, 2021

- The November 17, 2021, Meetings Meeting were reviewed. Cordelia Coppleson made a motion to approve the minutes. A Roll Call Vote approved the minutes. The Roll Call vote can be found at the end of the minutes

IV. Vote to amend Task Force Meeting process (In-person or virtual)

- A vote was held on the meeting process going forward (in-person or virtual), the Task Force voted for meetings to remain virtual. The vote can be found at the end of the minutes.

V. Review of Task Force Mandated Goals

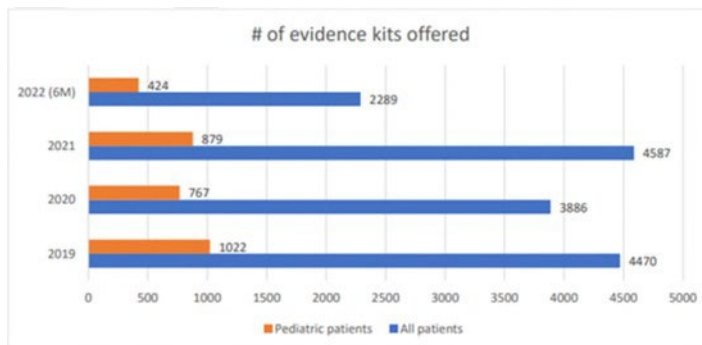
- Karen Senger provided an update on the statutory goals.
 - Sample template for the development of areawide treatment plans has a written agreement for Acute Pediatric Transfers and Acute Adult/Adolescent Transfers.
 - The Area-Wide Treatment Plans will continue to meet as the Urban and Rural subcommittees have ongoing discussions.
 - The development guide for the On-Call SANE/SAFE Program has been created and now the focus is on getting this in place and implemented into hospitals.
 - [Guide for Establishing an On-Call Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program](#)
 - The Task Force has created:
 - [Photo Documentation and Sample Digital Photography Policy](#)
 - [Sample Memorandum of Understanding for Use by Rape Crisis Centers and](#)

Hospitals or Approved Pediatric Health Care Facilities

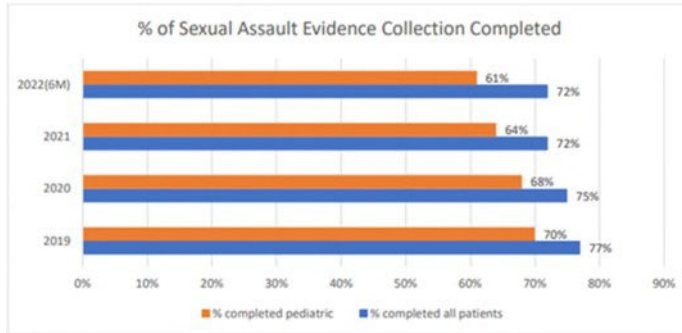
- Educational Materials Regarding New Law on Medical Forensic Services for Sexual Assault Survivors Public Act 100-0775
 - Hospitals and Approved Pediatric Health Care Facilities
 - Health Care Providers
 - Rape Crisis Centers
 - Children’s Advocacy Centers
 - State’s Attorney’s Offices
- Telemedicine is ongoing and will be discussed in the Meeting by the sub- committee.
- The inclusion of the International Association of Forensic Nurses Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Education Guidelines will be discussed.
- Report to the General Assembly has been extended to January 1, 2024; needs to include the data on FQHC and the Out-of-State that have been approved to provide evidence collection to assault victims in the state.
- Final data collection tool needs to be developed.

VI. Illinois Department of Public Health Update

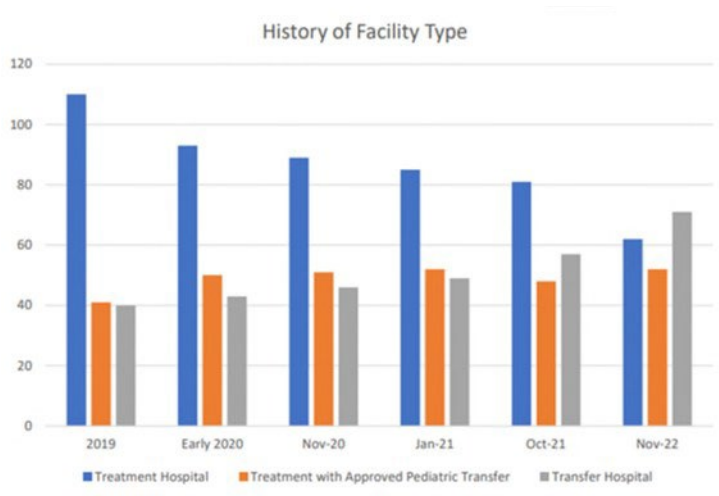
- Karen Senger provided an update for Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).
 - IDPH SASETA Plan Submission
 - All hospitals and facilities have submitted their 2022 SASETA Transfer and Treatment plans. The IDPH website has been updated and all board members were provided a copy. Two hospitals were declined as the hospitals did not meet all the requirements and will remain a Treatment Facility. As changes are made, the updates can be found on the IDPH website <https://dph.illinois.gov/>.
 - IDPH Data Collection
 - The number of evidence kits that were offered from the beginning of 2019 to the first half-of 2022:



- In addition, data on the percentage of sexual assault evidence collection completed was shared:

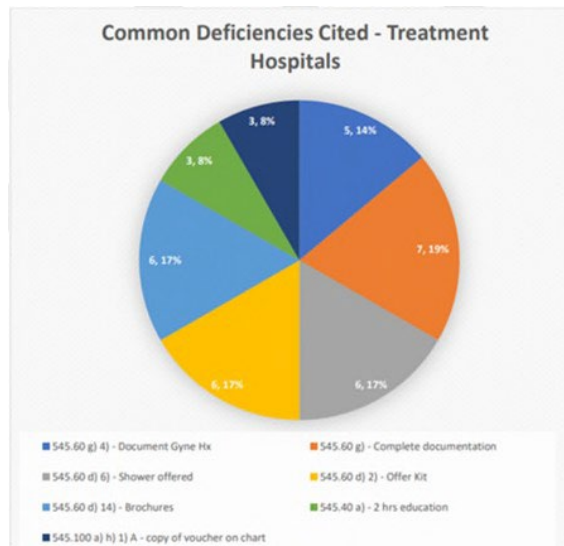


- An update on facility type was shared:

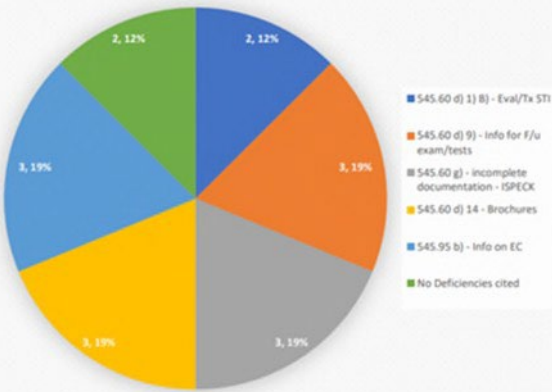


○ SASETA survey findings 2021

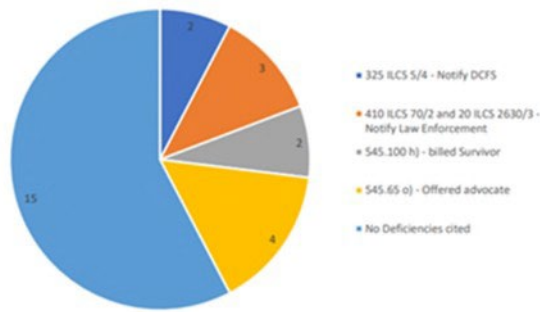
- Common Deficiencies Cited at Hospitals and Facilities



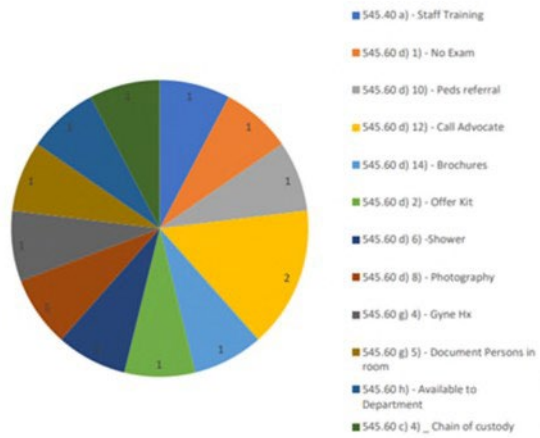
Common Deficiencies Cited -Treatment with Transfer pediatric Hospitals

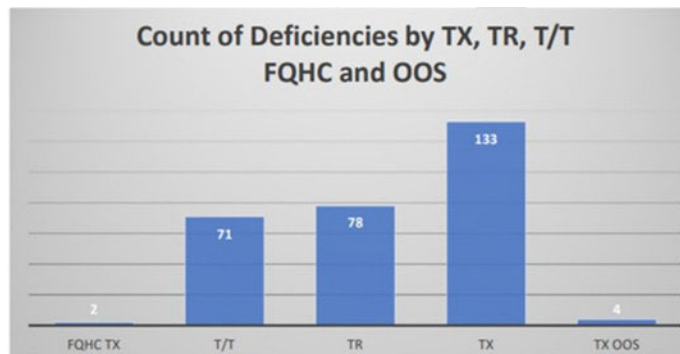


Common Deficiencies Cited - Transfer Hospitals



Common Deficiencies Cited on Complaints





- Federally Qualified Health Centers Update
 - Currently, there are no approved Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Approved Pediatric Health Care Centers Update
 - Currently, there are no Approved Pediatric Health Care Centers; still no applications received.
- Out-of-State Hospitals Update
 - No Update
- Administrative Rules Update
 - Amended rules went into effect in April and January 2022.
 - Emergency Rules went into effect January 2022 for the FQHCs (Public Act 102- 6074)

VII. Office of the Illinois Attorney General Update

- Jaclyn Rodriguez provided an update for the Illinois Attorney General’s Office.
 - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Trainings
 - An overview of 2022 training was provided
 - 2534 individuals trained for AA SANE. 659 individuals completed AA SANE as of November, which increased by 84 people. Illinois has 45 SANE-As, however there are approximately 41 practicing. Estimated practicing SANE-A and AA SANEs are 475.
 - 357 individuals trained for PA SANE, has increased by 24 people. 70 have completed the PA SANE, which has increased by 11. There are approximately 21 practicing SANE-Ps. The estimated Practicing SANE- P and PA SANE are 66.
 - In 2022, four trainings were held: 3 AA and 1 PA.
 - Total AA Accepted 1308; Total AA Attended 1035; Total AA Course Capacity 1315, Total AA No Show/Collection 224
 - Total PA accepted 216; total PA attended 190, total PA course capacity 575, total PA no show/cancellation 22
 - 64-hour Combined PA and AA Training developed. 50 people are accepted into that training which will be held in December.
 - Rural Grant Partnership Update

- Frontline Forensics had entered contracts with Blessing Health System and McDonough District Hospitals to provide On-Call SANE coverage.
- Currently looking for a SANE Leader for the Eastern Region
- Update on SAFE approvals

VIII. Legislative Updates

- Cordelia Coppleson provided an update of the 2022 Legislative Acts.
 - **Public Act 102-0699** (Reimbursement minimum \$1000)
 - Effective April 19, 2022, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Illinois Sexual Assault Emergency Treatment Program under HFS, or the appropriate Health Choice Illinois managed care organization is required to reimburse a hospital providing outpatient medical forensic services to a sexual assault survivor a rate of at least \$1,000.00 beginning with dates of service on or after July 1, 2022.
 - **PA 102-1096**
 - Amends statute under “Unable to give knowing consent” to include “when the victim has taken an intoxicating substance or any controlled substance causing the victim to become unconscious of the nature of the act, and this condition was known or reasonably should have been known by the accused, but the accused did not provide or administer the intoxicating substance.”
 - **PA 102-1097** (regulations for FQHC; extended voucher from 90-180 days; opt out of billing private insurance)
 - Effective January 1, 2023, additional requirements for FQHC

IX. Illinois State Police

- Brenda Danosky provided an update on Illinois State Police (ISP).
 - Labs are processing SA cases within 180 days or less.
 - 3rd Quarter report indicates there are no SA cases older than 180 days.

X. Committee Reports

- Areawide Treatment Plan Committee
 - Karen Senger provided an update for Areawide Treatment Plan Committee.
 - Proposed changes to the administrative rules concerning Transfer Hospitals
 - Sub-committee discussed those rules.
 - Membership of sub-committee discussed and additional members were encouraged to join.
 - Sarah Beuning and Jaclyn Rodriguez were named co-chairs of the Areawide Treatment Plan Committee.
 - Out-of-State Areawide Treatment Plan Committee
 - Karen Senger provided an update for the Out-of-State Areawide Treatment Plan Committee. Karen shared that data is being collected from hospitals.
 - Urban Areawide Treatment Plan Subcommittee
 - Jaclyn Rodriguez provided an update on the work that is happening with Pediatric Hospitals in Chicagoland Area and determining if there are ways to streamline or reorganize the current acceptance patterns to distribute the services more evenly throughout the Pediatric Programs.

She shared that there are concerns that some of the facilities do not accept transfers.

- Penny Eriks was named chair of the Urban Areawide Treatment Plan Subcommittee.
- Rural Areawide Treatment Plan Subcommittee
 - Jaclyn Rodriguez provided an update that the sub-committee finalized transportation guidance document and recommendations for hospitals entering into transfer agreements. Karen Senger recommended the subcommittee to join the Areawide Committee and Kaylie volunteered to chair the subcommittee if it is made a subcommittee.
- Cost of Care Committee
 - Monika Pitzele, MD, provided an update for the Cost of Care Committee. The sub-committee gathered information and reconvened in August.
- On-Call SANE/SAFE Programs Committee
 - Jaclyn Rodriguez provided an update for On-Call SANE/SAFE Programs Committee. The committee evaluated the utilization of a How to Guide and are determining if any updates are needed.
 - The creation of a letter in support of the On-Call SANE/SAFE Program to the Illinois Hospital Association for distribution to Senior Leadership was discussed.
 - Ann Adlington was named chair of the On-Call SANE/SAFE Programs Committee and additional members were encouraged to join.
- Nursing School Curriculum Committee
 - Jaclyn Rodriguez provided an update that the committee should proceed to meet and discuss the curriculum that could be added to Nursing Schools, Medical Schools, and Residence Programs.
 - Marites Reardon-Gonzalez was named chair of the Nursing School Committee.
- Telehealth Committee
 - Lisa Mathey provided an update on the committee meetings and the goals they have reached.
 - The committee reviewed the information gathered from the Formal Statewide Needs Assessment related to Telehealth, such as staffing and the acceptability to use Sexual Assault Services in our State.
 - 98% of the people surveyed in Hospitals that submit a SASETA Plan feel that Telehealth would be helpful for SASETA Services
 - With looking at the benefits of SASETA in Telehealth, some barriers were education, training, finding interested staff, staff turnover, qualified applicants, and the volume of applicants to complete and sustain a program.
 - Equity Issues were investigated using the Child Opportunity Index in areas with low resources and lower SANE resources, so thinking how Telehealth and leverage technology to provide those resources across the State.

- Examined different ways that Telehealth can be useful in terms of Pre-Hospital and Transfer and determining the need for transfer, and contacting the SANE or qualified medical provider with the Hospitals and Patients provide support to the Hospital through the Transfer process if a patient chose to Transfer or Not
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 - Provide support for exams from a provider-to-provider contact
 - Provide support providers in their qualifications and work
 - Provide Real-time guidance during an exam
 - Provide access to qualified preceptors to train SANEs
 - Provided a more accessible peer review system
- While looking at the barriers that arise with Telehealth, some goals to work on going forward: review legislation so that the programs feel comfortable creating workflows with time and expense and how that can be included in the law.
- Some programs use Telehealth when there are multiple Hospitals included in their system support, or medical advice can be documented that complies with SASETA
- As the January 2023 deadline approaches, review staffing levels to determine what staffing is needed to create 24/7 coverage
- Members were encouraged to join the committee.

XI. Task Force Members Announcements and Concerns

- Jaelyn Rodriguez and Lisa Mathey commented on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Updates. They discussed SASETA language extending to non-acute examination with billing and the benefits of being transferred to a Treatment Hospital.
- Jaelyn Rodriguez commented on Checkpoint and the contract renewal process. She indicated that there are issues with checkpoint.
- Sarah Beuning commented on the Out-of-State Areawide Treatment Plan Subcommittee regarding the new requirement to do a similar analysis on FQHC, asking which sub-committee would focus on this or join the Areawide Committee overall.
- Sarah Beuning commented on the Rural Areawide Treatment Plan Subcommittee and if the Transportation Documentation can be posted online to help publicize the information.
- Arvind Goyal, MD, commented on Telehealth as different medical groups are reviewing Telehealth protocols post-COVID.
- Kaylie Gilbert commented on patients coming in for multiple sexual assault exams and can the Task Force provide guidance on how to address these concerns.
- Sarah Beuning commented on calls that ICASA collected regarding Rape Crisis Centers' concerns of patients being transferred to a facility other than the nearest

Treatment Hospital. Can the Task Force review the requirements for Transfer Hospitals and how to transfer patients to the nearest Hospital?

- Monika Pitzele, MD, commented on increasing the number of ways patients and providers know about transfers by looking at public hospitals and collecting that data.

XII. Public Comment

- No Public Comment

XIII. 2023 Task Force Meeting Dates

- **February 16, 2023**

XIV. Adjournment

- Cordelia Coppleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a Roll Call Vote. The Roll Call vote can be found at the end of the minutes. The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Roll Call and Votes

	Attendance		Vote to Approve Minutes of the 11/17/2021 Full Task Force Meeting			Vote to Approve Task Force Meeting Process			Vote to Adjourn Meeting	
	Present	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain	Yes	No	Abstain	Yes	No
Ann Adlington	P		X			V			X	
Arvind Goyal, MD	P		X			V			X	
Brenda Beshears		A								
Brenda Danosky	P		X			V			X	
Channing Petrak, MD		A								
Cordelia Coppleson	P		X			V			X	
Debra Perry	P		X			V			X	
Emily Sifferman, MD	P		X			V			X	
Eva Hopp		A								
Jaclyn Rodriguez	P		X			IN			X	
Jamie Psarras	P		X			V			X	
Joseph Burton, MD	P		X			V			X	
Julie Morrison, Senator		A								
Karen Senger	P		X			V			X	
Kaylie Gilbert	P		X			V			X	
Kim Mangiaracino		A								
Lisa Mathey	P		X			V			X	
Marites Gonzaga Reardon	P		X			V			X	
Megan Williams	P		X			V			X	
Melanie Whitmer	P		X			V			X	
Monika Pitzele, MD	P		X			IN			X	
Penny Eriks	P		X			IN			X	
Robyn Gabel, Representative		A								
Sarah Beuning	P		X					X	X	
Sandy Kraiss	P		X					X	X	
Scott Cooper, MD		A								
Sue Rezin, Senator		A								

