

H.E.L.P Advocacy Center of SWOK Inc.

Special Meeting

Lawton City Hall

Banquet Hall

May 15th, 2025

1:00PM



Mission

The mission of the H.E.L.P Advocacy Center of SWOK Inc. is to provide Southwest Oklahoma communities with a private, comfortable place to receive support following a non-consensual sexual act or contact, to provide excellence in forensic examinations 24 hours a day, to reduce the prevalence of sexual assault and abuse in the community, and to foster resilience and healing in those affected by rape, sexual assault/abuse, incest. To this end, the H.E.L.P. Advocacy Center of SWOK Inc. provides 24-hour crisis intervention, advocacy, optional forensic examinations, confidential support and counseling referrals, and a multicounty multidisciplinary community-centered prevention approach aimed at opening meaningful dialog, challenging social norms, and bias, and providing accurate information to the community.

1. Welcome
2. Call to order
3. Identify Board Members: Ashley Chapman, Kevin Duran, Dr. Mercedes Bernard, Brian Wahnee, Brandie Combs, John Ratliff, Melissa Alvillar
4. Approve minutes from last meeting
5. Resignation and nominations for new chairperson
6. Feedback from City Council presentation on year-end data
7. SANE Center Updates – new location needed
 - a. Operational feedback – Rosie
 - b. Water damage with flooding
8. Rebranding HELP Advocacy – new name and logo – continued
9. Open discussion
10. Adjourn

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- A. April events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month – Updates from last meeting
- B. Data Reports from the Field (Note: Dates to present - the completed previous month and the present month up to the 15th)
 - a. Number of Sexual Assault Calls to Emerg. Communications
 - b. Number of Sexual Assault Reports for Law Enforcement
 - c. Number of Filings through DA Office
 - d. Number of Calls to SHARP
 - e. Number of Calls to Marie Detty Hotline
 - f. Number of SANE Exams
 - i. Restricted
 - ii. Unrestricted
- C. Operational Feedback from the Field
 - a. Highlighted areas of collaboration
 - b. Areas of improvement
- D. Identify Topics to Discuss Next Meeting
- E. Adjourn

Date for Next Meeting – June 23rd, 2025

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE GOALS:

Six Months (by December 2022)

1. 5 SANE nurses
2. 10 trained advocates
3. Clear process with designated points of contact for each agency

4. Create a combined, cohesive effort between the Community Coordination Response Team (CCRT), Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
5. Annual training (to include advocacy) schedule developed for law enforcement and community
6. Create a system by which LPD and others can access Fort Sill SHARP (sexual health awareness response prevention) Victim Advocates
7. Defined processes (exams, referral, reimbursement and training)

Two years (by 2024)

1. Identify potential location outside of the hospital for permanent location
2. Forensic examiner available to take on domestic violence cases.
 - a. Challenge- reimbursement process for time and effort in sustain services