

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

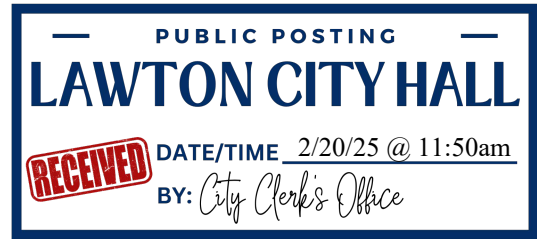
Monthly Board Meeting

Lawton City Hall

Banquet Hall

February 24th, 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
4. Combs, John Ratliff, Melissa Alvillar
5. Approve minutes from last meeting - Kevin
6. Discuss LE/DA working group feedback – continued
 - Countywide education initiative before dockets – losing jurors on the issue of consent
Brandie spoke about ways the Health Dept. can contribute to PSA production
New Directions can contribute content and organizational name to content
 - Advocacy present at each LE interview
 - 24/7 local SANE coverage to eliminate any wait time/travel
 - Survivor feedback option
7. SmartSheets Launch – Update
8. MOUs signed for 2025
 - LCCC
 - Sheriff's Dept.
 - Fort Sill?
 - GEO?

9. Altus SART requesting support in building their meetings
10. SANE Center Updates
 - a. Operational feedback – Rosie
 - b. Air purifier purchased for exam room
 - c. No hot water for showers currently due to building issue
 - d. Exam room heater needs to be purchased due to heating issue in building
11. Open discussion
12. Adjourn

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- A. April events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - What events/projects are agencies doing? Can these be joint events?
 - Push of Seek Then Speak app for information and reporting sexual assaults
 - LPD's SVU launch event
- 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 – March 24th, 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