

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

Monthly Board Meeting

Lawton City Hall

Banquet Hall

July 22nd, 2024

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 – no quorum in April or May
 - a. FY24 limited support agreement renewal – secured
 - b. Pending invoices - none
 - c. SANE Center needs
6. Feedback from Ft. Sill meeting – Brandie and Rosie (SANE Coordinator)
7. New CPA services for HELP Advocacy Center
8. Discuss contracts with SANEs for on-call days
9. Discuss SANE payment for “no show” patients
 - a. \$50 to cover gas expense?
10. SANE Center Updates

- a. Operational feedback
- 11. Tabled - Update on GEO exams
 - a. Waiting to begin MOU – projected to be July 2024
- 12. Tabled - MOU with Ft. Sill
 - a. Suggestion was made after last Ft. Sill SANE tour
- 13. Tabled - Discuss changing HELP Advocacy Center name
- 14. HELP Advocacy social media updates
- 15. Open discussion
- 16. Adjourn

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- A. Recruiting more SANEs to increase around the clock coverage
 - a. Success: coverage for several hours on most days in June
 - b. Able to perform exams on 70% of exam requests (the rest are referred out)
 - c. Most exams scheduled for evening hours (between 4pm and 6pm) due to SANE availability in June
 - d. Team of 7 Marie Detty New Direction advocates with 1 in training
- B. Permanent SANE Center location – revival of discussion
 - a. Will need to begin looking at grants
 - b. Discuss with CPA future growth
- C. Data gathering system for reported numbers – Ft. Sill?

- D. 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
- E. Operational Feedback from the Field
- a. Highlighted areas of collaboration
 - b. Areas of improvement
- F. Identify Topics to Discuss Next Meeting
- G. Adjourn

Date for Next Meeting – August 26th, 2024

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