

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

Monthly Board Meeting

Lawton City Hall

Banquet Hall

December 16th, 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
4. Combs, John Ratliff, Melissa Alvillar
5. Approve minutes from last meeting - Kevin
6. Discuss working group feedback
 - Countywide education initiative before dockets – losing jurors on the issue of consent
 - Advocacy present at each LE interview
 - 24/7 local SANE coverage to eliminate any wait time/travel
 - Survivor feedback option
7. SW Medical Center Training – feedback from Janet/Ashley
 - Provide education for SWMC physicians on sexual assault best practices
8. SANE Center Updates
 - a. Operational feedback – Rosie
 - New SANE on the team

9. Agreement with SANEs - tabled
 - a. -Minimum on-call days, holidays, etc. – Brandie
10. Open discussion
11. Adjourn

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- A. Discussion on SmartSheet implementation
 - Set date/time to gather data points and launch usage – January 2025?
- B. Seeking more SA advocates to volunteer under New Directions
 - Cameron University recruitment
Needing weekday and weekend volunteers
- C. 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
- D. Operational Feedback from the Field
 - a. Highlighted areas of collaboration
 - b. Areas of improvement
- E. Identify Topics to Discuss Next Meeting

F. Adjourn

Date for Next Meeting – January 27th, 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