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**Minutes Log
Montana Sexual Assault Response Network Committee
June 12-13, 2024**

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Members Present:

Eldena Bear Don't Walk
Heather Black
Lacey VanGrinsven, representing Jamie Bray-Tanner
Whitney Brothers
Brenda George
Cara Guderian
Anthony Honeycutt
Mark Horn
Brett Irigoin
Jordan Kilby
Selene Koepke
Emily Mangas
Susan Parker
Christina Powell
Kodi Tall Bull
Drew Koepke, representing Bret Taylor
Ben Uhlich

Members Absent:

Jamie Bray-Tanner, represented by Lacey Van Grinsven
Bret Taylor, represented by Drew Koepke

DOJ Staff Present:

Dana Toole, Special Services Bureau Chief
Kayla Bragg, Office of Victim Services Director
Hope Stockwell, Sexual Assault Response Network Program Coordinator
Alex Sterhan, Director of External Affairs

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Wednesday, June 12

Location: DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) – 2225 11th Avenue, Helena

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12:00 - Welcome

- Hope Stockwell, Sexual Assault Response Network Program Coordinator
- Dana Toole introduction, Special Services Bureau Chief

12:05 - Introductions by DOJ Staff

- Alex Sterhan, External Relations Director, Attorney General's Office
- Ms. Stockwell
- Kayla Bragg, Office of Victim Services Director
- Chief Toole – Overview of Special Services Bureau and Montana Children Sexual Assault Response Team (MCSART) Program
- Mr. Sterhan

12:14 – Introductions by committee members

- Selene Koepke, Attorney General's Office
- Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Office of Public Defender
- Emily Mangas, Bozeman Deaconess
- Det. Cara Guderian, Great Falls Police Department
- Drew Koepke, Department of Justice
- Capt. Anthony Honeycutt, Lewistown Police Department
- Sue Parker, Fort Peck Red Bird Woman Center
- Kodi Tall Bull, All Nations Clinic, Missoula
- Whitney Brothers, St. Peter's Health
- Brett Irigoien, Dawson County Attorney
- Jordan Kilby, Esq., Missoula
- Heather Black, Billings Area Indian Health Service
- Mark Horn, Billings Clinic
- Ben Uhlich, Intermountain – Holy Rosary, Miles City
- Lacey VanGrinsven, Department of Justice
- Christina Powell, Help Center, Bozeman

13:03 - Break

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13:20 - Resume

- Brenda George, Montana Children's Alliance
- Ms. Stockwell
 - Review of upcoming agenda
 - Ground Rules and Purpose/Mission announcement
- What do you love about your work – roundtable responses by committee members
 - Ms. Powell
 - Ms. Black
 - Mr. Horn
 - Mr. Uhlich
 - Mr. Irigoien
 - Ms. Brothers
 - Ms. Tall Bull
 - Ms. Parker
 - Mr. Koepke
 - Det. Guderian
 - Ms. Mangas
 - Ms. Kilby
 - Ms. Bear Don't Walk
 - Ms. Koepke
- Ms. Powell – 2-1-1 system
- Ms. George – peer review support, outreach and assessment of services

14:04 - Break

14:15 - Overview of DOJ

- Chief Toole – DOJ divisions and bureaus, reorganization of the Office of Victim Services
- OVS Director Bragg

15:34 – Break

15:44 - House Bill 79 – Review of Committee Statutory Authority and Duties

- Ms. Stockwell
- Discussion/questions from committee
 - Ms. Mangas – other states' guidelines
 - Ms. Black and Ms. Mangas – new United States DOJ guidelines
 - Ms. George – trauma peer review

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16:14 - Committee operations discussion

- Introduction – Ms. Stockwell
- Committee discussion on ground rules and expectations for decorum and engagement
 - Ms. Koepke
 - Ms. Mangas
 - Ms. Brothers
 - Ms. George
 - Ms. Toole
 - Ms. Black
 - Ms. Powell
 - Ms. Toole
 - Ms. Brothers
 - Ms. Tall Bull
 - Mr. Sterhan
 - Ms. Mangas
 - Ms. Kilby

16:45 - Public comment

- Nicole Griffith – victim advocate, Great Falls

16:50 – Continued committee operations discussion

- Ms. Parker
- Ms. Toole
- Ms. Stockwell
- Ms. Brothers
- Ms. Toole
- Ms. Black
- Capt. Honeycutt
- Ms. Mangas
- Capt. Honeycutt
- Ms. George
- Mr. Irigoien

17:04 - Meeting procedures, rulemaking procedures, records management

- Ms. Stockwell

17:11 - Committee discussion

17:30 – Recess for the day

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Thursday, June 13

1301 E 6th Avenue, Helena

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Location: Capitol Building, Room 152 –

8:04 – Reconvene

- Ms. Stockwell – announcements
- Bryan Lockerby, Administrator, DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation - introduction and comments
- Committee reflection on takeaways/themes heard so far
 - Ms. Stockwell
 - Ms. Mangas
 - Ms. Bear Don't Walk
 - Ms. VanGrinsven
 - Mr. Uhlich
 - Ms. Black
 - Ms. Tall Bull
 - Ms. Powell
 - Mr. Irigoien
 - Mr. Koepke
 - Administrator Lockerby
 - Chief Toole
 - Ms. Kilby
 - Ms. George
 - Ms. Parker
 - Det. Guderian
 - Capt. Honeycutt
 - Ms. Koepke
 - Mr. Horn
 - Ms. Brothers

8:25 - Committee round table discussion on sexual assault response in Montana

- Introduction – Ms. Stockwell
 - Ms. Kilby
 - Ms. George
 - Ms. Parker
 - Det. Guderian
 - Capt. Honeycutt
 - Ms. Koepke
 - Mr. Horn
 - Ms. Brothers
 - Ms. Mangas

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- Ms. Bear Don't Walk
- Ms. VanGrinsven
- Mr. Uhlich
- Ms. Black
- Ms. Tall Bull
- Ms. Powell
- Mr. Irigoien
- Mr. Keopke

- Discussion of committee goals
 - Ms. Bear Don't Walk
 - Ms. Powell
 - Capt. Honeycutt
 - Ms. Mangas
 - Ms. VanGrinsven
 - Ms. Koepke
 - Ms. Bear Don't Walk
 - Ms. Black
 - Ms. Brothers
 - Ms. Black
 - Ms. Powell
 - Ms. Kilby
 - Ms. Brothers

9:14 – Timeline for committee work

- Chief Toole
- Ms. Stockwell
- Mr. Sterhan

9:30 - Break

9:56 – Work plan priorities and topics

- Ms. Stockwell
- Committee discussion
 - Build basic education and understanding of each other's roles in sexual assault response at next meeting
 - What are differences between pediatric and adult exams
 - Data collection on incidence of sexual assault – consider rates in other states for comparison
 - Developing best practice guidelines for all responders
 - Forensic Rape Examination Payment Program reimbursement rate review

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- Telehealth
- Prevention/education re: sexual assault

10:06 – Break out group discussion

- Best practice guidelines: Mr. Irigoin, Capt. Honeycutt, Ms. Mangas, Ms. VanGrinsven, Det. Guderian, Ms. Tall Bull, Ms. George
- Telehealth: Mr. Uhlich, Mr. Horn, Ms. Parker, Ms. Koepke
- Prevention and education: Ms. Bear Don't Walk, Ms. Black, Ms. Kilby, Ms. Powell

10:38 – Report out on breakout group discussion

- Ms. Black - prevention and education. Suggested information/discussion:
 - Current practices, what is working and not working
 - Examples to build programs
 - Venues of education and prevention such as schools? Where offered and where would we like it to be offered
 - Staying on top of resource list and contacts
 - What is our messaging we want to get across, e.g., “no means no” and “silence does not equal consent”
 - Building on what is already there
 - Age-appropriate education
 - Legal codes and consent laws – clarifications and understanding
 - Public education on long term effects or issues such as chemical dependency
 - Vulnerable populations education, physical disabilities for exams
 - Social media influence and curbing that, such as strangulation and choking challenges into prevention
 - Not shaming others with the education
 - Access to sexually transmitted infection treatment and how does the public receive this
 - How do we ensure information is available to public and concise
- Ms. Koepke – Telehealth. Suggested information/discussion:
 - Overall goal
 - Cohesive, collaborative, secure
 - Look at teleSANE programs from other states AND adhere to the guidelines we establish
 - 60 hospitals in Montana - some private but others with bigger networks – some don't have resources
 - How would we provide resources to the facilities
 - Possible to have a statewide network or vendor that hospitals can link into together? Regionally?
 - Education about process all providers
 - How to break down so hospitals have consistent access to programs considering resource levels
 - Requires taking two providers to focus on one patient – how to mitigate impact on the facilities

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- Mr. Irigoien – Best practice guidelines. Suggested information/discussion:
 - Making a set of guidelines that will affect each profession and recognize that some communities may not have certain resources and how are tasks covered when you don't have resources
 - Disparity between training of disciplines
 - Best practices for MT folks and have a single resource for that information
 - Not calling protocols or procedures because different for each community
 - Not always possible to follow “protocols” to avoid legal challenge “you didn't do it this way”
- Committee discussion
 - Ms. Mangas
 - Ms. Black
 - Ms. Stockwell
 - Ms. Black
 - Ms. VanGrinsven
 - Ms. Powell
 - Ms. Black
 - Ms. George
 - Mr. Uhlich
 - Capt. Honeycutt
 - Ms. Powell

10:45 – Public comment - None

11:10 - Committee member reflection for draft mission statement and potential work topics for next 12-24 months

- Ms. Mangas
- Mr. Irigoien
- Ms. Brothers
- Ms. Black
- Ms. Kilby
- Ms. Koepke
- Capt. Honeycutt
- Ms. Parker
- Mr. Irigoien
- Ms. Black
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11:51 - Instructions to staff

- Develop second meeting with educational components around exams and kits
- Draft work plan with 3 main topics discussed during break out groups, incorporating data collection components
- Educate committee first before contemplate education for those outside committee
- Draft committee procedures for review at next meeting
- Committee discussion of where to host documents

11:56 - Review future meeting schedule

- Will meet by Zoom
- September 27th, 2024
- Chief Toole – overview of limited budget for operations and personnel
- Ms. Black

12:05 – Review of travel reimbursement forms

- Instructions – Ms. Stockwell

12:10 - Adjourn