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**Minutes Log
Montana Sexual Assault Response Network Committee
December 16, 2024**

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Members Present:

Eldena Bear Don't Walk
Jamie Bray-Tanner
Whitney Brothers
Brenda George
Cara Guderian
Mark Horn
Brett Irigoien
Jordan Kilby
Selene Koepke
Emily Mangas
Christina Powell
Bret Taylor

Members Absent:

Heather Black
Ben Uhlich
Anthony Honeycutt
Susan Parker
Kodi Tall Bull

DOJ Staff Present:

Kayla Bragg, Office of Victim Services Director
Hope Stockwell, Sexual Assault Response Network Program Coordinator

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Monday, December 16, 2024

Location: Zoom

Audio/video archive of meeting: <https://youtu.be/RSiUFJ07zaQ>

Welcome - Hope Stockwell, DOJ Sexual Assault Response Network Coordinator

Roll call/updates from committee members

	Mr. Irigoin
	Ms. George
00:00	Meeting recording begins
00:21	Ms. Kilby
00:40	Ms. Mangas
00:58	Det. Guderian
01:24	Ms. Bear Don't Walk
02:15	Mr. Horn
03:23	Ms. Bray-Tanner
04:44	Ms. Koepke
05:38	Ms. Brothers
06:19	Ms. Stockwell
07:17	Kayla Bragg, Director of the Office of Victim Services - updates on Crime Victims Compensation forms and the Address Confidentiality Program.
09:04	Ms. Stockwell provided an update on implementation of revisions to the sexual assault evidence kit and on development of prosecutor training in April 2025.
13:50	Ms. Stockwell – content warning

Learning about committee members' roles in sexual assault response: Focus on response by prosecutors, public defenders, and private attorneys

Presenters: Selene Koepke, DOJ State Attorney's Office
Brett Irigoin, Dawson County Attorney
Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Office of Public Defender
Jordan Kilby, Esq.

15:00	Ms. Kilby – Foundations of the criminal justice system
21:10	Ms. Koepke – An overview of what will be covered in today's presentation
22:15	Mr. Irigoin – Case referrals to prosecutors
29:53	Ms. Koepke – Charging considerations

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42:24	Mr. Irigoien – Search and seizure and Miranda Rights
47:35	Ms. Koepke – Burden of proof and ethical obligations
55:00	Mr. Irigoien – Chargeable sexual assault offenses in Montana
1:02:35	Ms. Koepke – Communication with victim
1:08:33	Mr. Irigoien – Other charging considerations
1:09:33	Ms. Stockwell
1:10:00	Break
1:20:25	Resumed
1:20:49	Ms. Koepke – Judicial proceedings caveat
1:21:57	Mr. Irigoien – Judicial proceedings
1:27:13	Ms. Bear Don't Walk – Defense process
1:43:48	Ms. Koepke – Why there generally isn't discovery at an arraignment
1:44:06	Ms. Bear Don't Walk
1:45:40	Ms. Bear Don't Walk – How bonds work
1:48:21	Det. Guderian
1:48:26	Ms. Bear Don't Walk
1:48:36	Ms. Kilby
1:48:39	Ms. Bear Don't Walk
1:49:44	Mr. Irigoien
1:50:32	Ms. Bear Don't Walk
1:51:52	Mr. Irigoien
1:52:16	Ms. Bear Don't Walk – Defense process continued
2:04:49	Ms. Koepke – Proceedings
2:15:05	Mr. Irigoien – Trial preparation – Prosecution
2:22:22	Ms. Kilby – Trial
2:24:52	Ms. Bear Don't Walk – Jury duty – civic obligation/central to the criminal justice system
2:27:09	Ms. Kilby – Jury selection
2:32:57	Ms. Koepke – Trial – opening statements
2:34:21	Ms. Bear Don't Walk
2:34:58	Ms. Koepke
2:40:13	Ms. Bear Don't Walk – Trial – Defense perspective
2:48:10	Mr. Irigoien – Rebuttal/jury instructions/closing arguments
2:52:43	Break
2:59:10	Resume
	Public Comment on any matter within the committee's jurisdiction
3:00:00	Ms. Stockwell called for public comment. There was none.

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3:00:58 Ms. Kilby – Sentencing
3:14:43 Ms. Powell
3:15:03 Ms. Kilby – Sentencing assessments
3:15:41 Ms. Koepke
3:15:45 Ms. Kilby
3:15:49 Mr. Irigoien
3:16:04 Ms. Kilby
3:17:53 Ms. Koepke
3:18:59 Ms. Bear Don't Walk – Post-conviction activities
3:27:36 Ms. Koepke – Post conviction proceedings – civil process
3:28:20 Mr. Irigoien
3:28:31 Ms. Bear Don't Walk
3:30:01 Ms. Brothers
3:30:37 Mr. Irigoien
3:32:04 Ms. Brothers
3:32:18 Ms. Bear Don't Walk
3:35:07 Ms. Mangas
3:35:37 Ms. Koepke
3:37:02 Mr. Irigoien

Committee member reflections and discussion of today's presentations

3:39:02 Mr. Horn
3:39:29 Mr. Bray-Tanner
3:40:10 Det. Guderian
3:40:47 Ms. George
3:41:34 Ms. Powell
3:42:46 Ms. Mangas
3:43:24 Ms. Brothers
3:44:44 Ms. Koepke
3:45:54 Mr. Irigoien
3:47:37 Ms. Kilby
3:49:16 Ms. Bear Don't Walk

Instructions to staff

3:50:46 Ms. Stockwell – Looking ahead to potential 2025 meeting schedule
3:56:43 Mr. Horn
3:56:46 Ms. Stockwell
3:59:09 Ms. Bray-Tanner

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3:59:39 Ms. Stockwell
3:59:54 Ms. George
4:00:52 Ms. Stockwell
4:02:28 Ms. George
4:02:49 Ms. Stockwell
4:03:39 Ms. Brothers - Attended December 6, 2024, presentation by Libby McKinney to forensic examiners on her PhD research related to forensic exam programs.
4:05:49 Ms. Mangas
4:06:48 Ms. Powell
4:08:07 Ms. Stockwell
4:08:46 Ms. Powell
4:09:19 Ms. Stockwell
4:10:09 Mr. Horn
4:10:18 Ms. Stockwell
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4:10:58 Ms. Stockwell
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4:15:46 Adjourned