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**Minutes Log
Montana Sexual Assault Response Network Committee
February 21, 2025**

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Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Susan Parker

DOJ Staff Present:

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

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Friday, February 21, 2025

Location: Zoom

Audio/video archive of meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoWNtNLbICM>

00:00:00 Welcome - Hope Stockwell, DOJ Sexual Assault Response Network Coordinator

Roll call/updates from committee members

00:03:03 Ms. Bear Don't Walk

00:04:17 Ms. George

00:05:32 Mr. Irigoien

00:06:35 Det. Guderian

00:07:15 Ms. Bray-Tanner

00:09:10 Capt. Honeycutt

00:10:02 Mr. Horn

00:11:11 Ms. Mangas

00:11:53 Ms. Black

00:12:49 Ms. Powell

00:13:53 Mr. Uhlich

00:15:08 Ms. Brothers

00:16:44 Ms. Koepke

00:18:01 Ms. Stockwell – SARN Program updates

Learning about committee members' roles in sexual assault response: Sexual Assault Kit Processing at the State Crime Lab

Presenters: Jamie Bray-Tanner, Biology Section Supervisor
Lacey VanGrinsven, Forensic Scientist, Serology/DNA Section

00:25:32 Ms. Bray-Tanner

00:26:22 Ms. VanGrinsven

00:26:46 Ms. Bray-Tanner

00:27:28 Ms. VanGrinsven – What happens to kits received at the Crime Lab?

00:53:38 Ms. Bray-Tanner

00:54:23 Ms. VanGrinsven

00:57:59 Ms. Bray-Tanner

00:58:08 Ms. VanGrinsven

00:59:11 Ms. Bray-Tanner – What is DNA?

01:14:16 Ms. Bray-Tanner – YSTR analysis

01:17:29 Ms. Bray-Tanner – What is CODIS?

01:25:52 Ms. VanGrinsven – Challenges and complications with kit analysis

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01:31:19 Ms. Bray-Tanner – Timelines for analysis
01:37:10 Ms. VanGrinsven – Analyzing ‘cold cases’
01:37:25 Ms. Bray-Tanner - Forensic genetic genealogy

01:38:38 Break
01:50:16 Resumed

Committee reflection, questions, and discussion on the Crime Lab presentation

01:50:38 Ms. Brothers
01:50:59 Ms. VanGrinsven
01:51:08 Ms. Brothers
01:51:19 Ms. VanGrinsven
01:51:27 Ms. Brothers
01:51:42 Ms. VanGrinsven
01:52:01 Ms. Brothers
01:52:26 Ms. VanGrinsven
01:52:50 Capt. Honeycutt
01:53:49 Ms. Bray-Tanner
01:55:07 Ms. Stockwell
01:56:44 Ms. Bray-Tanner
01:57:07 Mr. Irigoien
01:57:35 Ms. Stockwell

Forensic Rape Examination Payment Program (FREPP)

01:59:02 Ms. Stockwell – Introduction – Review of recent U.S. GAO report on how states provide for free access to sexual assault exams
02:10:00 Ms. Stockwell – How Montana bills for sexual assault forensic exams
02:13:28 Ms. Stockwell – How other states pay for sexual assault forensic exams
02:24:45 Ms. Brothers – Non-acute exams are not eligible for FREPP reimbursement
02:25:15 Ms. Stockwell
02:25:32 Ms. Powell
02:26:31 Ms. George – How pediatric exams are paid for
02:27:20 Ms. Stockwell
02:30:17 Ms. George
02:31:48 Ms. Stockwell – U.S. GAO report conclusions
02:37:35 Ms. Mangas
02:37:58 Ms. Brothers
02:41:00 Ms. Stockwell – What related information would the committee like to review at a future meeting on this topic?
02:41:51 Ms. Mangas
02:42:34 Ms. Stockwell

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02:43:28 Capt. Honeycutt
02:44:38 Ms. Koepke
02:45:33 Ms. Bragg
02:46:10 Ms. Stockwell
02:46:27 Ms. Bragg
02:47:00 Ms. Black
02:49:19 Ms. Stockwell
02:49:49 Ms. Brothers
02:51:28 Ms. George
02:52:54 Ms. Stockwell
02:54:41 Mr. Uhlich

Public Comment on any matter within the committee's jurisdiction

02:56:45 Rachael Goodman-Williams, Wichita State University
02:59:39 Mary Pat Hansen, Nurse Practitioner, First Step, Missoula
03:04:07 Annalise Wilson, SANE Coordinator, Logan Health – Kalispell

Continued committee reflection, questions, and discussion on the FREPP presentation

03:06:31 Ms. Tall Bull – Requesting information about sexual assault nurse examiner training
03:06:55 Ms. Stockwell
03:07:38 Ms. Mangas – Need to simplify billing processes
03:09:27 Ms. Brothers – Would like to see exams eligible for payment regardless of where assault happened
03:10:31 Ms. Black – Need to standardize billing. Interest in non-beneficiary patients being able to receive forensic care at IHS facilities.
03:11:19 Ms. George – Would like additional information on how other states are paying for exams
03:12:54 Ms. Stockwell
03:14:47 Mr. Uhlich – Legislation regarding nursing ratios and how that would impact forensic care
03:15:56 Ms. Stockwell
03:16:26 Mr. Uhlich
03:17:10 Ms. Black
03:17:36 Mr. Uhlich
03:18:03 Ms. Black
03:18:41 Ms. Stockwell

General committee reflections on today's presentations and discussion

03:19:12 Ms. Brothers
03:20:22 Ms. Koepke
03:21:15 Mr. Uhlich

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