

Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Services Implementation Taskforce
May 19, 2023
1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Opening Remarks

Cordelia Coppleson, Co-chair, Office of the Illinois Attorney General, called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. This meeting is being held electronically pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, and a verbatim audio and video recording of this meeting will be made available upon request. Please e-mail sane@ilag.gov to request a link to the recording.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. The roll call vote can be found at the end of the minutes.

Approval of February 16, 2023, Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2023, Meeting Minutes were received. Spelling errors were noted and corrected. No substantive changes were made.

Debra Perry made a motion to approve the minutes with the spelling and formatting corrections. Jason Wynkoop seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote, which can be found at the end of the document.

Old Business

Co-chair Karen Senger gave a reminder for chairs and co-chairs of committees and subcommittee members to submit any relevant documents they want to share at least 10-14 days before the next meeting. Documents should be sent to Karen Senger or Cordelia Coppleson. Meeting agendas are posted 48 hours prior to the meetings.

Committee Reports and Updates

Areawide Treatment Plan Committee

Jaclyn Rodriguez discussed rules being submitted to IDPH. Section 545.65 *Transfer of Sexual Assault Survivors* proposed changes were outlined by the committee.

Cordelia Coppleson made a motion to vote on sending rule changes to Section 545.65 *Transfer of Sexual Assault Survivors* to IDPH. Debra Perry seconded motion.

Vote taken on Proposed Changes to Section 545.65 *Transfer of Sexual Assault Survivors* rules. Majority voted to send the rule changes to IDPH. Roll call of vote available at the end of the document.

Updates: Jaclyn Rodriguez indicated that the Medical Forensic Exam Brochure language changes will be brought back to the Illinois Attorney General's Office and there will be a future update.

Cost of Care Committee

On Hold

On Call Sane/Safe Committee

Ann Adlington discussed changes made to the *Guide for Developing a SANE Program*. Changes were made to make the document shorter and more easily readable, added hyperlinks and updated some of the language. Discussion about having a webinar about on-call systems through the taskforce was had and it was determined that the Co-Chairs would reach out to the subcommittee to determine next steps.

Out of State Areawide Treatment Plan

Karen Senger reported that the committee has not met. They have sent out information requests to state's attorney's offices about cases involving out of state treatment for victims. Will have more to report in August, once more information has been obtained.

Urban Areawide Treatment Plan Committee

No update

Rural Areawide Treatment Plan Committee

On hold

Curriculum Committee

Dr. Monika Pitzele indicated that they sent out letters/questionnaires to students and schools and have had a mediocre response. Dr. Pitzele said they are working to get more responses.

Telehealth Committee

Lisa Mathey reported they have developed a formal literature review with a presentation at the next meeting, if possible.

Update Illinois Department of Public Health

Karen Senger indicated there would be no new data until the August meeting. Data was provided on the history of provider types showing a marked decline of full treatment hospitals from 2019 to May 2023. No federally qualified health centers or approved pediatric healthcare facilities in Illinois at this time.

Legislative updates:

PA 102-1097 which changes regulations for FQHC, became effective 3-28-23.

PA 102-1106, which defines the age for pediatric healthcare facility to under 18 and allows for hospital fines for violations starting January 1, 2024, is in the rulemaking process and hopefully out for public comment sometime in the Summer.

Discussion was had as to whether to reach out to CACs, child abuse clinics, SQHCs about obstacles to providing services and what support could be given to help create an Approved Pediatric Health Center and whether the fix may be legislative and beyond the scope of the taskforce.

Update Illinois Attorney General

Jaclyn Rodriguez offered updated data on SANE training throughout the state. Since 2014, 412 individuals have been attended didactic Pediatric/Adolescent (PA) SANE training, 76 individuals have completed PA SANE training, and there are 25 nationally certified SANE-Ps. The total number of attendees for Adult/Adolescent SANEs didactic training is 2,602 and there 45 nationally certified SANE-As. No SAFE approvals have been requested. Discussion about incarcerated prisoners and out of state treatment was had.

Update from Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Dr. Monika Pitzele asked for an update on the \$1,000 compensation for medical forensic exams for patients on Medicaid. Dr. Arvind Goyal indicated that he would find out if the Federal Government was paying on the Medicaid claims being made.

Dr. Goyal subsequently share this update and response to the questions raised:

1. Were the Medicaid changes federally approved and when? Are the hospitals getting paid?

We received the State Plan amendment approval from the federal CMS very recently. We are in the process of releasing all hospital claims that were on hold since July 1, 2022, effective date.

2. Is there a process in place for the compensation for hospitals when patients opt out of using private insurance?

This is a decision made jointly by the patient and hospital staff at the point of medical care, not by HFS.

3. Were any of those payments made?

When a claim is received by HFS, it is paid just like all other non-Medicaid claims.

Public Comment:

Layne Steffen: Is the fine amount that is starting in 2024 known at this time?

Karen Senger indicated that the fine was set by statutory language: \$500 per occurrence per day.

Next meeting August 11, 2023

Adjournment:

Debra Perry made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Channing Petrak seconded the motion. A vote was taken to adjourn.

2:30 pm Motion to adjourn was approved by the Taskforce members.

