



Minutes for Indiana Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team

Call to order

A bi-monthly meeting of the Indiana Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team was held on November 21, 2025 at 10:00 EDT via Microsoft Teams. It began at 10:04 and was presided over by Amy Blackett with Ashli Smiley as secretary.

Attendees

Members in attendance: Amy Blackett, Kelly Gartland, Jennifer Barrett, Jan Lutz, Jon McDonald, Sid Newton, and Ashli Smiley

Guests in attendance: Kim Olesker (incoming NCA Indiana Chapter Executive Director)

Members not in attendance: Angie Morris and Eileen Potenza

Approval of minutes

Jon moves to approve October's meeting minutes. Kelly seconded the motion.

- Vote to approve is unanimous.

New Business

1. Jan confirms her retirement is scheduled for December 31, 2025 and provides sentiments to the SART members for their work efforts to serve and protect Indiana children.
2. Amy confirms State SART meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year.
3. Jon provides an ICJI update.
 - a. Federal shutdown ended and all grant activity resumed.
 - b. The SAK Tracking System update: interim process for submitting SAK information remains active. ICJI is currently working with a vendor for a contract to purchase a new system.
 - i. Once contract is approved it will take 10-12 months for the system to go live.
 - c. Preparing for upcoming legislative session.
4. Kelly provides a local SART and ICESA update.
 - a. Kelly's team is working to update the current SART map. They have been contacting individual county prosecutors and/or their primary SART contact to verify activity and updated protocols.
 - i. Updated draft is complete. For those that did not respond, they were marked inactive but will be updated if new information is verified.

- b. Currently working on federal and state funding reviews for 2026 to identify areas of need and impacts for RCCs.
 - c. STOP funding-taking applications for programming to enhance and improve collaborations between and law enforcement and advocacy agencies.
 - i. Partnering with Dottie Davis
- 5. Jan provides NCA updates.
 - a. VOCA cuts
 - i. Working to mitigate impacts on programming.
- 6. Jennifer provides LE updates.
 - a. Receiving multiple requests from law enforcement agencies for training assistance to support SV response.
 - b. Case involving a SANE program out of state.
 - i. SANE insisted to be present for the survivor interview with LE.
 - 1. Survivor would only agree to participate with SANE present.
 - 2. Challenges arose during the interview related to SANE/survivor interactions and participation.
 - 3. Subsequent cases involving Indiana SANEs wanting to participate in survivor interviews with LE.
 - a. What challenges does this present for investigations and prosecution of cases?
 - i. Medical hearsay, role delineation, etc.
- 7. Amy provides IPAC updates
 - a. IPAC Winter Conference-December 8-10, 2025
 - i. Approximately 400 prosecutors registered
 - 1. Wish list to introduce to target areas.

Old Business

- 1. Ashli discussed additional information for a SART project in 2026 to include developing supportive documents and trainings for service providers throughout the state.
 - a. Tabled for February meeting.

Motions

- 1. Amy presents and requests considerations for State SART to offer local SART training opportunities in 2026.
 - b. Roundtable and/or formal training courses based on local/regional needs.
 - c. Identify opportunities to improve continuity of care to meet best practices by all disciplines involved in a SART response.

- d. Jennifer proposes a state SART booth at conferences for SART disciplines.
 - i. Tabled discussion for February meeting.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 13:00**

Adjournment

Amy Blackett moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 11:31.



Ashli Smiley/Meeting Secretary Signature

[Approved February 4, 2026]