



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 April 1, 2026 at 13:30 EDT via Microsoft Teams. It began at 13:32 and was presided over by Amy Blackett with Ashli Smiley as secretary.

Attendees

Members in attendance: Jennifer Barrett, Amy Blackett, Kelly Gartland, Angie Morris, Sid Newton, Eileen Potenza and Ashli Smiley

Members not in attendance: Kim Olesker, ICJI Representative (open seat)

Approval of minutes

Amy moves to approve February meeting minutes with suggested changes from the committee. Kelly seconds the motion.

- Vote to approve is unanimous.
- Changes submitted and reviewed by committee during this meeting.

New Business

1. Jon McDonald is no longer with ICJI.
 - a. ICJI to appoint representative for the open seat.
2. Jennifer provides updates
 - a. New role update
 - b. Developing educational content for MDTs/SARTs
 - i. Jennifer and other State SART members have received several referrals/requests for education from various counties around the state.
 1. Content to address this need.
3. Eileen provides updates
 - a. Recently spoke at the Hamilton County SART
 - i. Several new members of the local SART.
 1. This experience serves as a reminder that these teams often have high turnover and may need multiple education/training offerings for continuous exposure to current/evolving standards.
4. Kelly provides updates
 - a. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - i. Kickoff
 - b. Community based Victim Advocates vs. systemic advocacy organizations
 - i. Confidentiality challenges and requirements

1. Testimony
 - ii. Accessing advocacy services
 1. Limitations
 2. Maximizing available resources
 - a. Utilizing community-based organizations for regional response.
5. Sid provides updates
 - a. Questions about evidence packaging, testing and anonymous kits
 - i. Information/guidance to support standards of practice
 1. Consideration for additional resources-State SART
6. Ashli provides updates
 - a. Initiative to address maternal and infant health outcomes
 - i. Interventions focused on trauma experiences
 - b. Local/regional funding opportunities may be available through Health First Indiana and/or the Rural Health Initiative-must align sexual violence/domestic violence services with local/regional priorities.
7. Amy provides updates
 - a. Trial Advocacy Course upcoming
 - b. Child Exploitation and CSAM statute changes
 - i. Effective July 1, 2026
 - ii. Increased penalties
 - iii. Updates to Sex Offender Registry

Old Business

1. Resource links for survivors and services providers
2. Updates for Victim Rights pamphlet
3. Education: State SART to offer local SART training opportunities in 2026.
 - a. Roundtable and/or formal training courses based on local/regional needs.
 - b. Identify opportunities to improve continuity of care to meet best practices by all disciplines involved in a SART response.
 - c. Jennifer proposes a state SART booth at conferences for SART disciplines.
 - i. Tabled discussion.

Motions

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 13:00**

Adjournment

Amy Blackett moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 14:49.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashli Smiley', written in a cursive style.

Ashli Smiley/Meeting Secretary Signature

[Approved June 3, 2026]