



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 February 4, 2026 at 13:00 EDT via Microsoft Teams. It began at 13:01 and was presided over by Amy Blackett with Ashli Smiley as secretary.

Attendees

Members in attendance: Amy Blackett, Kelly Gartland, Jon McDonald, Angie Morris, and Ashli Smiley

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

Members not in attendance: Sid Newton, Jennifer Barrett, and Eileen Potenza

Approval of minutes

Amy moves to approve November's meeting minutes. Jon seconds the motion.

- Vote to approve is unanimous.

New Business

1. Kelly moves to approve Kim Olesker as a new State SART Committee member. Ashli seconds the motion.
 - a. Vote to approve is unanimous
2. Kelly provides a local SART and ICESA update.
 - a. Kelly's team has finalized the SART map update.
 - i. Updated map is posted on the ICESA website.
 - b. Hosted a booth at the IPAC Winter Conference in December 2025.
3. Amy provides update on behalf of IPAC
 - a. Victim support and advocacy
 - i. Conversation about how survivors can be better supported throughout criminal cases as advocates and prosecutors experience staffing/funding issues.
 1. Researching supportive resources for survivors, as well as education/training for service providers.
 2. Kelly recommends referrals to local RCCs
 - a. Support groups
 - b. LE resources
 - c. Victims' Assistance (prosecutor's offices where applicable)

- d. Some organizations in the state do allow outside county participant to participate in services, including virtual support sessions.
 - b. Prosecutor's Election
 - i. Significant office turnover anticipated
 - 1. IPAC and ICESA to provide support for incoming administration (2027).
- 4. Angie leads discussion about online safety in light of recent high profile case.
 - a. Participated in several media interviews and education around internet safety, grooming, and trafficking of minors.
 - b. School response discussion
 - i. How do schools address parental concerns, as well as student impacts
 - 1. Resources
 - c. Hailey's Law discussion
 - i. Impacts to current practice
- 5. Kim provides updates on behalf of NCA
 - a. Navigating funding changes throughout the state, especially those tied to VOCA.
 - b. Victim advocacy roundtable discussion {update}
 - i. Hailey's Law
 - ii. Policy/Legislation updates
 - iii. State budget
 - c. Assisting CACs with administrative support and budgetary changes
 - i. NCA grant approved
 - ii. Staffing
 - iii. Townhall scheduled for 2/17
- 6. Jon provides updates on behalf of ICJI.
 - a. Following SB 9-victim impact and SB 1202-ICJI impacts
 - b. VOCA applications now being accepted through 3/11/2026
 - i. 40% less funding available to be awarded
 - 1. Changes in selection process to maximize available funds to serve the highest number of people.
 - ii. Significant funding cuts anticipated going forward.
 - 1. Impacts to victim services
 - c. Tracking system and Compensation systems update
 - i. Vendors to be decided on and contracts in place in upcoming months
 - 1. New security standards in place and must be met by new systems to reduce risks of data breaches
- 7. Ashli provides updates on issues around the state.
 - a. SAK packaging requirements
 - b. Data sharing
 - c. Concerns with MFE guidelines from community partners and utilization for testimony

Old Business

- a. Resource links for survivors and services providers
- b. Updates for Victim Rights pamphlet

Motions

1. Amy presents and requests considerations for State SART to offer local SART training opportunities in 2026.
 - d. Roundtable and/or formal training courses based on local/regional needs.
 - e. Identify opportunities to improve continuity of care to meet best practices by all disciplines involved in a SART response.
 - f. Jennifer proposes a state SART booth at conferences for SART disciplines.
 - i. Tabled discussion.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 13:30**

Adjournment

Amy Blackett moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 14:52.



Ashli Smiley/Meeting Secretary Signature

[Approved April 1, 2026]