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Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners Advisory Committee
July 13, 2022

The Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners Advisory Committee met via Microsoft Teams from 2:01 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Linda J. Cimino, Chair, Denise Covington, Marielle Daniels, Heather Deming, Beth Hamilton, Brittany Kaplan, Kristin Loranger, Robin Tousey-Ayers, Sherylyn M. Watson

Members unable to attend: Dr. Alexis Cordiano, Natasha Pierre, Sharmese Walcott

OVS Staff in Attendance: Jean M. Weisbrod

Guests in Attendance: Jessie Gleckel, Lucy Nolan, Denise Poncini

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
Denise Covington, serving as Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
2. Approval of March 9, 2022, meeting minutes
Denise asked for a motion to accept the minutes of March 9, 2022. The motion was moved by Marielle Daniels, seconded by Beth Hamilton. The minutes were approved as presented.
3. Update on the revision of the Department of Public Health Pamphlet
Lucy Nolan reported that communication between the service provider agencies is ongoing, and Committee Members provided suggestions to edit sections of the pamphlet. When the final draft is complete, there will be another opportunity for review.
4. SAFE Training Program Update
Denise reported:
 - The unfilled SAFE Program Training Manager position was posted but there were no qualified candidates. At this time, the position will remain vacant until further notice.
 - Two hundred inquiries were received as a result of Shery introducing the SAFE Program to the CT Nurses' Association via an email campaign
 - Eighteen applications have been received for the Fall SAFE Training Program in September

- Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for qualified individuals, who are already practicing SAFEs, to complete the *Train the Trainer* course and to enlist additional trainers to fill the increasing need for education in the hospitals, so the training materials are standardized across the state.

Committee members discussed issues related to the preceptor requirements in the state of Connecticut versus the requirements in most other states.

Committee members were encouraged to develop ideas to make the SAFE Program a statewide Response and Training Program.

5. New Business

Agenda items for September 15, 2022, meeting:

- Suggest topics that have not been addressed by the Committee for future meetings

Denise adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Jean M. Weisbrod, Recorder