

National Coordination Committee on the American Indian/Alaska Native SANE-SART Initiative

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla
Indians Reservation, California

December 4-5, 2012





Traditional Opening

Jim Clairmont (*Sicangu Lakota Oyate/
Rosebud Sioux Tribe*), Spiritual Leader



Welcome

- **Joye Frost**, Acting Director, Office for Victims of Crime
- **Rose L. Weahkee, Ph.D. (Navajo)**, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, Indian Health Service
- **Karen Joyce-McMahon**, Deputy Program Director, Office for Victim Assistance, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- **Sarah Deer (Mvskoke)**, Assistant Professor, William Mitchell School of Law, Committee Chair



Committee Introductions

- Name and role
- Organization
- What you hope to contribute to the discussion.
- What you hope to learn/gain from the discussion.



Break

AI/AN SANE-SART Initiative

Kathleen “Kaughtlane” Gless
AI/AN SANE-SART Lead
Victim Justice Program Specialist
Office for Victims of Crime



SANE-SART Initiative

- Established by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) in 2010
- Partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Indian Health Service, and the Office for Victims of Crime
- Includes collaboration with Tribal governments and organizations, TTA providers, and other federal agencies



SANE-SART Initiative Stakeholders



- Initiative staff
- Broader team: experts in sexual violence, medical forensic exams, forensic interviewing, mental health, law enforcement, prosecution, victim services, victim advocacy; judges; researchers; and academicians



AI/AN SANE-SART Initiative Goal



To enhance AI/AN communities' capacity to provide high-quality, multi-disciplinary services and support for adult and child victims of sexual violence.

Major Initiative Components



- Three Demonstration Sites
- Training & Technical Assistance (TTA) Provider
- Two National Coordinators
- Federal Advisory Committee (FAC)
- National Evaluation
- National Guidelines
- Tailored TTA Sexual Assault Response Team Development Project
- Three Federal Working Groups

Federal Advisory Committee



The goal of the National Coordination Committee on the AI/AN SANE-SART Initiative is to develop recommendations for OVC and federal partners on how to increase the commitment of all key stakeholders to end sexual violence in AI/AN communities through **collaboration**.

HOW WE GOT HERE...



- To ensure the voices of victims, survivors, and subject matter experts inform the Committee and Initiative we:
 - Secured input from of a broad range of practitioners, experts, allied professionals, and other stakeholders at the federal, state, tribal, and local levels
 - Feedback from federal and tribal partners through forums and consultations
 - Gathered input from three Demonstration Sites
 - Gathered input from three federal Working Groups

The Collaboration Challenge



- Central issue that emerged:
 - The need for increased collaboration among key stakeholders—federal, state, tribal, and local agencies.
 - No single discipline – not advocacy, not medical, not law enforcement, not prosecution – can provide the comprehensive, victim-centered approach that every child and adult victim of sexual violence deserves. But together, we can drive phenomenal progress.

AI/AN SANE-SART Initiative: Federal Working Groups

Leila Kawar Goldsmith, JD
Children's Advocacy Coordinator



Federal Working Groups



Each Working Group is comprised of experts, trainers, researchers, and first responders in the field of sexual violence.



Three Working Groups



- Alaska Native Issues
 - Primary focus: sexual assault response for Alaska Natives
- Child Sexual Abuse
 - Primary focus: child sexual abuse response
 - Leila Goldsmith, Chair
- First Responders
 - Primary focus: adult sexual assault response
 - Nicole Matthews, Chair

Areas to Strengthen Collaboration



- Written sexual violence response protocols
- Culturally relevant responses
- Prioritization of sexual violence to ensure necessary resources

Written Protocols



- Lack of written protocols leads to:
 - Inconsistent responses for victims from all service providers
 - Collapse of adequate responses for victims due to staff turnover
 - Inconsistent transportation provisions for victims
 - Inadequate procedures for victims surrounding consent
 - Victim advocates left out of initial response if investigation does not happen

Culturally Relevant Responses



- Lack of written protocols leads to:
 - Lack of support for and availability of victim-centered, cultural responses
 - Under-utilization of existing cultural models to provide culturally relevant responses
 - Lack of incorporating traditional healing with therapeutic trauma treatment

Prioritization of Sexual Violence



- Prioritizing sexual violence to ensure:
 - Leveraging of existing resources to meet the needs of victims of sexual violence
 - Personnel resources are assigned to respond to sexual violence
 - Funding resources are allocated for emergency housing, transportation, and subsistence needs for victims
 - Service agencies have adequate training, supplies, and equipment to address sexual violence

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Discussion Groups

- **Sub Issue 1: Protocols (Smoketree F)**
- **Sub Issue 2: Culturally-Relevant Responses (Smoketree F)**
- **Sub Issue 3: Prioritization (Smoketree E)**

Please see sheet for your assigned groups.



Discussion Group Schedule

- **Discussion A:** 1:15-2:20 p.m.
- **Discussion B:** 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Break:** 3:30-3:45 p.m.
- **Discussion C:** 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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Lunch



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Wrap Up

- Review of Day 1
- Agenda for Day 2
- Start time Day 2: **9:00 a.m.**



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Demonstration Sites

Bonnie Clairmont (*HoChunk Nation*),
Victim Advocacy Program Specialist,
Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Demonstration Sites



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Sharing a Journey

- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI)
- Southern Indian Health Council (SIHC)
- Tuba City Regional Health (TCRHCC)



Demonstration Sites

- Challenges/Barriers



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- Successes



MBCI SANE-SART Challenges



- **Collaboration:**
 - Long delay in hiring a SART Coordinator
 - Obtaining buy-in & consistent participation from service providers
- **Written Protocols:**
 - Need uniform procedures to identify adult and child victims of sexual assault
 - Need to track cases more effectively
 - Concerns over privacy, anonymity and confidentiality
- **Culturally Appropriate Services:**
 - Sex offender accountability
- **Prioritization of Sexual Violence**
 - Lack of data
 - Under-resourced
 - Long waits/delayed response for victims



MBCI SANE-SART Successes

- 5 nurses trained to provide forensic exams for adults
- Behavioral health service providers participate in SART
- Completed an extensive needs assessment process that will inform their strategic plan
- Strong evaluation on response to victims of sexual assault
- Training and technical assistance to address confidentiality, anonymity, privacy for victims



TCRHCC SANE-SART Challenges

- **Collaboration:**
 - Large geographic area to serve
- **Written Protocols:**
 - Lack of organizational sexual assault protocols and policies
- **Culturally Appropriate Services:**
 - Public Awareness & Education
- **Prioritization of Sexual Violence:**
 - Lack of pediatric SANE
 - Time issues and added duties to current work duties
 - Lack of data collection tools/entry



TCRHCC SANE SART Successes

- 8 nurses trained to perform forensic examinations
- Collected 2,000 completed needs assessment surveys that will inform their strategic plan
- Opportunity to dialogue with local and independent evaluator regarding sexual assault needs, challenges, etc.
- Increased collaboration and communication among multi-disciplinary providers
- SANE-SART Coordinator developing policy for hospital
- Doing more outreach to obtain buy-in from law enforcement
- Training and technical assistance for developing strategic plan, obtaining buy-in from federal law enforcement, multi-disciplinary collaboration, etc.



SIHC SANE-SART Challenges

- **Collaboration:**
 - Gaps in services, due to not having everyone at the table
 - Need stability in developing positive relationships between community members, law enforcement and service providers
 - There are issues that are regional specific.
- **Written Protocols:**
 - Piece meal” type approach to service provision
 - “Coordinated care” is lacking
- **Culturally Appropriate Services:**
 - Law Enforcement jurisdiction, attrition, lack of trust in law enforcement, concerns of re-victimization
- **Prioritization of Sexual Violence:**
 - Under-resourced
 - Lack of meaningful data available to inform policy and intervention strategies.



SIHC SANE SART Successes

- Increased collaboration and communication with non-tribal partners
- Education for non-tribal partners
- Technical assistance on multidisciplinary collaboration, PL 280 issues, cross jurisdictional issues, etc..
- Needs assessment on community readiness to change level of understanding regarding issues of sexual assault
- Local and independent evaluator regarding sexual assault needs, challenges, etc.
- Active efforts with local rape crisis center to gain privilege through the state of California for tribal sexual assault advocates
- Development of strategic plan to improve services to survivors of sexual violence on the reservation.





Review of Recommendations

Sarah Deer, Committee Chair



Break



Committee Discussion of Recommendations



Lunch



Refining the Recommendations

Committee Discussion



Public Comments

Please submit written comments to:

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Wrap Up and Next Steps

- **Sarah Deer, Committee Chair**
- **Kathleen M.E. Gless, Victim Justice Program Specialist**



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