The New Hampshire Sexual Assault and Nurse Examiner Advisory Board

Who are we?
A statewide multidisciplinary team of professionals, created by the Attorney General’s Office to oversee the New Hampshire Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program. The Board consists of invited representatives from the Attorney General’s Office, the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and the crisis centers, SANEs, law enforcement, prosecution, forensic laboratory personnel, health care organizations, corrections, as well as other disciplines.

What do we do?
The goal of the SANE Advisory Board is to develop and implement a long-term statewide response to sexual assault, including promoting SANE practice statewide in an effort to better serve victims of sexual assault.

How do we do that?

• Provide on-going necessary revision to the Attorney General’s Sexual Assault: An Acute Care Protocol for Medical/Forensic Evaluation

• Maintain education and certification guidelines for nurses practicing as SANEs

• Make quality assurance recommendations to emergency department personnel/hospitals utilizing the statewide protocol and evidence kit

• Provide on-going development, implementation and evaluation (quality improvement) of the SANE Program

• Provide ongoing evaluation (quality improvement) of sexual assault services provided throughout New Hampshire (ie: evidence collection quality, multidisciplinary team technical assistance, etc.)

• Oversee and evaluate the effectiveness of the SANE Program Director(s)

• Work collaboratively to resolve program-related and sexual assault response-related problems.
How can I help?

Part of what enables The Board to effectively address and respond to sexual assault in New Hampshire is feedback from all of our community partners. We want to hear from you, if you are a survivor, a family member, a friend, a SANE or medical provider, a police officer, a college administrator, an advocate, a prosecutor, a judge, or a citizen of NH. We would love to know when something works well, such as if your SANE provided excellent care or a law enforcement officer did an exceptional job during report taking. We would also like to hear when things don’t work so well, so we can explore those situations and address them as appropriate.

You can provide feedback by emailing Christina@nhcadsv.org. She will ensure the content of your email gets to SAB and/or the appropriate individual. Please indicate to what degree you would like your information, name and contact information shared with the SANE Advisory Board and if you would like feedback/follow-up.

Thank you for reaching out and doing your part to improve the quality of sexual assault services provided throughout New Hampshire!