

September 5, 2018 SART meeting

- We opened with an update on Walk-A-Mile. It is scheduled for October 14. So far the event has been registered on EventBrite and we have secured the Farmer's Market Pavilion on Spruce St for the location. We currently have students assigned to talk to local newspaper and radio stations for advertising, local businesses for sponsorship, and to WVU's athletic department for donations as prizes. We are working on planning a route that will be wheelchair accessible. Our next meeting with the students will be **September 17 at 3:00 p.m.** at the RDVIC if anyone is interested in attending or has suggestions for things we should discuss during the meeting. We do want to set up information booths at the event; Danielle Kitchen has told me that she would like to have a table set up for the Victim Assistance Program. Anyone else who is interested, please let me know!
- Hospital Updates and SAFE statistics were provided by Laura Schmidle. As discussed previously, Ruby's Emergency Department is undergoing a lot of changes at the moment. Laura emphasized that the main focus of the Emergency Department is currently building relationships that will allow them to better serve their patients and encourage follow-ups. The hospital is still in the process of hiring and training more SANE nurses to allow for 24/7 SANE coverage in the hospital as soon as possible. She also informed us that there are currently 2 male SANEs available to provide a more comfortable experience to more than just female victims.
 - Jeannette Southerly, Regional Coordinator and HIV Educator for WVRRMAAETC, brought up concerns patients have expressed to her regarding the HIV prevention medication. Patients are unable to fill the prescription at many of the pharmacies in Morgantown because larger chains will not give out a prescription for less than 30 days or will not break up the prescription; the prescription is for 28 days and Laura explained that the medication requires a doctor to follow up after the first 7 days for the safety of the patient before prescribing the remaining 21 days of medication. The medication is available in the hospital pharmacy, so patients can fill their prescription upon completion of the follow-up.
 - Another advocate at the RDVIC expressed concerns to me about the ineffectiveness of Plan B on women above a certain weight or BMI; I brought this up to Laura and she informed me Ruby is implementing the use of the emergency contraceptive Ella for these instances.
- Mon. Co. SART Protocol
 - In our last meeting we discussed the need for an updated SART Protocol. We were unable to arrange a time to work on this during the month of August but we did set a time to meet at Perri's office to review the protocol and make changes. This meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m.**

- Alexia Jennings asked Cindy Scott to explain a little about Title IX Peer Advocates. The peer advocate program is a WVU class that students can take for up to 3 semesters. The advocates are only active while enrolled in the class. Only students who are enrolled for the 3rd semester class are called upon as personal advocates for their peers in crisis, while the other peer advocates are active in outreach and prevention education. Peer advocates report to Mariana Matthews in Title IX's prevention team, which is a confidential resource within Title IX. Cindy discussed briefly the list of resources Title IX may suggest to students, along with possible interim measures that may be taken by Title IX to assist students.
- The next scheduled SART meeting will be **October 3 at 9:00 a.m.**