

SART meeting October 3, 2018

- We opened with Mariana Matthews explaining a little bit about Title IX. She explained that the confidential hotline is an on-call cell phone that is shared between the Title IX Prevention Team, which currently includes Mariana, Sam Wilmoth, and Courtney Simmons. She went over the four types of Title IX cases:
 - Investigative—A student can request an investigation, but it is important to note that all employees of the university are mandated to report any misconduct to Title IX investigators (excluding anyone with a professional obligation for privacy, such as physicians and counselors).
 - Call for Service—this is a case that begins as an investigation, but the complainant does not wish to continue with an investigation. Unless the Title IX investigator perceives a threat to the campus, the investigation will be dropped. Services can still be received from Title IX.
 - Call for Resources—In this case, the individual does not wish to make a complaint or disclose who was involved. The individual may request certain services, such as changing dorms or a traumatic incident letter, but obviously would not be able to request any service that requires the disclosure of a respondent (such as a no-contact order or a request that the respondent be moved to another dorm). This type of case would also be if the complaint regards an individual who is not a member of WVU.
 - Calls to the hotline—This is the only of the four types that does not originate in the Title IX office and is similar to a call for resources. This type of case is completely anonymous, not even disclosed to the director of Title IX. These calls go directly to the on-call phone.
If a student reports to law enforcement, but would like Title IX services, the hotline is the advised method of contacting Title IX.
- A hospital update was provided by Laura Schmidle. First, I would like to apologize for some misinformation that I provided in previous updates; Laura announced in previous meetings that the hospital was planning to hire a full time SANE coordinator by January. I misunderstood and put in the summaries that the hospital was planning to have full-time SANE coverage; the hospital **does** have a full-time, on-call SANE program and will maintain the on-call system. They are in the process of hiring pediatric-trained SANEs and male SANEs, however, to continue expanding their ability to provide a higher level of service to more patients.
- The Monongalia County Protocols have been a topic of discussion for the past couple of SART meetings. Throughout the month, Perri DeChristopher has met with several members of the SART to work on the protocols and is nearly finished with the updates. We will be working on the Memorandum of Understanding and getting it signed over the next month.
- The RDVIC has received several questions and concerns regarding comics posted in the Dominion Post. I brought a few of these for discussion. We do have an advocate who is writing a response to the editor; while I did not intend to spark a political debate, the RDVIC shares in the concern that these comics are likely to discourage victims from coming forward.
- Walk-A-Mile update: we are in the final stages of planning for Walk-A-Mile in Their Shoes, which takes place on Sunday Oct. 14 at 1:00 p.m. We are working on finalizing sponsors and donations. Anyone who would like to set up an information table at the event, please let me know!

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness month! I feel like this was especially important to mention for the SART since sexual assault within a domestic partnership is one of the major indicators when doing a dangerousness & lethality assessment.
- Our next SART meeting will be November 7, 2018 in the conference room of WVU Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.