

SART Summary: March 3, 2019

First, we had two new members for this meeting I would like to welcome, Kelly Streyle and Cara Stokes. Kelly has replaced Danielle Kitchen with the Victims' Assistance Program and Cara is an epidemiologist with WVU's Injury Control Research Center (ICRC).

We started with an update from the hospital:

- As of March 3, Ruby had completed 15 SAFE kits on adults, in addition to 3 acute pediatric cases and 1 non-acute case. (This is year-to-date; for February, there were 6 adult cases and 3 pediatric)
 - 11 reports (5 in February)
 - 7 non-reports (3 in February)
 - 8 WVU students (4 in February)

Perri DeChristopher spoke briefly about the Mon County SART Protocols and provided a draft of our new protocols. One change that she did point out was the addition of a section regarding Title IX; advocates with RDVIC should be providing all WVU students with information regarding services such as the WVU's Peer Advocates, accommodations available, and interim measures and resources.

Allison Hayes introduced herself and provided a brief presentation on WVU's CARE TEAM. The CARE TEAM is a multidisciplinary team that began as a response to the Virginia Tech shooting to provide early intervention for students who are at risk of harming themselves or others. They rely on actionable referrals to get in touch with students who may be at risk and could benefit from services. A list of examples that could lead to a referral, as well as a link to complete an online referral, can be found at careteam.wvu.edu/referrals; a few examples from this list include sexual assault, other traumatic incidents or reasons for hospitalization, emergency housing needs, depression and suicidal behavior. Referrals are usually kept anonymous (although it is often obvious to the student when the referral comes from a parent) and are assessed using a rubric for risk to determine the level of intervention necessary.

Typically, the CARE Team will reach out to students to connect them with the services they need. While services like the Carruth Center cannot make cold calls to students, the CARE Team has this ability, which can help provide some students the extra push they need to get help. The CARE Team provides a wide range of services, which can include taking the student to get shoes from the Salvation Army, providing a Notification Letter to a professor if a student was hospitalized overnight, or a Traumatic Incident letter. While most students are able to decide whether they want to engage with the CARE Team, behaviors that cause serious concerns may result in the CARE Team taking an escalated response, such as reaching out to University Police or making referrals to the Office of Student Conduct.

Cara Stokes had the opportunity to briefly introduce herself and the ICRC. She is a researcher with Mountain Safe, the outreach arm of the WVU ICRC, located at Research Ridge. Cara plans to discuss her role and the ICRC more with us at the next SART meeting.