

## SART Meeting, December 3, 2020

This month's meeting was held via Zoom. Dr. Rodrigues from WVU's LGBTQ+ Center attended to provide a SafeZone training to our team. This training covered terms related to the LGBTQ community, including orientation, expression, identity. We discussed a variety of issues faced by the LGBTQ+ community, including biphobia/bi-erasure, examples of institutional exclusions for non-binary and trans individuals, and limited legal protections. We also discussed how to provide more inclusive services, providing direct advocacy for LGBTQ+ individuals by interrupting bias when we see it, and providing pronouns when introducing ourselves as a way of providing a safe and welcoming space. Attached are the slides provided for the training.

### Attendance:

- Carl Phlegar: SART Coordinator, RDVIC
- Dr. Rodrigues: Interim Director, WVU's LGBTQ+ Center
- Amy Kittle: Assistant Director for Prevention and Education, WVU Title IX
- Deb Miller: volunteer with WV Senior Legal Aid
- Cat McConnell: WV Senior Legal Aid
- Alyssa Torbett: Shelter advocate, RDVIC
- Brenda Joseph: DV Coordinated Entry Specialist with WV Coalition to End Homelessness
- Jessica York-Johnston: psychologist with Carruth Center
- Jonathan Friend: Detective with Monongalia County Sheriff's department
- Jeanette Southerly: Regional Coordinator with MAAETC
- Paulette Southerly: Program Director with NWVCIL
- Kayla Benson: CASA
- Alexia Jennings: Executive Director, RDVIC