

April 27, 2021 Forensic Committee notes

Attendees:

Alex Baker (IU Health Arnett)  
Angie Morris (Indiana SANE Training Project)  
Ashli Smiley (Indiana Department of Health)  
Barb Bachmeier (IU Health Methodist)  
Becky Navarro (Eskenazi)  
Caroline Fisher (Franciscan Health)  
Cassie Latta (Indiana ENA Treasurer)  
Jamie Haddix (IU Health Riley)  
Carol Nevitt (Franciscan Health)  
Krystal Hutchinson (Major Hospital)  
Leslie Cook (Ft. Wayne SATC)  
Lisha Watts (Major Hospital)  
Melanie Hamilton (IU Health Bloomington)  
Michelle Ditton (Fort Wayne SATC)  
Natalie Calow (IU Health Methodist)  
Natalie Rinehart (IU Health Methodist/Hendricks Regional Health)  
Sara Ibarra (St. Mary's Hobart)  
Stacy Maitha (Indiana ENA President)  
Tanya Malone (IU Health Riley)

Started meeting off with Suspect exam presentation presented by Angie Morris: See PowerPoint for more information.

Legislative Updates: Senate Bill 7 Forensic Nurse Education was signed by the governor. State Board of Nursing Director to make decisions regarding what continuing education will entail. There will be more information on that and there will be public meetings that are open to all nurses to attend.

Bill on Female genitalia mutilation was passed.

Forensic Committee Funds requests: Motion created for equipment for new programs within the state that are lacking equipment to complete medical-forensic exams. Also, for facilities that need new equipment that is dated. Discussion surrounding who could benefit from these funds and discussed as group what their ideas were. The last needs survey indicated that the biggest need was for large items such as cameras and such. Requirements for application of funds: hospital has forensic nursing program, and applicants are members of ENA. Application not to exceed \$2,000 per request and initially only taking one request per facility. Voting for this motion would require ENA membership.

USI SANE funding available for ENA conference, IAFN, AFN and crimes against children event. There was large discussion about being able to use these funds for classes such as Strangulation training and other classes/conferences that surround forensic nursing. Nurses are having difficulty getting funds from their

facilities for continuing education and are requesting further grant support for other classes and conferences. ICJI also has some funding available for training and reimburses at in state rates.

ENA also has money available for scholarships which can include training. This funding is open to ENA members. Stacy reported that many times no one applies for this money.

Group suggested sending out another need's assessment with more input from organizations within the state. Suggestion to have an open application for the needs of each facility.

Motion for \$8,000 to be used toward forensic equipment. Votes given privately to ENA President Stacy Maitha. Motion passes 10-1.

Minutes submitted by Natalie Rinehart.