

Forensic Committee Meeting, Indiana ENA

August 24, 2021 3pm-4:10pm via Zoom

Meeting Notes Completed by Jamie Haddix

Attendance:

Alyssa Wiegand (Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis)
*Angela Morris (Chair, Fishers)
*Ashli Smiley (Indiana Department of Health, Indianapolis)
Becky Allen (IU Health Methodist, Indianapolis)
*Brandy Summers (Monroe Hospital, Bloomington)
*Brenda Ireland (IU Health Ball Memorial, Muncie)
Brenna Joyce (Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis)
Caroline Fisher (Retired, Indianapolis)
*Jamie Haddix (Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis)
*Jennifer Conley (Community Health Network, Indianapolis)
*Michelle Ditton (Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center, Ft. Wayne)
Michelle Resendez (Franciscan Health, Crown Point)
Nancy Grant (St. Joseph RMC, South Bend)
*Natalie Calow (IU Health Methodist, Indianapolis)
*Nicole Perkins (IU Health Ball Memorial, Muncie)
*Stephanie Glover (Ascension St. Vincent, Indianapolis)
*Tanya Malone (Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis)
*Ti Wohlt (IU Health Ball Memorial, Muncie)
* = Indiana ENA member

Meeting agenda:

- Introductions/Roll Call

Meeting initiated at 3:05pm

Angie asked: Are all attendees an active member of ENA. She explained that in the past, this committee has served as more of a community than a committee and that the Indiana ENA Board of Directors will be implementing changes to ensure that meetings are specific to ENA members. She has reached out to the President for guidance on how to proceed, but the Indiana ENA BOD has not released any final decisions about what the future structure and purpose of the committee will be. Questions or concerns about this should be directed to Indiana BOD members.

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- Education Updates

IPAC Prosecuting Attorneys Council is hosting a training for new prosecutors. On November 3rd nurses can attend and provide practice testimony. SANE training project may include full

funding support and lodging, open now to newer forensic nurses and those who have not yet had much trial testimony experience. If seats remain, will open to more seasoned forensic nurses. Total of 30 seats available, (5-6) currently registered. If interested in attending, please fill out grant application. https://usisurvey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cN5hhX11iiUwvhb
If you are a more experienced forensic nurse that would like to attend something like that, please let Angie know, as this helps to plan for future trainings.

- Adult/Adolescent Clinical skills lab this week in Terre Haute (8/26, 8/27)
- Adult/Adolescent Clinical skills lab in Lafayette (11/13, 11/14)
- Adult/Adolescent Clinical skills lab in Terre Haute (2/24/22, 2/25/22)
 - o Looking for additional Adult/Adol 2-day skills lab sites to partner with in the future -
Requires a classroom with social distancing, audio/visual capabilities access and at least
5 exam rooms with gyn beds
- IUPUC A/A SANE didactic course, September 1st – October 6th (weekly on Wednesdays)
- Strangulation training ICADV every Friday in October, still open for registration, scholarships are closed.
- One day strangulation training being offered online through TISP.
https://web.cvent.com/event/12ade1fc-1173-4d0e-addf-e997ffa944ad/summary?fbclid=IwAR2b27Oy9wlnx0t_OeEHPaswJez3Ej1YmZVhBikT5-vkprDMoW5IloQgwsA
- Strangulation training hosted by Barb & Natalie, along with Marion Co Prosecutors office, November 12 @ Saxony
 - o Training will include pathophysiology and legal aspects. Registration will be in the next couple of weeks, ENA local chapter 134, price \$75 and CEU's 5.75 and breakfast/lunch will be provided

- Equipment Awards

- \$8K available for funds

- Competitive application, funds for any kind of equipment beneficial to forensic exams, such as ALS, locked cabinets, camera, etc. Application and information sheet are posted on the Indiana ENA website under forensic home. You must be an ENA member to apply for the award. Any awarded equipment will become property of facility, not the nurse that applied for the award. Angie encourages you to apply if you have equipment needs, as it can help to gauge what and where needs are long-term. Apply by 9/28. Awardees to be notified by 10/15.

- Guidelines Revision

- Angie requested that everyone review A/A guidelines prior to meeting. Published in 2019. It was determined by the workgroup members at that time that the document would sit with IN ENA and would be up for revision every two years.

- Despite anticipated future committee changes, important to still get feedback from the committee as it stands now. Questions posed to committee: what additions/changes are needed? What other perspectives may be missing? How do we ensure it remains nursing focused? How do we think this should move forward?

- Discussion included:

Concern with document, understood that its purpose was for places/hospitals that do not have formal training. The document is super thorough, well written but not user friendly. Needs to be more relatable to nurses that do not have the training. Suggestions included creating a cliff's notes

version or summary/quick reference sections for easier use. Some things that may need to be added include new forensic nurse education requirements and the forensic nurse designation which has yet to be finalized by the Indiana State Board of Nursing. Also address Victims Bills of Rights and nursing responsibilities related to that document.

Other discussion included ensuring representation in a workgroup from all areas of the state. Questions about if workgroup members need to be members of the Indiana ENA. Many concerns that ENA-members only would reduce the ability to be inclusive and appropriately address the care of patients outside of emergency departments. Many agree that the goal is for the document to be applicable to everyone and not just one type of facility. Currently the document is housed as an ENA document but a lot of forensic nurses who are not ER nurses and do not want the cost of belonging to the ENA. How does this affect other facilities that are not housed in an Emergency Department, housed in ancillary locations, should have a say to how this practice is dictated to them, need a cohesive and inclusive plan no matter whose document this is. Additional discussion questioned the ability to move the document under the Indiana Department of Health or re-start the Indiana Chapter of IAFN to meet the needs of all Indiana forensic nurses, not just those in Emergency Departments of members of ENA. Questions that still need answered include what does the Indiana ENA think of having others included? If ENA "owns" the document, why would everyone have to be a member of ENA to participate in revision/update process?

Continued discussion - reinforces questions regarding education requirements goes under IDOH? Every nurse that provides these services should have a voice and be able to provide feedback. Should this be housed through the IDOH and not a member organization? Peds guidelines were developed outside of member organization and worked out with the support of IDOH and others.

Discussion regarding the document be housed with IAFN. There is not an IAFN state chapter, but IAFN would just be another committee with memberships. Other states, documents are housed with the state SANE coordinator, state IAFN. Typically, a state document is housed depending on where their coordinator is located, health dept, coalition? It's not a one size fits all

Should we table until ENA figures out what the rules are going to be?

Angie encouraged any and all additional feedback about the guidelines be sent to her via email by August 31, 2021. She indicated that you may contact the Indiana ENA (Stacy Maitha) if you are more comfortable with sharing your thoughts with her instead of Angie. Angie will include this feedback in next report back to the state BOD.

- Committee Member Updates

No facility updates or information to share

Question regarding Senate Bill 7 – Rule revisions required, everyone encouraged to keep track of training they are doing in the meantime. Questions included, “Do they plan to hear the voices of actual forensic nurses?” “Will there be a group developed that will be assisting in deciding the requirements?” “How many CEU’s, who is providing the input, wants to ensure voice is heard”

Ashli S provided an update on this (at last month’s meeting). If there are additional concerns, please contact Ashli at asmiley@isdh.in.gov. Any nurse is also encouraged to reach out to the Indiana State Board of Nursing about the issue and express your thoughts on how this should work. (Angie has recused from Board decisions impacting the implementation of this bill).

- Motion to adjourn by Michelle Ditton, Brenda Ireland seconded

Meeting concluded at 4:10pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3pm EST

Need a meeting secretary for that meeting. Please contact Angie to volunteer.