

**Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault  
Meeting Minutes**

May 26, 2022 – 11:00am-1:00pm

The Perimeter Center

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300

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TRAINING ROOM 1A

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>VDH Staff:</b>	<b>Public:</b>
Chair Maria Altonen	Delegate Convirs-Fowler	Lisa Wooten	Gleibys Gonzalez
Senator Jennifer Boysko	Lindsey Caley	Rebekah E. Allen	
Delegate Karrie Delaney	Jason Miyares		
Patricia Hall	Danny Avula		
Bonnie Price	Melissa Harper		
Caren Sterling	Robin Foster		
Dawn Scaff	Sara Jennings		
	Jeanne Parrish		
	Scott Sparks		
	Brooke Thomas		
	Chatonia Zollicoffer		

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>I. Call to Order and Introductions</b>	Chair Altonen called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. Chair Altonen conducted a roll call of members present. Introductions were completed.	
<b>II. Review of Agenda</b>	Chair Altonen reviewed the agenda with the Task Force participants. No changes were made to the previously distributed agenda. Chair Altonen informed the group that	

	voting on official business would occur at the end of the meeting so that quorum could be established.	
III. Public Comment	There were no public members requesting comment during this period.	
IV. Presentations	<p>Ms. Rebekah Allen, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Licensure and Certification, Virginia Department of Health, provided the Task Force with policy updates. Policy updates include status for HB404, HB719, SB658, SB749, HB1329, HB444, and Budget Bill (HB 29/SB 29 &amp; HB 30/SB 30).</p> <p>Chair Altonen confirmed with Ms. Allen that the Task Force members would review the former HB 444 virtual meeting process template corresponding with HB44 implementation date.</p> <p>Ms. Allen confirmed the question from Task Force members that those with ending terms were able to re-apply.</p> <p>Current coverage of SANE/FNE services—Dr. Bonnie Price, Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital Forensic Nursing Program/Gleibys Gonzalez, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services presented on the current coverage of SANE/FNE services.</p> <p>Questions from the Task Force members yielded these responses:</p> <p>—Dr. Price described the distinction between SAFEs/SANEs. Discussion from Task Members emphasized that the current number of SAFEs/SANEs across the Commonwealth is not sustainable.</p> <p>—Senator Jennifer Boysko and Delegate Karrie Delaney posed the question for how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted services. Dr. Price spoke to the increased cases related to domestic violence.</p> <p>Ms. Gonzalez confirmed her program priorities, which is 1) understanding the current landscape and gaps, 2) opportunities to surge up workforce and establish programs, and 3) use available data and identify additional data needs to drive efforts.</p>	

V. Other Business	Chair Altonen reported to Task Force members that an official quorum had not been reached, therefore, there would be no vote on official minutes from the previous meeting. Chair Altonen reviewed the results of the survey presented to Task Force members volunteers in leading workgroups. Dr. Price offered to lead the Best Practices workgroup. The survey would be re-opened to ask for volunteers in leading the Model Documents workgroup.	
VI. Next Steps	Chair Altonen reviewed the previous Task Force and workgroup meetings. The upcoming schedule was reviewed.	
VII. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned by Chair Altonen at 12:14pm. .	