

**Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault  
Telemedicine Sub-Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

August 12, 2024 – 10:00am-11:00am

Virtual Meeting: Zoom

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>VDH Staff:</b>	<b>Public:</b>
Chair Maria Altonen	Ashley Balcombe	Camilla Herndon	Gliebys Gonzalez
Del. Jackie Glass			Ashley Whiting
Caitlin Yerkes			
Michele Laaksonen			

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
I. Call to Order and Introductions	Chair Altonen called the meeting to order at 10:01am.	
II. Review of the Agenda	Chair Altonen reviewed the agenda with the Task Force members. No changes were made to the previously distributed agenda.	
III. Public Comment	Gliebys Gonzalez provided public comment on recommending pilot programs in rural Virginia with strong forensic nurse examiners (FNEs) and shared a resource with language for providing telemedicine in underserved communities.	

<p>IV. Committee: Telemedicine</p>	<p>Chair Altonen opened the floor for Task Force members to discuss information on telemedicine best practices. Michele Laaksonen and Caitlin Yerkes shared that many organizations they reached out to for telemedicine guidelines did not respond or did not have guidelines in place. The sub-committee members discussed drafting recommendations based on capacity, pilot programs, a hotline to support FNEs, and telemedicine consulting before, during, and after patient care.</p> <p>The sub-committee members shared the following links in the Zoom chat:</p> <p><a href="#">Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners: Forensic Center of Excellence (TXFNE): Expanding Access Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations in Texas   Office for Victims of Crime (ojp.gov)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners – Forensic Center of Excellence (txfne.com)</a></p> <p><a href="#">TeleSANE   UAMS Institute for Digital Health &amp; Innovation</a></p> <p><a href="#">SANE Mentorship Program   RE Lab: Strengthening Forensic Nursing (umn.edu)</a></p>	
<p>VI. Next Steps</p>	<p>Michele Laaksonen and Caitlin Yerkes will draft the committee’s telemedicine recommendations following FOIA requirements. Camilla Herndon will forward the recommendation to Del. Jackie Glass and Ashley Balcombe to review and edit. The sub-committee will present the drafted telemedicine recommendations at the next full Task Force meeting.</p> <p>The next Telemedicine Sub-Committee meeting will be determined after the next full Task Force meeting is scheduled.</p>	
<p>VII. Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned by Chair Altonen at 11:00am.</p>	