

SANE Coordinator Job Description

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States are listed as a point of reference rather than as a statewide perspective.

Issue: Job description for a SANE program coordinator who is not a nurse.

Background: A community is creating a SANE Program and the coordinator will not be a medical person. Two M.D.s serve as Medical Directors for the program. The coordinator is primarily responsible for coordinating SANEs, scheduling, training, etc.

Maryland (Bethesda)

- Nurses need to oversee nursing practice rather than non-nurses.
- There have been a lot of difficulties with non-nurse SANE Coordinators in the past that can be overcome if there is a senior/experienced nurse to review the protocol process.
- Even if the lead Coordinator is a Physician, the preference would be to have an 'Assistant Coordinator' who is the senior RN.
- If all of the examiners were NPs/CNM's it would be different, but for RN's who are not NP's, a senior nurse experienced in nursing practice should be the one to supervise the implementation of protocols/guidelines.

Michigan (Battle Creek)

- A physician is critical for medication orders and medical oversight, but cannot dictate nursing practice.
- Nursing should be strongly represented in any SANE program.
- The job description for a coordinator should delineate non-nursing and nursing functions. If the Coordinator is not a nurse, a nursing supervisor should be available to respond to nursing/medical issues.

New York (Staten Island)

- A physician should not and can not dictate nursing practice.

New York (Upstate)

- Has a SAFE Coordinator as the first person to hold the position that is not an RN or an MSW.
- Based out of the local Crime Victims Assistance Program.
- Primary responsibilities include SART support to emergency rooms, law enforcement, and university campuses.
- The position includes education and training, examiner recruitment and retention, and public relations.
- The Coordinator also sponsors the county strategic planning committee for the community response to sexual assault.
- The Coordinator's background is solely administrative with an emphasis on mental health and the Coordinator has been an active advocate for the last five years

Ohio (Cleveland)

- SANE Coordinator is an RN- responsible for billing, chart review, scheduling etc.