

**SANE Program Funding
SART Listserv
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Issue:

How do other states fund their SANE program including costs related to exams, training, administrative costs, staffing etc.

Responses:

- Community foundations, fund-raisers, state and national grants.
- The primary funding source in NY is the Division of Criminal Justice Services' distribution of VAWA monies. (This pays the Coordinator's salary.)
- NY also seeks grants from our local hospital and university foundations (for equipment); private foundation grants from our local newspaper organization (for collaborated trainings); United Way Venture Grants (for start-up costs), and professional development awards from OVC (for continuing education).

Supplemental Resources

SART Funding Streams- Listserv Discussion February 2007

<http://nsvrc.org/projects/template4.aspx?PageNum=3&ProjectID=42>

SANE Development and Operational Guide

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/sane/saneguide.pdf>

(See pages 29-34)

SANE Funding at Hospitals

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Issue: How do hospitals fund SANE and why?

Responses:

Minnesota

- We are developing a community-based model that will coordinate SANEs at two local hospitals.
- A multi-disciplinary group has been meeting for more than a year to start the program

- We have approached the hospitals to ask for funding (from the hospital budgets - not from their foundations because the hospital foundations give critical funding to our general victim support services which we cannot give up for SANE)

Kansas

- Local SANE program is funded through a combination of hospital funds and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) dollars.
- VOCA money is administered to the program by the Kansas Governor's office and covers the Program Coordinator, Program Assistant and Program Secretary positions. The hospital budget funds the rest of the program including the Director of the program.
- Kansas Sexual Assault Network is funded through Victims of Crime Act money and Violence Against Women Act (administered by the KS Governor's office).
- Other SANE programs across the state vary in funding. Most are supported by hospital budgets in conjunction with some donations/fund raising efforts
- Start up money for each program has come from a variety of sources (hospital budget usually kicks in within a year of the start of a program).
- Sources of funding include private donations, soroptimist club, County/District Attorney's offices [such as drug money from seizures, fines and fees, etc]

Ohio

- Hospital auxiliaries (i.e. women's boards, junior boards) are sources of funding- [Foundations tend to fund projects outside the hospital and hospital volunteer boards generally fund internal projects]
- The DOVE Program has several hundred thousand dollars in funding from one of our hospital boards, which paid for some capital projects and large equipment purchases
- DOVE's annual budget comes from our hospital system, with the understanding that every year we will look to other sources of funding to minimize the hospital's totals (grants, fundraising, etc).
- As a nonprofit hospital system, our program (which includes DV, SA and elder abuse) helps further the hospital's mission "to provide the highest quality, compassionate care to our patients and to contribute to a healthier community"
- Mutually beneficial relationship - we encourage the hospital to use our program for public relations purposes

Delaware

- SANE program is funded because we are based in the emergency department. SANE nurses also function as an ER nurses when not performing forensic exams.
- State chapters of International Association of Forensic Nurses at www.forensicnurse.org may be able assist programs

California

(From California SART Manual)

- Grants from federal and state agencies, and foundations
- Grants from corporations that have a formal grant making process
- Monetary gifts from corporations (usually obtained from the marketing department), small businesses, and social, civic, and religious organizations
- Fund raising efforts by the hospital or program auxiliary
- Fund raising activities such as golf tournaments, galas, sale of entertainment books, restaurant and theater openings, and special entertainment events

New York (Jamestown)

- Hospital received a small amount of funding for SANE program
- SANE is housed in the ED with full support of CEO, administrators and the ED Medical Director.
- Amount of SANE funding does not cover the entire cost of the program - allows us to train other nurses and to buy some equipment and supplies.
- The remaining money comes from our ED budget
- Examiners pay most of their education/certifications
- Great public relations for the hospital. Other hospitals in the area are now looking to for assistance in getting their ED's up to date.
- Funding is always a difficult issue, especially with money being so tight. But it is not the only issue

Colorado

- Law enforcement pays for actual exam, as required by Colorado law since it is forensic evidence collection
- Hospital pays for on-call hours and hours worked
- Local coalition provides funding for SANE program administration & training of new SANEs through a collaborative VAWA grant

Georgia

- SANE program has been performing services in freestanding facility for 12 years
- We started out by having a volunteer advocate and SANE respond to our emergency department to do the exam
- Our county is the second largest county in Georgia and located in metro-Atlanta: our population is just under 800,000. Our success in advancing our program has come only because of our county government deeming response, services and care to this victim population as a *priority*.
- It is statutorily mandated that "law enforcement pay for the cost of the forensic-medical examination and evidence collection as it pertains to the investigation"
- This is a (non-funded) mandate so costs for such services can easily fracture the budget of a small police department in rural areas or by sheer volume of cases at large police departments

- The cost of a forensic-examination is **not limited** to the fee paid to SANE's. There are costs to keep the utilities on; professional medical liability coverage; medical equipment and annual maintenance; etc, etc.
- Hospitals often absorb some of those costs; but more often if a victim has insurance - *it* is billed first
- We are extremely fortunate that 20-years ago our county government deemed our services a quality of life priority and routinely paid for forensic-medical exams so that law enforcement was not burdened with "field triaging" cases:
- We now have paid SART Coordinators, staffed around the clock
- Our team consists of a SART Coordinator, a Volunteer Advocate, SANE, and of course the investigator.

Los Angeles County

- Law Enforcement agencies reimburse the SANE/SART or hospitals for the exam
- Reimbursement varies anywhere from a flat rate of \$200 to whatever they have contracted with the person/facility providing the service
- SART Centers also have various grants/donations from outside sources
- The LA County Board of Supervisors recently made a motion for Los Angeles County Sheriffs (LASD) and Los Angeles County Police Department (LAPD) to increase the reimbursement rate to a flat fee of \$750 if the patient/victim goes to a "designated" SART Center"
- Law enforcement agency must authorize the exam to be reimbursed at the higher rate.