The Massachusetts
Sexual Assault Nurse
Examiner (SANE)
Program Overview

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Massachusetts SANE Program

• Developed in response to specific needs:
  ○ Adolescent/Adult:
    – Long waits in busy emergency departments
    – Lack of quality in forensic evidence collection
    – Need for trauma-informed care to avoid re-traumatization of patients
    – Need to connect to rape crisis services quickly and seamlessly
  ○ Pediatric:
    – Many children did not need to be seen emergently
    – Busy hospital emergency departments are not child friendly
    – Lack of pediatric expertise in many emergency departments
MA SANE Excellence Recognized

White House Interagency Taskforce on Violence Against Women
The delivery of coordinated, compassionate, comprehensive expert forensic nursing care to sexual assault patients across the lifespan
MA SANE Program

- Governor Weld initiates MA SANE Program in 1995
- MA SANE services begin in 4 SANE sites in 1997
- Pediatric SANE Program begins in 7 CACs in 2002
- 27 MDPH-designated SANE sites in 2006
- Berkshire and South Shore SANE sites added in 2007
- MA Pediatric Evidence Kit Implemented in 2012
- TeleNursing Grant Award from OVC/DOJ in 2015
- TeleNursing Services begin at Metrowest and St Annes in 2016
• Access to Medical Care

• Time sensitive medications

• Trauma Informed Care

• Rape Crisis Partnership
— Patient/Public Safety
  • **Mandated Reporting**
    – Children, Elders, Disabled Persons
  • Facilitate **police reporting** with patient consent
  • **Provider Sexual Crime Report (PSCR)**

— Expert **Forensic** Evidence Collection
  • **Photo-documentation**
  • Maintain **Chain of Custody**

— Prosecution
  • **Trial preparation** and **court testimony**
• Patients 12 years and older
• 24/7, 365 emergency response
• ICU and OR response as needed
• 29 SANE sites
  – 70% State Lab evidence
  – 83% Boston Lab evidence
• 6 SANE Regions
• FY’15 = 900 Adults/Teens
MDPH – Designated Adult/Adolescent SANE Sites
Children Advocacy Centers with Pediatric SANE Services
• Patients 0 - 18 years
• Acute and chronic abuse
• Advanced Practice Nurses
• 7 of 11 Children’s Advocacy Centers
• FY’15 = 751 Children/Teens
• Health and well-being of child
“Do No Harm” Principles

- Appropriate level of care
- Do not interview the child
- Avoid invasive or painful procedures
- Uncooperative child = NO EXAM
- Support the child
The Faces of Children’s Advocacy Centers

Suffolk CAC

Cape and Islands CAC

Essex CAC & LGH

Plymouth CAC

Bristol CAC

Norfolk CAC

Berkshire CAC
The MA SANEs

- 130 strong!
- RNs, NPs, CNMs, 1 MD
- 40% with Advanced Degrees
- 60% with 5 years or greater experience
- 30% with 10 years or greater experience
- Expert body of knowledge
• Trained and certified by MDPH
• UMass iCEL simulation lab
• Quality Assurance Reviews
• Yearly Recertification Training
Newton Wellesley Hospital, Newton, MA
HOW IT BEGAN

• The Initial Award
  – Fall 2012

• A 3-Year Plan
  – 4 sites
  – 4 unique populations

• Building a Team
  – ADOL
    • American Doctors on Line
  – Partners Health Care
    • Newton-Wellesley Hospital
DEVELOPING “THE CENTER”

Establishing a Location
  – A private and secure location

Creating Policies & Procedures
  – 30+ patient centered policies
  – Site specific resources

A Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit

Encounter Room 1
The National TeleNursing Center
A New Professional Nursing Model

• Pre-Encounter
  – Focus: Communication between providers

• Encounter
  – Focus: Supporting the provider and ensuring best practice

• Post-Encounter
  – Focus: Real time QA

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BENEFITS REALIZED

• Increasing Clinician Confidence and competence
• Community & Professional Benefits
• Positive Feedback from Providers
• Positive Feedback from Local Crime Labs