



1099 Contract Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

Summary Job Description

Department: Forensic Medical

Report to: SANE Program Director

Overview:

The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) at Rape Response, Inc. is a Registered or Advanced Practice Nurse who has received specialized training in addressing the complex medical and forensic needs of patients who have experienced sexual violence or abuse. The Rape Response SANE is committed to providing culturally sensitive, developmentally appropriate and trauma informed care to optimize the acute and long-term health outcomes of all clients served. This position is responsible for collaborating with law enforcement, advocates and other healthcare professionals to ensure timely delivery of Forensic Medical Services to adult/adolescent reporting and non-reporting patients. The Contract SANE will provide services as needed during their scheduled on-call shifts. Examiners will receive an hourly on-call rate and an examination fee for exams completed. Potential candidates must agree to and will be responsible for fulfilling a minimum number of contracted shifts per month. Shifts may be nights, weekends, and occasional holidays between 7am-7pm or 7pm-7am.

Job Responsibilities:

- Conduct a prompt response that prioritizes the care of the sexual assault victim.
- Provide support, crisis intervention and access to advocacy services.
- Explain the examination process, including the examiner's role, legal considerations and limitations of practice.
- Obtain written and ongoing verbal informed consent/assent to promote patient autonomy.
- Obtain and document a detailed health and forensic history.
- Perform a thorough head-to-toe examination
- Identify, evaluate, and treat injuries.
- Document exam findings accurately and objectively.
- Collect forensic evidence, which may include:
 - Sexual assault kit collection, which may involve the collection of: swabs for DNA analysis, trace fibers, hair combings, body fluid samples, scrapings/clippings/swabbing of relevant anatomy
 - Collection of clothing.
 - Collection of blood and/or urine for toxicology if drug facilitated sexual assault is suspected or reported.
 - Capture forensic photography, which may include: bodily, anogenital and miscellaneous photographs.
- Provide information on and offer prophylactic treatment (if indicated) for sexually transmitted infections and HIV as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
- Identify pregnancy risk, discuss treatment options and offer emergency contraceptives when indicated.
- Thoroughly review discharge instructions with patient and assist in coordinating necessary medical follow-up.
- Discuss exam findings with appropriate investigative agencies and properly participate in chain-of-custody procedures.
- Provide fact and expert court testimony if needed for any/all exams performed.