

# 2016 Current Fiscal Year Report: Committee on the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Sexual Assault Response Team American Indian Alaska Native Initiative

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Justice		2016	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Committee on the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Sexual Assault Response Team American Indian Alaska Native Initiative		76865	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	10/18/2013	10/18/2015	10/18/2015
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes	42 U.S.C. 10603 (c)(3)		02/22/2016
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	
Terminate	No	Not Applicable	
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Authorized by Law			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Victims of Crime Act 1984 (VOCA). 42 U.S.C., 10603(c)(3).	10/01/1984	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b> 1			
<b>16b. Report Date</b>	<b>Report Title</b>		
10/13/2015	NCC Meeting Summary		

**Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1**

17a.  17b. Closed  17c. Partially Closed  Other Activities  17d. Total

Open

**Meetings and Dates**

Purpose	Start	End
To convene Committee members by conference call to provide an update the Attorney General's review of the Committee's recommendations, and expected next steps regarding implementation.	10/13/2015	10/13/2015

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.01	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee will provide advice to OVC and its Federal, state, local, and Tribal partners regarding

the complex jurisdictional and cultural issues surrounding effective sexual assault response in Indian Country. The advice provided by the Committee will assist OVC in ensuring that its strategies, policies, and Initiative goals are responsive to the challenges faced by both those who respond to victims of sexual assault within AI/AN communities and the victims themselves.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Committee will include representative members, as well as Federal and nonfederal experts and will be comprised of the disciplines that are traditionally part of a coordinated community response to sexual violence. The Committee will include policy-level decision-makers from national Tribal organizations and federal agencies who represent law enforcement, prosecution, victim advocacy, forensic examiners, medical experts, etc.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee will meet approximately twice per year.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Committee will assist OVC and its Federal, state, local, and Tribal partners with understanding the complex jurisdictional and cultural issues that affect sexual assault response in Indian Country. The Committee will also provide recommendations on how existing Federal training resources, funding, and programs can be leveraged to meet the needs of Federal agencies and Tribal communities, and to enhance their capacity to provide victim-centered assistance to victims of

sexual violence in AI/AN communities.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A.

**21. Remarks**

OVC made a determination that since the Committee had fulfilled its charter responsibilities, the Committee would not be re-chartered.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Shannon May Project Manager - Victims of Crime

**Narrative Description**

The SANE-SART AI/AN Committee ('Committee') is established to solicit advice about the complex issues that arise when AI/AN law enforcement agencies and their federal, state and local counterparts attempt to coordinate a response to victims of sexual assault. The Committee will also advise OVC about the unique cultural issues faced by victims of sexual assault within the AI/AN community. The advice provided by the Committee will assist OVC in ensuring that its strategies, policies and AI/AN SANE-SART Initiative goals are responsive to the challenges faced by those who respond to the victims of sexual assault within AI/AN communities and the victims themselves.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Outcome Comments

The Committee's submitted its Report to the U.S. Attorney General on Improving Federal Agency Response to Sexual Violence in Tribal Nations: Issues and Recommendations in June 2014 and Committee representatives provided a briefing on the report to the Attorney General in November 2014. The Committee's recommendations address a broad range of topics in the following areas: 1) federal agency collaboration at the local level, 2) DOJ personnel policy changes, 3) DOJ grant solicitations and funding, and 4) public safety and public health. At the request of then-Attorney General Holder, a draft memorandum detailing specific action steps the Attorney General could take to implement the Committee's recommendations was submitted in January 2015. Numerous rounds of revisions based on feedback from key stakeholders who were asked to review the memo were made during 2015. A final memo is expected to be received and approved by Attorney General Lynch in October 2015.

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Cost Savings Comments

N/A

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Committee's recommendations address a broad range of topics in the following areas: 1) federal agency collaboration at the local level, 2) DOJ personnel policy changes, 3) DOJ grant solicitations and funding, and 4) public safety and public health.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

4%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

One recommendation has been fully implemented: Recommendation 4-D: Develop a formal, clear and transparent process to provide support to tribal law enforcement entities and their designated personnel in gaining access to NCIC. In 2015, DOJ announced a new process by which tribal law enforcement entities could access NCIC and other federal databases. DOJ also provided information and presentations to tribes about the changes. The changes 1) allow federal, state, local, and tribal criminal justice agencies to access NICS when returning firearms such as those seized during criminal investigations, 2) allow tribal criminal justice agencies to access NICS for tribal firearms licensing and permitting purposes, and 3) make changes regarding retention of NICS denied transactions records. The notice is 79 FR 69047-51 (Nov. 20, 2014) and can be found online at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-20/pdf/2014-27386.pdf>.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

In October 2015, the Attorney General approved a list of action steps that will allow the Department to quickly implement a number of the Committee's key recommendations, but these recommendations were not implemented in FY15.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The Attorney General has indicated through her staff to the Designated Federal Official and OVC that she plans to implement a number of the Committee's recommendations early in FY16. Given that the Committee's charter expires on October 18, 2015, OVC and

the DFO will continue to work with OAG to provide updates to individuals who served on the Committee.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

The Committee's meeting summaries and Recommendations Report can be viewed on the Committee weblet, which is part of OVC's website.