



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

January 11, 2016

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

(§ 115.321 – Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations)

Between the

University of Virginia Medical Emergency Department (UVA)

and

Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail (ACRJ)

By signing this agreement, both The *University of Virginia Medical Emergency Department* (herein referred to as UVA) and the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail (herein referred to as ACRJ). These parties agree to collaborate in efforts to provide better services to victims of violent crimes and to hold offenders accountable. Services provided by all parties are available to anyone regardless of age, sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, and economic status regardless of if the victim is participating in the criminal justice process or not.

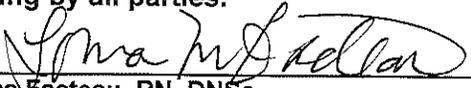
The **Forensic Nurse Examiners at UVA** agree to do the following:

- Serve as the designated SANE/SAFE for Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail (ACRJ)
- Coordinate the sexual assault forensic exam with the detention facility and the emergency department at UVA;
- Provide 24 hours per day, 7 days per week forensic nurse on call availability;
- Contact the Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA) to respond and provide advocacy services;
- Obtain patient consent for the forensic sexual assault physical examination, evidence collection (if appropriate), photographs and release of the forensic record;
- Obtain patient's history of events
- Provide collection of a Physical Evidence Recovery Kit (PERK) if reported within 72 hours of alleged sexual assault through blind report or authorized by law enforcement or investigating agency;
- Document examination findings in forensic nurse report;
- Collect evidence in accordance with the Commonwealth of Virginia's PERK procedures and the University of Virginia's forensic protocol"
- Collect evidence based on the patient's history, the patient's desires
- Evaluate and treat prophylactically for sexually transmitted infection (STI) as appropriate and agreed upon by the patient and the medical provider;
- For female patients, evaluate the possibility of pregnancy, discuss options and provide emergency contraception when needed, with patient's consent;
- Follow local the Commonwealth of Virginia's protocol for pickup and delivery of the Physical Evidence Recovery Kit and other evidence (e.g. clothing, shoes, etc.), preserving the chain of custody.
- Provide written discharge instructions and communicate with ACRJ medical and mental health department
- **Follow** the University of Virginia Medical Center "Protocol for the Forensic Care of Sexually Assaulted Patients."

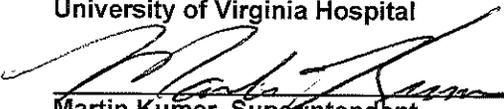
The **Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail** agrees to do the following:

- Request a SARA Victim Advocate/Companion to be present at **UVA** for detained victims of sexual violence who elect to receive a forensic exam
- If the incident occurred more than 72 hours prior to the report, **ACRJ** will consult with the forensic medical examiner to determine if a forensic exam is medically or evidentiary indicated. **ACRJ** will ensure that the victim receives a medical evaluation and any needed treatment, a mental health evaluation, and contact information for the **ACRJ**.
- Work together to hold offenders accountable and to protect victims of sexual violence from further violence
- Provide local service numbers/statistics to aid in the pursuit of funding opportunities and accreditation
- Ensure that medical treatments including prophylactics for sexually transmitted infection (STI) as appropriate, evaluations for possibility of pregnancy, provision of emergency contraception, mental health evaluations and follow-ups related to inmates sexually assaulted at ACRJ will be provided at no cost to the inmate as long as that are in the custody of ACRJ.
- Facilitate follow-up, whenever possible, between the inmate and Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA) in person, or by mail or telephone while the victim is detained by **ACRJ**.
- Provide the Sexual Assault Resource Agency (**SARA**) contact information to all inmates upon release. This will be done without regard to the presence or status of an investigation.
- Provide inmates with confidential, 24-hour access to the Sexual Assault Resource Agency (**SARA**) hotline, at no cost
- Respect the confidential nature of communication between the Sexual Assault Resource Agency (**SARA**) advocates and clients detained at **ACRJ**.
- Ensure that Sexual Assault Resource Agency (**SARA**) advocates are cleared to enter the Jail for meetings and training sessions, or to meet with clients.
- Provide for other logistical needs, such as a private meeting space for counseling sessions.

This agreement is effective January 11, 2016 and will remain in force until any party terminates in writing. This agreement may be amended, modified, and/or expanded, as mutually agreed upon in writing by all parties.

  
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02/04/16  
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Martin Kumer, Superintendent  
Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail

02/10/16  
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