

FORENSIC MEDICAL FORMS PROGRAM
Component: 40.20.161

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Forensic Medical Forms (FF) Program is to ensure that California's sexual assault forensic medical examination forms and protocol reflect the most recent advances in forensic science, research, technology, medical practice, statutory changes, investigative issues, and evidentiary processes in order to capture and document evidence for the effective prosecution and defense in cases of sexual assault. First issued in 1987, the forms and protocol were updated in 2001. Due to ongoing changes and advances in the area notes, it is critical that the forms and protocol be updated once every 10 years, at a minimum. Four years were required for the initial development of the forms and protocol. The Program is supported by Violence Against Women Act – Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors (VAWA S*T*O*P) Formula Grant Program funds.

The FF Program is based on California Penal Code §§13823.5, 13823.7, 13823.9 and 13823.11. Per statute, the standardized forms must be used by medical examiners performing sexual assault forensic medical exams at hospitals and other exam facilities. Counties with populations of 100,000+ are required to designate at least one facility to conduct these exams; larger counties must have at least one exam site per 1,000,000 persons.

Nationwide, California is at the forefront of sexual assault clinical forensic medicine. Cal OES's forms have been adopted by other states, by the United States military, are the basis for the sexual assault medical protocol issued by the U.S. Department of Justice, and have generated international interest; a ripple effect emanates from Cal OES's advancements and accomplishments in this field.

The FY 2014/15 Grant Subaward was extended to December 31, 2015. The remaining objectives have been merged with the objectives under the California Medical Training Center Program's (EM) Grant Subaward, #EM14041059.

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2014/15	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY13	\$ 1,000
	VAWA FFY14	\$ 150,000
FY 2015/16	Program ended December 31, 2015	

2014/15 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Obj. 1: Complete the Cal OES 2-923 Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Report form, instruction and protocol.

- 1 Meeting of the Core Advisory Group comprised of criminalists and sexual assault forensic experts to develop an electronic version of the Cal OES 2-923 form and to develop instructions for review by the Beta Testing Group.
- 1 Med Report Guard, hired for the design of Cal OES 2-923 form.
- 7 Subject matter experts that comprised the Beta Testing Group.
- 1 Final review of the wireframe [final draft] of the Cal OES 2-923 form completed in May 2015.
- 8 Beta testing SAFENet programs tested.
- 6 Number of weeks for the testing period with patients starting October 28, 2015, for the Beta build of the application.

Obj. 2: Deliver training on the revisions of the Cal OES 2-923 Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Report.

- 0 Objective deferred until 2016, after Cal OES 2-923 electronic form is completed and launched.

2015/16 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2016/17 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Program ended December 31, 2015