The Survivor Action Team vetting process

Survivor vetting flowchart:

- Survivor contacts Sharon Daugherty, M.S., Sexual Assault Outreach Coordinator
- Sharon will conduct the interview
- If yes, proceed to schedule attendance at desired meetings
- If no, refer to Victim Services Therapy/specifically for discussion on therapy needs

Note: Referrals from trusted outside sources must still go through our vetting process.

The Survivor Action Team interview process:

1. Discuss introduction, opportunities for involvement & boundaries/expectations with the participant
2. Hold Interview
3. Determine their continued interest, invite to next meeting of interest, or refer to therapist

Introduction:

SART Mission: To promote a community-wide response to sexual violence by coordinating a Multi-disciplinary team that will ensure victims receive comprehensive, compassionate care.

Survivor Action Team Purpose: Through coordinated planning of special events, the Survivor Action Team can raise awareness, media attention and national momentum for ending and preventing sexual violence. And...to change the world!

The Survivor Action Team is designed to be mutually beneficial for survivors, Palm Beach County Victim Services, the Sexual Assault Response Team & the community at large. We offer survivors a platform to express their continued healing journey that goes beyond therapy. We offer opportunities to join forces with other survivors and harness your collective energy to effect social change.

Here are some following ways to get involved and let your voices be heard:

- Attend the Survivor Action Team meetings
- Attend our Sexual Assault Response Team meetings
- Participate in specific SART subcommittees
- Participate in outreach activities, ex.: tabling events, flash mob, movie screenings
- Find support for your agencies or projects through networking
- Speaker panel: present at conferences, campus classes, train law enforcement, hospitals & other multi-discipline agencies
- Provide media interviews
- Give survivor aspect on bills being considered for legislation or new law & how to implement
- Design a Survivor Action Team event or project: ex. Survivor retreat

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- Receive & provide trainings in your area of expertise: ex. Media training
- Link to each others social media: PBC Victim Services & other Survivor Action Team members

Boundaries & Expectations - Regarding speaking at the invite of Palm Beach County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center:

- Mention Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center, SART & the Survivor Action Team during presentations and interviews.
- Hand out Victim Services general & therapy brochures with “You are not alone” cards.
- You will be asked for & given feedback on your participation on our speaker panel.
- Speakers are invited based on readiness, the match to the audience request, number of speakers requested, previous presentations to same audience, & availability.
- You may be invited to participate in one event, a few events or all events, as some members can be more appropriate for certain types of events and not all.
- Media training is offered

Note that if it is deemed within this interview or at any time in the future, it is at the discretion of the facilitator to refer to therapy if you choose to participate. This may be to address being triggered, the opportunity to receive therapy for the first time, as a “refresh” or other reasons. Attending therapy sessions does not guarantee an outcome of joining the Survivor Action Team. We are here to responsibly support your endeavors and healing journey.

Survivor Action Team (SAT) Interview Q’s:

1. What is your interest in joining SAT?
2. What has your healing journey been? Therapy? With who/how long...etc.
3. Where are you at now in your healing?
4. What is your history of sexual assault?
5. Who is/are your perpetrator/s?
6. Is there any contact with your perpetrator/s & what is your relationship with them, if any?
7. Have you ever abused or assaulted anyone? If no: Have you ever been accused of abusing or assaulting anyone?
8. Have you ever been arrested? If yes, describe why and the outcome.
9. Are you willing to use your full face, name, name type of SA, etc. in all media?
10. Describe any current relationships you are in: boundaries, issues, how they are handled.
11. How do you take care of yourself when triggered?
12. Have you presented in public before? Types:
13. Are you interested in assisting in other volunteer capacities, ex. Assisting with events?
14. What do you want to get out of this experience, joining SAT?

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