



## Annual Statistical Report

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# Executive Summary for May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018

## Introduction/Context

Brandon University has continued to affirm its commitment to provide its students, staff and faculty a culture where sexualized violence and its impacts are understood, survivors are supported, and the accused is held accountable. This commitment is further accomplished through raising awareness, providing education, and working to prevent sexualized violence. When an incident of sexual violence does occur, this office established support, advocacy and intervention services to assist members impacted by sexual violence.

The 2017-2018 year was highlighted by the one-year review of the Stand-alone Sexualized Violence Policy. Changes were made to improve our response to sexual violence on campus and we are anticipating the revisions going before our Board of Governors in June 2018.

Of equal significance, was the Manitoba Government's release in May 2017 of The Manitoba Post-Secondary Sexual Violence Policy guide to provide universities with best practices in response to disclosures of sexualized violence, as well as fulfill our obligations under The Sexual Violence and Awareness Act. Part of our review involved ensuring that our policy and accompanying protocol met these guidelines.

Finally, in mid-April, 2018, Manitoba is officially the third province in Canada to institute third-party sexual assault reporting to law enforcement (following British Columbia and the Yukon). This will enable survivors of sexual assault to share their stories anonymously with a community agency who forwards that information onto the police while protecting the survivor's identity.

Partnerships with Winnipeg Police Service, RCMP, Klinik Community Health Centre, Sage House and Heart Medicine Lodge in Winnipeg have already begun, with Brandon Police Services hoping to follow suit later this year. Westman agencies will pass along what information they collect to police without identifying the victim. Police will use this data to help paint a clearer picture of what is actually happening in the community, since close to 95 per cent of sexual assaults go unreported. The data can also be used to track any trends that develop and may help identify offenders. This is a great stride for survivors, as it

takes a situation that took away choice and put it back into the hands of the survivor. It also gives survivors a way to speak to what happened without the traumatizing experience of going to the police and criminal justice system.

In close parallel, this year found the SVEPC providing a marked increase in survivor accompaniment off campus, including the Brandon Courthouse, Brandon Police Service, and Sexual Health-Prairie Mountain Public Health. More survivors are coming forward to seek assistance and more members of our campus are guiding survivors directly to the SVEPC seeking options and support. Some our survivors were coping with a recent trauma, while others were continuing to be challenged by historical assaults.

## 1. Accomplishments in Direct Services

- **24 individuals** from the Brandon University community accessed Sexual Violence Education Prevention Coordinator (SVEPC) in person for services between May 1 2017 and April 30, 2018.
  - Of the total **24, 17 individuals** came for services for themselves, and **7 individuals** came for information about how to help a friend/family member/partner/colleague/student.
  - **11 individuals** came to SVEPC because they had personally experienced an incident of sexualized violence including cyber stalking, stalking, revenge porn, stealthing, sexual assault, and sexual harassment.
  - **7 individuals received on-going case management services.**
  - Of these **11** individuals, **5** requested accompaniment to law enforcement, and other criminal justice appointments.
  - **6 individuals** came to SVEPC because they had been sexually assaulted within the past year.
  - **1 individual** experienced sexual exploitation and human trafficking.
  - **1 individual** came to SVEPC because they had/or were currently experiencing sexual harassment.

- **2 individuals** came to SVEPC because they had experienced childhood sexual abuse.
- **51 individuals** came to (or called/emailed) SVEPC for other reasons, including referral, information about other resources on and off campus, information about sexual assault/harassment and prevention for research or academic projects. Follow up was provided to individuals, where appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

## Education/Prevention

SVEPC provided **29 presentations** to various groups on campus, including student leaders, student athletes and coaching staff, students living in Residence, Residence Assistants, Student Leaders, classes in the Science, Health Studies and Arts Departments, Mini University counsellors, Sexual Assault Advisory Group. In total, approximately **645 individuals** learned about SVEPC's services, sexual assault and harassment, strategies for prevention and pro-social bystander intervention. In addition, Townhalls were held to hear from our community on the newly revised Sexualized Violence Protocol.

Our Brandon University Sexualized Violence website was launched in November 2016 where Brandon University community members can get information on what to do if someone discloses sexual assault to you and what to do; to the myths and research surrounding sexual violence in all forms on campus. As policy and protocol development continue to improve and develop, this resource is also in a state of change and improvement.

This year saw community stakeholders request presentations from the SVEPC. In the fall of 2017, Women's Resource Centre of Brandon has now acquired funding to offer sexual violence support and advocacy services to survivors in the community. This provides survivors of our campus an additional off-campus resource, and we are committed to building this community partnership, to offer our members as many support options on and off campus.

Brandon University Office of Sexual Violence Education and Prevention will be participating in a pilot project with Ending Violence of Manitoba and other Westman community stakeholders, to be part of a province-wide data reporting system for survivors of sexual violence anticipated to launch July 2018. This will assist in our statistical gathering, which is currently being kept track manually. As numbers continue

to increase, this will not likely be a practical means of data collection. An electronic system will be a welcome addition.

Finally, Third Party Reporting to Law Enforcement for survivors implemented in Winnipeg in April 2018, community partners in Westman are looking to hold a meeting to discuss the possibility of a Sexual Assault Response Team or SART. The Brandon does not have such a team in place, but a majority of stakeholders are optimistic the time has come for Brandon to develop a team to investigate and support survivors of sexual violence. This off-campus resource will assist our campus with another options for survivors who come forward.

The SVEPC has developed presentations in four subject areas which include the following:

1. **Understanding Sexual Violence on Campus (Definitions, Myths, Statistics, Consent):** 13 presentations.
2. **Bringing in the Bystander Training (Canadian Version):** 8 presentations.
3. **How to Respond to Disclosures of Sexual Violence and Consent:** 3 presentations.
4. **BU's Sexualized Violence Policy and Procedures:** 2 presentations.

## Community Partnerships (Westman and Provincial)

- Brandon Police Service and Victims of Crime
- Prairie Mountain Health: Brandon Emergency Room Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE). Emergency Room
- Victims of Crime (Provincial)
- Westman Team Against Sexual Exploitation (WTASE)
- Sexuality Education Resource Centre (SERC)
- Women's Resource Centre
- Sexual Violence and Awareness Act Committee (Bill 15)

## External Partnerships (North America)

- Ending Violence Association of BC
- Ending Violence Association of Manitoba
- Klinik Health – Sexual Assault Program, Winnipeg. MB.
- Ontario Sexual Violence for Higher Education, Toronto, Ont.
- Bringing in the Active Bystander- University of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, USA.

## A Final Note

As this was the first year of implementation for BU's Stand-Alone Sexualized Violence Policy and accompanying procedures, much continues to be developed. This next year requires more presentations to our student body, faculty as well as administration in how to implement the policy and protocol. Much effort was given to creating supports for sexualized violence in the first year, and this only continues.

This academic year, with formal policy development not required for three years, a focus can be channeled into prevention/education. It will be a demanding project to shift our campus culture to a consent culture. Social change never happens quickly; it will be significant to gauge the pace of the culture in developing this paradigm shift.

The SVEPC has created professional relationships with survivors off our campus to seek experiential guidance. A support group for survivors on campus is something that we are looking to design for the upcoming year. With the traumatic nature of sexual violence, and the courage it requires for survivors to come forward, it isn't clear how we can brand this as a safe option.

Survivors have suggested the creation of focus groups to hear directly from students, as to their thoughts regarding rape culture and sexual violence experiences on campus. It is hoped that research can be developed out of this to track future research.

Finally, formation of a committee for Sexualized Education, Prevention and Research, composed of faculty, staff and students to work with the issues surrounding sexualized violence within our campus and larger Brandon Community. This committee can develop out of the Sexual Assault Advisory Group for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

If we follow the national data for sexual assault on university and college campuses, then we are only seeing the tip of the iceberg when it comes to sexualized violence. We can only presume, until we complete research of our own, if our numbers will be on par with other Canadian academic institutions.

To end, buzz continues on how to effectively engage men into the conversation on ending violence against survivors. As we continue to meet with our partners from other post-secondary institutions, conversation has begun to host a provincial conference to begin the dialogue. Experts such as Dr. Jonathan Katz and Dr. Micheal Kimmel have been conveyed by other Western provinces to guide the learning and Manitoba is hopeful to follow suit over this next year. Locally, Brandon University, is hosting

The American Men's Studies Association Annual Meeting and Conference in March 2019, where masculinity and gender experts will discuss how we can begin to partner and accomplish sexual violence work together.