

Governor's Sexual Assault Kit Working Group (SAKWG)
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2017

Members Present: Laura Cordes, Kerry Dalling, Michelle Noehren, Linda Cimino, Marshall Porter, Maureen Platt

Members Absent: Cathy Malloy, Anne Mahoney, Guy Vallaro

Guests: Kevin MacMillan, Kristin Sasinouski

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was convened at 2:10pm

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2016

The minutes of the December 9, 2016 meeting were discussed and approved with edits.

III. Updates

Kevin Macmillan updated the group regarding the purchase of software to track the CT-100 kits and provided an update on the total number of "untested" kits submitted to the lab, the number tested, as well as the number of CODIS hits to date. (A summary sheet was distributed to SAKWG members) Numbers were presented by Judicial District as well. A total of 927 kits have been received by the lab. As of January 13 there were 40 CODIS hits.

Members discussed the survey results of the law enforcement agencies to date and decided to extend the survey through the end of January. Ms.Cordes will communicate with state attorneys and CPCA to encourage those departments who have yet to respond to participate.

The Victim Notification Protocol Subcommittee held a meeting in December and began to frame out the guidelines. The current recommendation would be for each case that has a CODIS hit to be discussed between the district's state's attorney, local detective and community based sexual assault victim advocate. If there is a determination that the case would be reopened, the detective and advocate would pair up to notify the victim. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 30 from 9:30 -12:00 at the office of the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence in East Hartford.

Members also discussed an upcoming visit from RTI and the national SAKI IACP representative as well as training dates for law enforcement officers for summer 2017. Both Detective Dalling and Captain Porter will help coordinate dates and logistics with POST and CPCA respectively.

IV. New SAKI Grant Solicitation

The 2017 SAKI grant solicitation was discussed. The focus of this application is to secure funding for the testing of approximately 1000 partially tested kits which were submitted to the lab prior to 2008. Unlike the current kits identified in 2015, these kits were sent to the lab, but were only screened for biological materials due to the policy at the lab during this time. The application which is due in early March would also support an Inspector in the Chief State's Attorney's Office, a Victim Notification Coordinator with The Alliance and a research partner to examine a set of the cases to understand case dynamics and reasons why the kits were not utilized or sent to the lab for these case investigations.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SAKWG will be held on February 10, 2017 at 2PM at the Forensic Laboratory, 278 Colony

Street, Meriden.