

Governor's Sexual Assault Kit Working Group (SAKWG)

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2017

Members Present:

Laura Cordes, Kerry Dalling, Maureen Platt, Anne Mahoney, Michelle Noehren, Marshall Porter, Guy Vallaro, Linda Cimino **Members Absent:** Cathy Malloy **Guests:** Kevin MacMillan

Approval of Minutes from April 7th: The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Updates

Unprocessed Kit Collection and Testing

Kevin MacMillan distributed updates of the testing results . To date, 1156 SAKs have been submitted of which 577 have been tested with 55 CODIS hits. Members reviewed ongoing testing results and CODIS hits by Judicial District. Based on the rates to date, it is estimated that the remaining testing will result in another 50 CODIS hits and that each Judicial District will need to review somewhere between 2 - 12 cases.

Survey Results

The survey that opened up in the fall of 2016, to determine the number of SAKs that have not been submitted to the Forensic Science Laboratory for testing is now closed. All but two towns in Connecticut responded to the survey. Of the 110 responses, only 25 agencies reported having unsubmitted SAKs. The total number of kits identified is 183. The majority of these kits have been sent to the laboratory for testing.

Tracking Software

Kevin MacMillan reported that he anticipates that the tracking data from September 2016 forward will be entered into the new database by the end of the summer. He is approaching each hospital emergency department to train them on the tracking software.

Committee Report

The Victim Notification Guidelines Committee met and edited the draft guidelines. Members discussed the guidelines and the proposal to bring an advocate, state's attorney and detective together to discuss each case with a DNA hit. Members agreed to review the updated draft of the guidelines before the next meeting for discussion.

September 27th and 28th Training

Members discussed the agenda for the September training proposed for law enforcement officers and other key stakeholders. Two speakers from the SAKI grant TA providers are confirmed: Jordan Sadinsky and Kelly Taylor from Fort Bragg. Dr. Vallaro will give opening remarks. Other speakers from the SAKWG will address the value of evidence, and victim notification. The final proposal will need to be submitted in early June in order to meet the 90 day approval process.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 9th 2:30 - 4:00pm