

Governor's Sexual Assault Kit Working Group (SAKWG)
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2017

Members Present: Laura Cordes, Linda Cimino, Maureen Platt, Guy Vallaro, Anne Mahoney

Members Absent: Kerry Dalling, Michelle Noehren, Cathy Malloy, Marshall Porter

Guests: Ashlei Flemming, Kevin MacMillan, Olivia DeFilippo, Eleanor Michael

Approval of Minutes from November 17: The minutes were reviewed and approved with minor edits.

Maureen Platt moved to approve with edits. Second by Dr. Vallaro.

Updates:

Kit collection and testing numbers to date

Kevin MacMillan distributed updates of the testing results. To date 1,188 SAKS have been submitted, which is the final total. Of these kits, 771 have been tested with 81 CODIS hits and 9 conviction matches. Dr. Vallaro explained that 64% of the tests did not have enough foreign DNA to submit it into CODIS, which clarifies the discrepancy between the 771 completed tests and 280 CODIS Profiles. The more recent kits show a higher percentage of tests that are submittable to CODIS.

Tracking Software Training

Tracking is continuing at the laboratory

Fall Trainings State Attorneys and Law Enforcement Training

- November 30: The training was not well attended due to workload and schedules. Kevin will reach out to Brian to get webinars on this topic connected to the internal website. 29 (10%) SAs attended the training, representing about half of the Judicial Districts. The committee discussed better ways to advertise future trainings and create incentives for people to go. Reviews of this training were great. An online evaluation will be sent to the participants to gauge how the training went and what else they would like to see. While it was originally intended to record this training, the committee was not able to, though other training materials are linked to the internal website.
- December 7: There were 65 attendees at this training, representing 20 PDs, 6 Colleges/Universities, 2 Tribal Police Departments, and 15 State Police Officers. The committee thought the training went well, but there are ways to improve based on the audience. A request will be put in for future training plans.

Discussion:

BJA/RTI Feedback on Victim Notification Guidelines

The committee reviewed the feedback from the BJA. Corrections were made to the Guidelines, and they will be resubmitted to the BJA for additional feedback.

2nd SAKI Grant Award

Press Conference on December 15

Speakers include the Governor and First Lady, and will highlight that the state has received not only the SAKI Grant Award but also a competitive grant that will allow the state to compare the current testing method, which involves serologically searching the evidence for body fluids with a newer method, termed male DNA screening. With this new screening method you are processing evidence items directly to DNA testing and searching for the presence or absence of male DNA. The Governor's office will organize speakers. Members discussed having a kit with a tracking barcode on hand for a visual.

Partners Meeting

Members discussed holding a partner's meeting in early 2018 for the second SAKI grant.

2018 Meeting Dates:

- Friday, January 12, 2018 2:30 - 4pm
- Friday February 9, 2018 2:30 - 4pm
- Friday March 9, 2018 2:30 - 4pm
- Friday April 13, 2018 2:30 - 4pm
- Friday May 11, 2018 2:30 - 4pm

Meeting Adjourned at 3:53 PM