

Governor's Sexual Assault Kit Working Group (SAKWG)

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2018

Members Present: Laura Cordes, Kerry Dalling, Marshall Porter, Anne Mahoney, Maureen Platt

Members Absent: Cathy Malloy, Linda Cimino, Dr. Guy Vallaro

Guests: Laura Varelas, Kristin Sasinouski, Eleanor Michael (call-in)

Approval of Minutes from March 9th: The minutes were reviewed and approved with minor edits. Maureen Platt abstained.

Updates: With Kevin's departure from the Crime Lab, Michael Bourke will be the temporary SAKI Coordinator in the interim until someone new gets hired. RTI reached out to Laura C. to talk about the transition.

Tracking: Kristin reported that the numbers stayed mostly the same. We are at 88% completion. Out of CODIS hits, there were 10 conviction matches. The lab is on track to finish testing the kits by the end of the summer. BODI still has 66 kits to be tested.

Training: Laura C. and Kevin gave 2 presentations at the OVA Victim's Rights Week Conference which had great feedback from attendees.

On May 11th 2018, the Henry Lee Institute will hold training on sexual assault crimes. Laura C. will present on sexual assault violence and will highlight the SAKI project.

Laura V. reported that on Tuesday May 15th, there will be a training for member center advocates who are Alliance Member Center SAKI designees. Tentatively Detective Dalling, Chief Porter, and someone from the lab will be speaking at the training.

Victim Notification Rollout:

Letter to the Chiefs: Chief Porter updated the group that the letter to chiefs was sent earlier in the week and both Chief Porter and Anne Mahoney reported that the letters were received as they had colleagues contact them.

Regional Meetings: Laura V. updated group that she started working with Peggy Pisano from the Rape Crisis Center of Milford to organize the first regional meeting for the Ansonia/Milford judicial district to do a case review of kits that were tested and a workshop on guidelines going forward.

Legislative Updates: SB 17 was voted out of committee and was supported by Democrats and Republicans with language changing from "barcode" to "electronic device." HB 5222 was amended to reflect the language of SB 17.

Next Meeting:

Due to the training on May 11th at the Henry Lee Institute members voted to move the next meeting from May 11th to May 18th.

The June 8th meeting be held as usual.

Meeting Adjourned 3:45pm