

Governor's Sexual Assault Kit Working Group
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2018 (draft)

Members Present: Laura Cordes, Dr. Guy Vallaro, Anne Mahoney, Maureen Platt, Marshall Porter

Members Absent: Kerry Dalling, Maureen Platt

Guests: Laura Varelas, Dr. Michael Bourke

Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 12: Laura C. motioned to approve minutes from October 12. Group decided since members who were present at the October 12th meeting were not at the November meeting will hold off on approving October Meeting Minutes until the next meeting on December 14th.

Updates:

Kit Tracking and Testing: Dr. Bourke shared that he is still re-sending letters SAKI Victim Notification letters to PD's, Advocates, and State's Attorneys. To date, 77 letters have gone out with 18 SAKI response forms sent back to the lab. 3 responses from non-SAKI cases also came back to the lab. There has been one new CODIS hit which is a conviction match.

Dr. Bourke also shared that in October he and members from the Connecticut Hospital Association put out two webinars for hospitals about the new tracking software in accordance with Public Act 18-83. These webinars will be archived on the Evidence Commission website for staff to have continued access. Several users have been entered into the tracking software. Dr. Bourke stated that both Plainfield Hospital and Yale University Hospital are still using CT 100 A kits. Mike will present tracking software at December's Working Group Meeting.

Regional Meetings: Laura V. shared that regional meetings are continuing to take place across the state. Most judicial districts have had regional meetings with the exception of Hartford Judicial District, Windham Judicial District, and Tolland Judicial District. Regional meetings will conclude by mid-January.

Victim Notification: Laura V. shared that Victim Notification is also being completed across the state. To date, there have been 18 meetings between police officers and advocates to discuss

notification. Out of the 18 SAKI cases, 2 victims have been notified over the phone. 9 victims were unable to be reached over the phone with letters sent. There were 6 cases where the advocate and the police officer met and declined to notify the victim after meeting. Additionally, 3 victims have since deceased in between the time of the assault and the notification being completed. There are 47 anticipated meetings still pending.

Training for Stakeholders 2019: Laura V. discussed with the group having a training either in January 2019 available to police officers and advocates with speakers followed by case scenarios.

2019 Meeting Dates: Laura C. discussed the Working Group Meeting Dates for 2019 since the administration is changing. Laura C. will discuss the status of the Working Group with the Governor Malloy and staff as well as Governor-Elect, Ned Lamont and report back to the group at the December meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:42pm

Fall Meeting Dates
December 14, 2018