

**APPROVED**

**Minutes of the  
July 26, 2017  
Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking and Reporting Commission**

**Members Present:**

Amy Barkholz - Michigan Health and Hospital Association  
Debi Cain - Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board  
Representative Laura Cox - Michigan House  
Colonel Kriste Etue - Michigan State Police  
Victor Fitz - Cass County Prosecutors Office  
Angie Povilaitis - Michigan Attorney General's Office  
Claire Khouri - Executive Office of the Governor  
Sheriff Blaine Koops (ret.) - Michigan Sheriff's Association  
Senator Tonya Schuitmaker - Michigan Senate  
Chief Robert Stevenson (ret.) - Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police  
Kym L. Worthy - Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan

**Members Participating By Telephone Conference Call:**

Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Kimberly Hurst - Michigan Chapter of International Association of Forensic Nurses  
Representative Stephanie Chang - Michigan House

**Members Absent:**

Senator Bert Johnson - Michigan Senate

**Staff to Commission:**

Lore Rogers, Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board

**Guests:**

Michael Bobbitt - Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board  
Beth Clark - Michigan State Police  
Meghan Faight  
Gail Krieger - Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board  
Anica Letica – Michigan Attorney General's Office  
Mary Morrow - Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan  
Jeff Nye - Michigan State Police

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Debi Cain convened the July 26, 2017 Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking and Reporting Commission at the South Grand Building, 333 South Grand Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48933 at 1:38 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

**MOTION: Moved by K. Worthy, seconded by L. Cox to approve the July 26, 2017 agenda. Motion carried.**

**MOTION: Moved by L. Cox, seconded by T. Schuitmaker to approve the June 17, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.**

**MOTION: Moved by L. Cox, seconded by T. Schuitmaker to approve the October 21, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.**

**MOTION: Moved by A. Povilaitis, seconded by B. Koops to approve the April 28, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.**

## **Reports**

J. Nye from the Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division reported on the status of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a statewide electronic tracking system. A Joint Evaluation Committee was formed in May 2017 and the request for proposal was published in June 2017. Bids on proposals were received by June 28, 2017 and are currently being reviewed. The evaluation process should be completed within the next two weeks allowing a recommendation to be made to the Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB).

L. Rogers, Board Staff to the Commission, reported on the work of the Committee on storage of unreleased Sexual Assault Evidence Kits. A draft survey is being worked on that will eventually be sent to healthcare and sexual assault care providers to determine their options for storage.

M. Morrow, Bureau of Justice Assistance - Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (BJA SAKI) Project Director at the Prosecutor Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) reported on the status of the auditing and testing of unsubmitted Sexual Assault Evidence Kits. There have been 2,444 kits inventoried statewide excluding 529 kits from Detroit and Flint. So far 1,661 kits have been tested which identified 452 Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) eligible profiles resulting in 246 CODIS hits.

Colonel Etue, Michigan State Police Director, reported on the emerging trends from 2016 crime data reporting on sexual assault. The data shows the percentage of rapes is up with the highest number of rapes occurring in June and July. The number of rapes reported to law enforcement was 6,571 victims in all age ranges. K. Worthy questioned the statistical accuracy of the 585 rapes reported in Detroit for 2016.

## **New Business**

A workgroup was created to plan for recommendations on appropriations needed to begin the SAEK electronic tracking system. A second workgroup was created to identify legislative initiatives to implement recommendations and to address other related issues.

The Commission decided on the following schedule for the 2017-18 Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking and Reporting Commission meetings:

Monday, October 16, 2017, 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

Friday, January 19, 2018, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20, 2018, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

## **Call to the Public.**

No comments.

## **Commissioner Comments.**

No comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by L. Cox to adjourn, seconded by T. Schuitmaker. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lore A. Rogers  
Staff to the Commission