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**Minutes of the
April 28, 2017
Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking and Reporting Commission**

Members Present:

Debi Cain - Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board
Colonel Kriste Etue - Michigan State Police
Vic Fitz - Cass County Prosecutors Office
Claire Khouri - Executive Office of the Governor
Sheriff Blaine Koops (ret.) - Michigan Sheriff's Association
Angela Povilaitis – Michigan Attorney General's Office

Members Participating By Telephone Conference Call:

Representative Stephanie Chang - Michigan House
Kimberly Hurst - Michigan Chapter of International Association of Forensic Nurses
Chief Robert Stevenson (ret.) - Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

Members Absent (with notice):

Amy Barkholz - Michigan Health and Hospital Association
Representative Laura Cox - Michigan House
Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Senator Tonya Schuitmaker - Michigan Senate
Kym L. Worthy - Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan

Members Absent (without notice):

Senator Bert Johnson - Michigan Senate

Staff to Commission:

Lore A. Rogers, Staff to the Michigan Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board

Guests:

Nancy Becker Bennett- Michigan State Police
Michael Bobbitt - Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board
Beth Clark – Michigan State Police
Amy Dehner – Michigan State Police
Chris Hawkins – Michigan State Police

The following participated via conference call:

Angela Madarang, staff to Representative Laura Cox
Derek Sova – Staff for Senator Tonya Schuitamaker
Mary Morrow – Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
Jeff Nye - Michigan State Police, Forensic Science Division
Matt Opsommer– Michigan State Police
Kristin Shelling – Michigan State Police, Forensic Science Division
Tiffany Vedder – Michigan State Police

Welcome and Introductions

Debi Cain convened the April 28, 2017 Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking and Reporting Commission at the Michigan State Police Headquarters, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan 48821 at 1:38 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

Roll call was taken and there was not a quorum for this meeting.

Project Updates:

J. Nye from the Michigan State Police, Forensic Science Division, reported on the request for proposal (RFP) for a statewide electronic tracking system. After review by the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board the RFP language has been finalized as of April 2017. The RFP will be published in May then bids will be received in June. Bids will be evaluated from June through August 2017.

M. Morrow, Bureau of Justice Assistance Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Project Director at the Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan, reported on the status of auditing and testing un-submitted Sexual Assault Examination Kits. The project has three main objectives:

1. To conduct a statewide inventory of all Sexual Assault Evidence Kits that had never been submitted for testing.
2. To track all testing outcomes.
3. To provide training to medical providers, law enforcement, victim advocates and prosecutors on issues pertaining to sexual assault kits.

M. Morrow said that there are approximately 15,000 total unsubmitted Sexual Assault Evidence Kits that have been found statewide including Detroit and Flint. The Michigan State Police have already processed 11,341 of these Sexual Assault Evidence kits. She explained the inventory process of the remaining 3,433 un-submitted Sexual Assault Evidence Kits. As of April 27, 2017,

there have been 1,290 Sexual Assault Evidence Kits tested resulting in 333 CODIS eligible profiles.

The SAKI project has partnered with MCOLES to provide training on the Sexual Assault Kit Evidence Submission Act and the Sexual Assault Victim's Access to Justice Act at every sexual assault training that MCOLES presents throughout the state. The SAKI project is also partnering with PAAM's Violence Against Women Project to provide one day multi-disciplinary trainings. Victim notification trainings are also provided by the SAKI project.

Lore Rogers, Board Staff to the Commission, provided an update on the work of the Committee on storage of unreleased Sexual Assault Evidence Kits. Committee members met together on March 6, 2017 and April 14, 2017 and decided that a central repository for unreleased Sexual Assault Evidence Kits is preferred. The committee is opposed to law enforcement being responsible for storing unreleased Sexual Assault Evidence Kits.

A survey will be prepared and distributed to hospitals and SANE programs throughout the state. The main purpose of the survey is to learn the policies and practices regarding storage of unreleased Sexual Assault Evidence Kits in those institutions as well as the transmission of released kits. If a central repository for unreleased Sexual Assault Evidence Kits is decided upon it may be necessary to amend the current law requiring hospitals and health care providers to hold unreleased Sexual Assault Evidence Kits for up to a year.

New Business

No new business.

Next Regular Meeting for 2016-2017

July 21, 2017. 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Michigan State Police Headquarters, Dimondale, Michigan. The time and date for this meeting may be subject to change.

Call to the Public.

No comments.

Comments from the Commissioners

Angela Povilaitis said the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking and Reporting Commission has done an amazing job.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lore A. Rogers
Staff to the Commission