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**Minutes of the
October 21, 2016
Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking and Reporting Commission**

Members Present:

Debi Cain - Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board
Representative Stephanie Chang - Michigan House
Colonel Kriste Etue - Michigan State Police
Kimberly Hurst - Michigan Chapter of International Association of Forensic Nurses
Carol L. Isaacs - Department of Attorney General
Kym L. Worthy - Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan

Members Participating By Telephone Conference Call:

Sheriff Terrance Jungel (ret.) - Michigan Sheriff's Association
Representative Laura Cox - Michigan House
Senator Tonya Schuitmaker - Michigan Senate
Chief Robert Stevenson (ret.) - Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

Members Absent (with notice):

Amy Barkholz - Michigan Health and Hospital Association
Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom - Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission
Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Claire Khouri - Executive Office of the Governor

Members Absent (without notice):

Senator Bert Johnson - Michigan Senate

Staff to Commission:

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

Guests:

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

Welcome and Introductions

Debi Cain convened the October 21, 2016 Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking and Reporting Commission in Room 9-550 at the Cadillac Place Building in Detroit, Michigan at 1:30 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests. L. Rogers reported that there was no quorum so the Commission was unable to approve the October 21, 2016 agenda or the June 17, 2016 meeting minutes.

Update on Request for Proposal for Statewide Electronic Tracking System

J. Nye provided an update on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a statewide electronic tracking systems. J. Nye said he, other MSP FSD staff, Board staff, and PAAM staff, met and developed draft specifications for the RFP. Paperwork was submitted, and the Executive Council of the Michigan State Police has approved it. The RFP is now awaiting approval by the Michigan State Police IT steering committee. The RFP will then go out to DTMB to generate a formal request for proposal to be published.

C. Isaacs mentioned that there is an electronic tracking system called SAMS that was created in Portland, Oregon, as part of its BJA SAKI grant, noting that this system is immediately available for free and is very user friendly. Members discussed the pros and cons of such a system and asked whether it would meet the requirements for ongoing submission as specified in the Commission's report. D. Cain noted that the RFP will be circulated to Board members for a quick review when it is ready, and in the meantime, the Commission can look at the Oregon system to see if it is compatible with other electronic tracking systems and if it can be done free of charge.

Update on Status of MSP BJA SAKI Grant audit and testing of unsubmitted kits

M. Morrow provided an update on the status of the audit and submission for testing of unsubmitted kits statewide. The audit is complete and 3,382 kits have been submitted to Sorensen lab for testing. This number includes 529 kits from the City of Detroit Police Department which were not technically part of the MSP grant inventory, but which MSP is including for purposes of testing. Sorenson has tested 715 kits, 37% of which have CODIS eligible profiles and are being entered into CODIS. These profiles are already generating "hits."

Review of possible further action by Commission

L. Rogers reviewed the Commission's earlier recommendations for legislative appropriations. The first was seeking funding for the acquisition and then maintenance of a statewide electronic tracking system. Other recommended appropriations depend on the acquisition of the tracking system, e.g., to fund the annual audit on proper submission of kits, and to prepare and implement training for healthcare and law enforcement on the existence of the tracking system and the requirement for submission of kits. K. Etue noted that the appropriations

process cannot start until the RFP has been issued and bids received. K. Etue and D. Cain estimated that the RFP process might take 3-6 months.

L. Rogers also reviewed the additional issues identified in the Commission report for possible future consideration. One of these issues was whether there was a need to consider amending the sexual assault evidence kit submission act to require medical examiners to submit kits. At the time of its report, the Commission recommended waiting to see how many medical examiners had unsubmitted kits. M. Morrow reported that there were no kits found at medical examiner's offices during the audit, and Commissioners expressed the opinion that there was no need at this time to amend the statute.

Another issue identified for future consideration was about the storage of unreleased kits, whether there should be guidance to health care providers on where and how they should store these kits, and whether there should be a central repository in the State for storage of unreleased kits collected by health care providers. L. Rogers noted that the draft of best practices from the national SAFER working group recommends that law enforcement store unreleased kits and that unreleased kits be stored indefinitely. Commission members expressed concern about law enforcement storage of unreleased kits. K. Hurst noted that hospitals are not necessarily the best place to store kits. The Co-Chairs directed L. Rogers to contact Commission members and request volunteers to serve on a working committee to explore this issue.

K. Worthy reported on the Sexual Assault Kit Summit held in Detroit on September 25-28, 2016, and acknowledged the hard work of many who made the Summit a resounding success. Almost 300 people from around 30 states attended including advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement, SANE nurses and non-profit staff. The speakers and workshops were wonderful and provided a wealth of useful information. RTI, the training and technical assistance provider for SAKI grantees, filmed a number of the workshops and may do additional webinars with some of the speakers from the summit. D. Cain noted how rewarding it was to see the positive press that Detroit received and how the media reflected the work that was being done. K. Etue noted that K. Worthy had brought Michigan to the forefront on this issue and that Michigan is seen as a leader on this issue.

C. Isaacs said she is retiring at the end of the year and this will be her last SAEK Commission meeting. T. Jungel said that he also will be retiring. Commission members expressed appreciation to each of them for their many contributions to the work of the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lore A. Rogers

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