

Governor's Sexual Assault Kit Working Group

Initial Goals for timeline (draft 7.15.16)

Inventory & Track SAKs

- Inventory kits at the lab from 2015 survey
- Survey again in 2016 and 2017 to identify outstanding kits not accounted for from 2015 survey
- Purchase and/or develop tracking software with bar codes for unsubmitted and new kits
- Develop and implement tracking systems for Kits from time of use through case disposition
 - for Unsubmitted kits
 - for New Kits

Test Kits

- Inventory and test unsubmitted kits by from 2015 survey at lab
- Test all non-anonymous kits
- Update Working Group on # of kits tested, # of hits # entered into CODIS, etc.

Investigation and Prosecution of Reopened Cases,

- Coordinate Judicial district meetings between State's Attorney, PDs and advocates to discuss protocol for re-opening cases
- Investigate cases
- Prosecute cases
- Track outcomes

Victim Notification

- Develop protocol with considerations for Who will notify? How? When/where?
- Coordinate cross training and case coordination for the adoption of protocol in all judicial districts
- Track outcomes

Training & Cross Training

- Identify training needs among partners
- Share all SAKI TA webinars and materials with SAKWG members
- Coordinate trainings sessions for multidisciplinary partners including law enforcement officers, prosecutors and advocates including:
 - Investigations- re-opening and cold cases
 - Understanding of victim behavior/trauma → ending narrative of "victim was uncooperative"; delayed reporting, encounters can start off consensually, alcohol/substance abuse
 - Address victim blaming stereotypes/myths

SAKWG

- Hold monthly/bimonthly meetings
- Make presentations to multidisciplinary partners
- Produce Year 1, 2 and 3 Reports highlighting best practice and recommendations for administrative and/or policy changes

