

# **Governor's Sexual Assault Kit Working Group (SAKWG)**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**April 7, 2017**

### **Members Present:**

Laura Cordes, Kerry Dalling, Maureen Platt, Anne Mahoney, Michelle Noehren, Marshall Porter

**Members Absent:** Cathy Malloy, Guy Vallaro, Linda Cimino

**Guests:** Kevin MacMillan, Christine Landino

**Approval of Minutes from February 10th:** The minutes were reviewed and approved.

### **SAKI Application:**

Kevin MacMillan reported that the application was sent out March 1, 2017 and awardees will be notified late summer. If awarded, the grant will support the testing of partially testing kits; a researcher; an investigator; and a victim notification coordinator.

### **Unprocessed Kit Collection and Testing Numbers**

518 kits have been tested to date with 47 CODIS hits. There was discussion on the best way to gather case information from each Police Department when there is a CODIS hit.

### **2016 Survey**

The total number of reported kits in the survey that were identified at PDs is 183. 126 of the kits have been delivered to the lab. Of the 126 kits, 110 kits can be tested using SAKI funding because of their incident date is in the year 2015 or earlier. The following 5 towns have not responded to the survey: Brookfield, Thomaston, Plainville, Plymouth, and North Branford. Captain Porter, Anne Mahoney and Kerry Dalling will follow up with their colleagues in their respective districts. The committee agreed to keep the survey open through the end of April.

### **Tracking Software**

Kevin MacMillan reported that the server is turned on and we have a contract with UPS. Kevin is going to work to customize it. He is entering tracking data from September forward into the database. He will continue to train and update emergency departments.

### **New Haven Stakeholder Meeting**

Laura Cordes and Kevin MacMillan met with a specialized unit of prosecutors who work on sexual assault cases in New Haven. Some of the cases were discussed. Kevin commented that DNA results sometimes do not move the case forward because the identity of the offender was already known.

### **Briefing with Police Chiefs Association**

May 3rd is the **Police Chiefs Meeting** which will be held at Mohegan Sun. The first speakers will be over breakfast. Captain Porter will be there for the presentation along with a representative from the National SAKI grant TA provider representing the International Association of the Chiefs of Police.

**Law Enforcement Training:**

Two speakers from the SAKI grant TA providers are confirmed: Jordan Sadinsky and Kelly Taylor from Fort Bragg. This training will be held at POST September 27th and September 28th.. Police Officers and detectives are the target audience and as well as other stakeholders. Members will discuss the training logistics and content at the May meeting.

**Victim Notification:**

A tentative date of April 26th at 9:30am was proposed for the next committee meeting.

**Other Business:**

Laura Cordes was invited to view “ I Am Evidence”, a new documentary that will be released this fall about the national problem of untested and backlogged sexual assault kits. The Alliance may host screenings.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30