

**Governor's Sexual Assault Kit Working Group**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12, 2018 (draft)**

**Members Present:** Laura Cordes, Kerry Dalling, Dr. Guy Vallaro, Maureen Platt, Linda Cimino

**Members Absent:** Marshall Porter, Anne Mahoney

**Guests:** Laura Varelas, Dr. Michael Bourke

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 14:** Kerry Dalling and Linda Cimino motioned to approve minutes from September 14. Minutes were approved with minor edits.

Updates:

**Kit Tracking and Testing:** Dr. Bourke reported that there had been no change in kit numbers. He stated that out of the 2015 SAKI grant CODIS hit cases, there were 5 Forensic Hits and 100 Offender Hits. Forensic Hits are hits that match to another crime but the offender is not known. Offender hits match to a known offender. Out of the 100 offender hits, there were 51 Cold Hits indicating that a suspect was not known, or there was a hit to someone other than the named suspect. There were 49 Warm Hits indicating that there was a hit to a known offender.

Dr. Bourke also reported that he received 16 responses back from PD's who worked on SAKI cases. Additionally, the kits that were submitted to the lab between August 2017 and February 2018 are being worked on by the outsourced lab.

**Hospital Training:** Laura V. reported that Dr. Bourke in collaboration with Marielle Daniels and the Connecticut Hospital Association will be producing webinars on October 23rd and October 25th will include instructions on how to track Sexual Assault Kits using UPS web based tracking software. Hospital employees will be able to access the webinars anytime after they are shared on the DCJ Evidence Commission website.

Bourke gave the Working Group a handout on numbers of kits sent to hospitals and returned to the lab.

**Regional Meetings:** Laura V. reported that within the last month, regional meetings have been held in the New London Judicial District, the Fairfield-Bridgeport Judicial District, and the Waterbury Judicial District. Regional Meetings are scheduled for October 17th in the Middlesex Judicial District and October 24th in the Litchfield Judicial District. Turnout has been strong and the collaboration at the local level is positive. She thanked working group members Det.Dalling, Chief Porter and Mike Bourke for their participation.

**2018-2018 Stakeholder Trainings:**

Laura C. and Laura V. reported that The Alliance will host a meeting between law enforcement officers and advocates on Victim Notification and invite national or regional speakers to attend.

Members were encouraged to plan additional training coordinated through DSS using the SAKI grant in 2019.

Discussion:

**Victim Notification:** Laura V. reported that there has been little change in Victim Notification numbers. There are 8 anticipated meetings between officers and advocates to discuss notification.

**CJPAC Presentation:** Laura C. reported that herself and Kristin Sasinouski will be giving a presentation on the work of SAKWG at the Office of Policy Management, Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Council on October 25th. The meeting begins at 9:00am in the LOB room 1C. Working Group members are welcomed to attend. CTN will film the CJPAC meeting.

**Other Business:** Mike Bourke Reported that there are 2 cases that hit to other sexual assaults.

**Adjourned 3:48pm**

Fall Meeting Dates

*November 9, 2018 2:30-4pm*

*December 14, 2018 2:30-4pm*