

SAKI Multi-Disciplinary Group Meeting Minutes

September 13th, 2018

1:10 PM

House Majority Hearing Room

Legislative Hall 2nd Floor

Dover, DE 19901

Members in attendance: Michael Kelly, Christian Kervick, Alexander Lawson, Robert Coupe, Jan van Amerongen, Dawn Culp, Morgan Santon, Jamie Armstrong, Amrita Lal-Paterson, Sarah Wooten, Jackie Cousin, Mike Bradshaw, Paige Schmitter, Anita Symonds

- Introductions
- Minutes from May 7th, 2017 meeting approved
- SAKI Recap
 - What/who SAKI is & does
 - 3 subcommittees
 - Law Enforcement, Victims, SANE
- SAKI Updates
 - Total of 821 sexual assault kits (SAKs) were submitted to BODE Labs for testing
 - 39 Wilmington PD cases were sent to FBI for testing
 - To date we have received 817 out of 821 kits from BODE Labs
 - 394 were POSITIVE for FOREIGN DNA
 - Out of that 394, 236 have been entered into CODIS
 - 101 identified a suspect (26 stranger; 75 confirmed)
 - 413 NO FOREIGN DNA
 - 10 were PREVIOUSLY TESTED/HAD MULTIPLE KITS
 - Main objective was to test as many kits as possible
 - All cases are reviewed by the investigating agency, regardless of DNA findings
 - No victim, suspect, or witness contact unless authorized by AG
 - Case review and intake forms have been created for tracking purposes
 - Statewide SAKI Training Conference September 19th and 20th at Del Tech Dover Campus
- Law Enforcement Committee Updates
 - Completed Investigative Procedures for Case Review, the Re-opening of Investigations and Training for our Policy Manual
 - Proper tracking for LEISS is in the works

- FEDS wants all cases being uploaded into ViACAP
- Working on a victim contact approach to minimize re-traumatization
- Grant provides funding to law enforcement for re-opened SAKI investigations
- Victims Committee Updates
 - Completed comprehensive portion of our Policy Manual, Victim Contact/Engagement
 - October 25th, 2017 committee provided a technical assistance event for 69 SAKI partners
 - Statewide Uniform Informational Trifolds & One-sheeter for Victims was approved by BJA (English & Spanish)
 - Overtime pay for law enforcement advocates working with SAKI victims has been approved
- SANE Updates
 - Unified Policy for kit retention & destructs (cases where the victim does not desire LE) has been completed
 - Unified Instructions – how long kits will be retained , now 6 months, language and discharge paperwork also uniform
 - Survivor Literature has been revamped – to be given after SANE exams (English & Spanish) have a one-sheeter with information for victims and families
 - Continuing to discover the best practice related to evidence collection on a statewide level
- **What's Next?**
 - On April 30th we submitted an application for \$1.65 Million 2018 Grant application to BJA in order to continue our SAKI efforts
 - Create a true Statewide Multi-Disciplinary Team (DOJ, Law Enforcement, and Victim Services) to review and intake ALL SAKI cases.
 - Secure funding for an AG and a paralegal who would be dedicated 100% to this project
 - Assess untested, previously tested and secondary evidence that could benefit from general and/or advanced DNA testing
 - Funding to assist LE and Victim Advocates with locating victims, providing support, and conducting investigations
 - Funding to assist the Division of Forensic Science with CODIS entry
 - Entry of ALL SAKI cases into the FBI ViACAP (Violent Criminal Apprehension Program)
- Questions/Concerns
 - Chris Kervick, on behalf of the CJC, asked if there is anything that the 3 subcommittees could use grant money for that they aren't already doing
 - SANE committee expressed interest in using funds for educational purposes

Meeting Adjourned 1:50 PM

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