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Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission Minutes
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1:00pm

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Office of Attorney General Jeff Landry
1885 N. Third St. – Livingston Building
First Floor – Clermont Conference Room
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Board Members/Designees:

PRESENT - John Siquefield, Erica Sparacino, Tammy Vincent, Bob Wertz, Morgan Lamandre, Rafael de Castro, Melissa Mendoza, Greg Waddell, Amanda Tonkovich, Michelle Jackson, Dr. Randall Brown, Heidi Martin, Senator Beth Mizell, and Shannon Dirmann. Other members or their designees were absent.

Other Attendees: Jeddie Smith, Lauryn Sudduth, Kim Wall, Monica Taylor, Chad Guidry, Brandy Sheely, Jen Laws, Gina Lagarde, Jennifer Ray, Katie Hunter-Lowrey, Natalie Sharp, Kristi Ambacher, Danielle Lax and Jason Eastin,

• **Call to Order and Roll Call**

- Executive Assistant Kim Wall called the meeting to order, made roll call and confirmed a quorum of members.

• **Chairman's Report**

- Opening remarks by Chairman John Siquefield included his indication that going forward kit tracking will be one of our major goals. He informed the Commission that he, Monica Taylor and Lauryn Sudduth had met with Senator Beth Mizell and discussed legislation and financing for a kit tracking program. He further informed that he had been in conversations with Captain Chad Guidry with the Louisiana State Police relative to a kit tracking program. He indicated that he had obtained financial estimates for start-up and maintenance for a kit tracking program from the two companies who had previously made presentations to the Commission and provided them to Captain Guidry. Mr. Siquefield stated that he would continue to go forward with meetings involving the State Police, Division of Administration and Legislators with intent of formulating legislation and obtaining funding for a kit tracking program.

• **Approval of the Minutes**

- Minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting were unanimously adopted.

- **Topics of Discussion**

- Lauryn Sudduth led a discussion of the clarification of kit dimensions and contents. Kit dimensions were confirmed. There was discussion and a consensus reached that the sterile water containers should be deleted from the kit contents because the expiration date of the water did not coincide with the expiration dates of the kits, causing some kits to be discarded before their expiration date.

An in-depth discussion was held by the Commission Members as to a future kit tracking system including the topics of Administration, location, Legislation, personnel and financing.

Commission members engaged in a discussion of Victims Reimbursements related to reimbursement of victims under La. R.S. 46:1822 and Act 229.

There was a discussion on Human Trafficking Issues by Melissa Mendoza, Jennifer Ray and other Commission members.

Jen Laws and Eric Johnson were introduced to the Commission by Morgan Lamandre and gave an in-depth presentation of issues related to HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis drugs.

Public Comment was requested and received as to all of the issues discussed by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners voted to delete the sterile water containers from the contents of the Standardized Sexual Assault Kits. No other votes were taken.

Chairman John Sinquefield indicated that the Victims reimbursement issue be placed back on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

Chairman John Sinquefield requested and received permission of the commission to set the next meeting for March 14, 2023 at 1:00pm in the Claremont Conference Room