Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission Minutes

October 15, 2019

1:30pm

Louisiana Department of Justice

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 Sinquefield, Pat Wajtkiewicz, Tammy Vincent, Morgan Lamandre, Dr. Randall Brown, Myles Robichaux, Sundée Winder, Heidi Martin, Greg Waddell, Valencia Landry, and Bob Wertz. Other members or their designees were absent.

**Other Attendees:**

Monica Taylor, Lauryn Sudduth, Judith Dodd, Camille Detrinis, Mendy Escudier, Brandy Sheely, Kelly Smith, Erica Sparacino, Latoya Roberson, Jocelyn Pinkerton, Drew Murray, Richard Mohr, Dr. Chip Riggins, Alex Billiaox, and Jessie Nieblas.

* **Call to Order**
* Commission Chairman John Sinquefield called the meeting to order at 1:36p.m. Opening remarks by Chairman John Sinquefield
* **Approval of the Minutes**
	+ Minutes for the July 15, 2019 meeting were unanimously adopted.
* **Topics of Discussion**
* Juvenile Kit Contents and Dimensions
	+ Members discussed the juvenile kit dimensions and contents. A model juvenile kit was presented from Children’s hospital.
	+ Guest from Children’s Hospital in New Orleans described how the juvenile kits are used at Children’s. No further public comment was offered.
	+ Members deliberated and determined that Commission should adopt the contents of the Children’s Hospital juvenile sexual assault kit. Additionally, due to size constraints and chain of custody labeling concerns, the Commission determined that the box size and outer labeling of the adult kit should be used for the juvenile kit.
	+ Committee voted unanimously in favor. Motion Passed.
* Written Protocols for Forensic Medical Examiners
	+ Sundée Winder presented proposed written protocols to the Commission. Members discussed issues within the protocols.
* Jackson v. Minden Police Department
	+ Members discussed *Jackson v. Minden Police Dep't*, 52,489 (La. App. 2 Cir. 2/27/19), 266 So. 3d 462, reh'g denied (Apr. 4, 2019), writ denied, 2019-00697 (La. 9/6/19) in relation to the written protocols. Commission will continue to monitor this case.
* Medical and/or Legal Re: Unconscious Victims
	+ The Commission discussed the need to amend the implied consent statute to include forensic medical exams. Additionally, the Commission discussed best practices in such a situation.
* “MeToo Kits”
	+ The Commission discussed the newly manufactured at-home sexual assault kits.
* House Concurrent Resolution No. 81
	+ LDH designee Sundée Winder presented on the required sections of 2019 Regular Session HCR 81. The Commission will continue this deliberation and discussion at the following meeting.
* **Public Comment**
	+ No general public comment.
* **Assign Tasks and Schedule Next Meeting**
	+ Continue discussion on HCR 81.
	+ A special meeting is scheduled for 1:30 pm on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at the Louisiana Department of Justice.
* **Adjournment**
* Chairman John Sinquefield adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:20 p.m.