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Meeting Minutes
Forensic Science Oversight Board

Date: November 20, 2019 10am-4pm

Place: The McCormack Building
One Ashburton Place, 21st floor
Conference Room 3
Boston, MA 02108

Members in Attendance:

Chairwoman Kerry Collins (Undersecretary for Forensic Science)
Sabra Botch-Jones (Forensic Science Expertise)
Dr. Robin Cotton (Forensic Laboratory Management 1)
Lucy A. Davis (Clinical Quality Management Expertise)
Judge Nancy Gertner (New England Innocence Project)
Lisa Kavanaugh, Esq. (MA Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers)
Adrienne Lynch, Esq. (MA District Attorneys Association)
Professor Timothy Palmbach (Forensic Laboratory Management 2)
Gina Papagiorgakis (Expertise in Statistics 1)
Nancy Rothstein (Nominee from Attorney General's Office)

Members Not in Attendance:

Dr. Itiel Dror (Cognitive Bias Expertise)-resigned
Anne Goldbach, Esq. (Committee for Public Counsel Services)
Clifford Goodband (Expertise in Statistics 2)
Dr. Ann Marie Mires (Academia, Research Involving Forensic Science)

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:04AM. A quorum was present

1. Minutes approval

- a. A correction on the attendee list was made to the draft meeting minutes. Minutes were then approved unanimously.

2. Finalize Report

- a. The FSOB reviewed existing recommendations (submitters: Lucy Davis, Sabra Botch-Jones, Ann Marie Mires, and Itiel Dror) and formulated new recommendations to add to the report.
- b. The FSOB edited, added and made tracked changes to the FSOB AUDIT section and the SUBSECTION 9(c) RECOMMENDATIONS section of the draft report.
- c. Topics that were explored during the discussion:
 - i. Potentially adding OCME to the list of future laboratories to audit,
 - ii. Revising the FSOB membership,
 - iii. The FSOB statute and its use of “commission”,
 - iv. The need for one central listing of forensic services providers,
 - v. The utility of Lean Six Sigma process mapping
 - vi. Certifications and possibly looking at what other states require in regards to certification. Lucy Davis encouraged reviewing OSAC’s requirement of 16 hours of training per year. Judge Gertner offered the use of proficiency testing paired with experience as another consideration.

3. Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting

- a. The frequency and duration of future meetings. The January meeting date will be 01/17/2020 10AM-1PM, One Ashburton Place, 21st floor, Conference Room 2.

4. Public comment

No public comment. A motion (N. Gertner) to adjourn was made, seconded (G. Papagiorgakis) and approved unanimously.

5. Action Items

- a. FSOB members will be sending their recommendations to EOPSS to include in the draft report by 12/2/2019.
- b. Board members expressed a need to resend the forensic services survey that was sent out to local police departments to generate more responses.