Pursuant to the provisions of G.L.C. 30A and 940 CMR 29.00 et seq, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the **Forensic Science Oversight Board** to take place on Friday, May 19th, 2023 from 10:00am – 11:00am.

**Forensic Science Oversight Board Meeting Minutes**

When: May 19th, 2023

Time : 10:00am – 11:00am

Via Microsoft Teams

**Present:**

Undersecretary Kerry Collins (Chair)

Robin Cotton

Lucy Davis

Ira Gant

Richard Lempert

Sabra Botch – Jones

Gina Papagiorgakis

Gabriel Thornton

Ann Maire Mires

Lisa Kavanaugh

Cliff Goodband

Adrienne Lynch

1. Minutes Approval
   1. Sabra Botch Jones made an edit to the minutes
   2. Minutes will pass as edited
2. Subsection Updates
   1. L. Davis: Lucy and Ann Maire will dive into their subsection next week.
      1. A.Mires: Many of the Forensic meetings have been around this subsection most of the work is done we just have to organize.
   2. R. Cotton: Subsection for Letters and accreditations there will be large overlap we can combine work or have that discussion when Tim is back.
   3. A. Mires: With MSP a lot was voluntary and as a board we can recommend and review to see what is appropriate for Mass.
   4. L.Kavanaugh: Subsection D needs some work. Needs work for practitioners if they become aware of something that needs attention.
   5. A.Mires: Subsection F would be a way to increase stakeholder involvement.
   6. We left the State Police Audit open – it does need to be revisited
3. **Next Forensic Provider Audit Discussion** 
   1. Worcester Drugs and Abuse lab welcomes the FSOB to audit the lab.
   2. A.Lynch: Worcester and Cambridge might be good. Not sure how to proceed with the smaller municipalities. Since Springfield was receptive they might be able to message out to other Police labs. Is it possible to convene a meeting with all the labs to convey how we are conducted and why we are doing this. Possibly have Springfield rely how it went and what they experienced.
   3. R.Cotton: Supports Adrienne’s idea. It’s important to have a standard operating procedure.
   4. L.Davis: Could probably put together two documents and break it up into accredited and non-accredited. Non accredited can be an ongoing process
   5. The group would like to reach out to the lab.
      1. I.Gant: Should we expedite the Springfield audit as a ground work. Or do we use this as we are shaping it as we go.
      2. S. Jones: the employees are employees from that organization and not employees of the state police.
      3. Robin will start the draft of the SOP Ira will join and the Lucy
4. Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours
   1. L.Davis: There is a company selling at home sexual assault kits marketing that if you don’t want to go to the hospital you can collect your own and then the kit is available for legal purposes. There are groups making statements explaining that this is not okay. OK outlawed it. This will be placed on the June agenda
      1. I.Gant: does anyone know if anyone has attempted to use this kit in Mass.?
   2. A.Mires: hosting missing children day at the state house to educate legislators what is happening and for a repository.
   3. L.Kavanaugh: Would like to circle back to our outreach to the AG’s office as it relates to the Bristol DA.
5. Public Comments
   1. No Comment was entered