**Forensic Science Oversight Board**

**When:** April 22, 2022

**Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm

**Where:** Via Microsoft Teams

*Members Present:*

Chairwoman Kerry Collins (Undersecretary for Forensic Science)

Sabra Botch- Jones (Forensic Science Expertise)

Dr. Robin Cotton (Forensic Laboratory Management 1)

Gina Papagiorgakis (Expertise in Statistics 1)

Dr. Ann Marie Mires (Academia, Research Involving Forensic Science)

Anne Goldbach Esq. (Committee for Public Counsel Services)

Lisa Kavanaugh, Esq. (MA Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers)

Adrienne Lynch, Esq. (MA District Attorneys Association)

Lucy A. Davis (Clinical Quality Management Expertise)

Clifford Goodband (Expertise in Statistics 2)

Nancy Rothstein (Nominee from Attorney General’s Office)

Richard Lempert (Cognitive Bias Expertise)

*Members Absent:*

Professor Timothy Palmbach, Esq. (Forensic Laboratory Management 2)

Judge Nancy Gertner (New England Innocence Project)

1. **Minutes Approval** 
   1. Approved.
2. **FSOB Symposium** 
   1. L. Kavanaugh provided an update to identify a date, consensus on content and proposed speakers.
   2. Noted Harvard University may not be ideal to host the Symposium per Judge Gertner.
      1. Judge Gertner will not be able to actively be a member of the working group due to personal reasons.
   3. R. Cotton discussed the possibility of holding the Symposium at Boston University however she needs to know an estimate of attendees. It might be more difficult to secure the space during the school year.
   4. Undersecretary Collins offers the September 16th FSOB meeting to hold the Spring Symposium. As well as mentioning an online platform maybe beneficial as it allows for more folks to participate in the event.
   5. C. Goodband and S.Botch- Jones noted that hybrid platforms are more difficult in terms of monitoring those who are virtual and making them included in the event.
   6. L. Davis noted that the board would also have to consider the vaccination requirements of facilities if the Symposium were to be held in person.
   7. The board determined that the target is to reach the legislatures and the stakeholders therefore a virtual meeting would be more feasible
   8. R. Cotton offered a potential agenda to the board and additional members added focus points for the Symposium
      1. Short session on FSOB equivalents throughout the country
      2. What does statute mandate and what have the working groups accomplished?
      3. What is the labs jurisdiction and services do they provide?
      4. What happens when the labs can not provide certain services that are needed?
      5. How we impact policy
      6. Future efforts of the Oversight Board
   9. If any members have speaker suggestions please send them to A.Putvinskas to distribute information to appropriate working groups
   10. L.Kavanaugh added that the group can utilize breakout rooms and live polling to engage the stakeholders and participants of the event.
3. **Familial DNA**
   1. L. Kavanagh has added new proposed language to the Familial DNA Legislature.
      1. The Board made edits and unanimously agreed accept the language with changes and send the letter to the legislature.
4. **Subsection updates** 
   1. R. Cotton reported on her visit to Springfield PD.
      1. Springfield PD has made numerous improvements to their procedure
      2. All Analysts have taken a proficiency test and are awaiting their results.
      3. The Captain and Sgt. noted that MSP have been a massive support and are using MSP guidelines to shape Springfield Crime Lab guidelines
      4. Made changes and updated Solution guidelines
      5. Looking to hire certified examiners
      6. Working to seek accreditations – need to obtain their own copy of the ISO Standards.
   2. C. Goodband reported on this working group
      1. Received all documents and a plan has been established for BPD Crime Lab to present at the next meeting to provide a general overview of training and audits.
   3. A. Lynch provided an update on her working group
      1. Noted that their document is geared to the wrong target audience
      2. Currently reworking their document and determining who the audience is
      3. L. Davis noted that they may want to reach out to the SANE Nurses within DPH to determine if the nurses need to be included.
   4. A. Mires provided an update to her subsection
5. **Public Comments** 
   1. No members of the public commented.
   2. Meeting was adjourned