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Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission Minutes

June 18, 2025

1:00pm

Louisiana Department of Justice
Office of Attorney General Liz Murrill
1201 N. Third St. – Claiborne Building
Thomas Jefferson Room 136C
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Board Members/Designees: PRESENT - John Sinuefield, Monica Taylor, Shannon Dirmann, Olivia Jones, Dr. Juliette Saussy, Erica Sparacino, Kim Young, Jim Craft, Michelle Jackson, Morgan Lamandre, and Frank Young

Other Attendees: Jeddie Smith, Kim Wall, Steven Hartmann, Tonya Suire, Pam Cart, Keith Talamo, Tammy Smith, Kristen Graham-Winkles, Natasha Poe, Maci Lapeyrouse, Julie Foret, Kim Thomas, Heather Furnas, Carie Whittington, Bridget Depew, Ginesse Barrett, Natalie Walton, Julie Floyd, Kristen Jacobs, Emily Dixon, Chad Guidry, Olivia Johnston, Natalie LaBorde, Gina Harkrider, Tina Stefanski, Emery Doga, Shirley H. Young, Shantel Hebert Myer, Gina P. Lagarde, Justine Crowley, Martha Whyle, Eric Brooks, and Neha Mehta

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

- **Chairman's Report**

- Chairman John Sinuefield reported that he met with Attorney General Liz Murrill and Commission Member Morgan Lamandre regarding obtaining a federal grants for training of SANES.

- **Approval of the Minutes**

- Minutes of the February 26, 2025 meeting were unanimously adopted.

- **Topics of Discussion**

- Kit Tracking Update
 - o Chad Guidry reported that although unreported and consensual cases are taking up resources, the tracking system is working properly and that the backlog is slowly decreasing.
 - o There was a discussion of the processing of kits regarding federal bases and prisons. Dr. Mehta requested to be involved in the process when new kits are ordered to discuss kit instructions for pediatrics.
- Update on Progress of Region 4

- Lafayette Parish Coroner Keith Talamo and Tonya Surie gave a report on the progress in Region 4 regarding sexual assault response by his office.

1. Performance Audit Process

- Emily Dixon, Director, Performance Audit Services, Legislative Auditor's Office, gave a brief description of the performance audit process. She also discussed HB531 and the audit process of sexual assault advocacy. She also analyzed gaps and challenges Louisiana is facing and the research planning phase.

2. Legislative Committee Testimony Issues

- Commissioner Morgan Lamandre presented a video of disturbing testimony relating to LSU Band activities that were revealed in a legislative committee. Discussion was held as to possible remedial actions.

3. Legislative Issues

- Steven Hartmann, Manager LDOJ Legislative Affairs, gave a report of legislative activity regarding sexual assault and related issues. Commissioner Morgan Lamandre and Commissioner Senator Beth Mizell made additional comments about the 2025 Legislative Session.

- Future Projects for the Commission

- Chairman Sinquefield indicated that he believed a priority for the Commission should be recruitment, training, and upgrading of SANES through legislation and grants. Another goal should be the elimination of deserts of access to SANES in certain areas of Louisiana.

• **Public Comment**

- Public comment was solicited and received on all issues before the Commission.

• **Votes**

- No votes other than for approval of minutes and adjournment were taken.

• **Assign Tasks & Schedule Next Meeting**

- Chairman Sinquefield requested and was granted permission from the Commission to have some flexibility in setting the next meeting date depending on the availability of the Claiborne Building Meeting Rooms.

• **Adjourned**