Minutes for the State of North Carolina Forensic Science Advisory Board Meeting (NCFSAB)

Meeting – July 16, 2013 – 9am North Carolina State Crime Laboratory Raleigh, NC

Board members present: State Crime Laboratory Director Judge Joe John, Peter Marone (Chair), Michael Coble, Kermit Channell, Tracey Dawson Cruz, David Hinks, Amanda Julian, Roger Kahn, Alka Lohmann, Bruce McCord, Bethany Pridgen, Deborah Radisch, Leonard Stefanski, Peter Stout (via teleconference), Ronald Singer, Robert Zipf

Board members not present: Christopher Palenik

Others in attendance: Deena Koontz, Pete Ware, James Faggart, John Byrd, Mark Boodée, Matthew Boyatt, Joy Strickland, Ann Hamlin, Timothy Suggs, Michael Budzynski, Chuck McClelland, Suzi Barker, Karen Morrow, Jennifer Councilman, John Dilday, Jody West, Amanda Thompson, Erin Biggio, Richard Waggoner, Patti Carroll (NCSCL); Stormie Forte (SBI Ombudsman); Sarah Rackley Olson, intern Sarah Sheridan (Office of Indigent Defense Services)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marone at 9:10am. As the first orders of business the board voted to adopt the agenda for the meeting and the minutes for the previous meeting, as presented.

Judge John noted that there is a vacancy on the board and that a potential candidate has been identified to fill the vacancy.

Nominations and Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Chairman. Peter Marone was nominated and subsequently elected by acclimation to continue in his current position as Chairman. Michael Coble was nominated and subsequently elected by acclimation to serve in the position of Vice Chairman.

Following a brief break, the meeting continued.

Lean Six Sigma Project Reports

The following NCSCL personnel provided introductory remarks to the Board regarding progress of the Lean Six Sigma (LSS) Project:

Forensic Science Manager John Byrd

Forensic Science Manager Ann Hamlin

<u>Section Presentations</u>

The following NCSCL personnel provided the Board with an overview of the progress of their sections: Richard Waggoner – Toxicology Patti Harrell - Drug Chemistry

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:25, and resumed at 10:40.

Section Presentations, Continued

Jody West – Biology

Amanda Thompson, Steven Henderson, and Tonya Rush - DNA Database

Forensic Advantage Update

John Dilday provided the Board with an update on the status of the Forensic Advantage website project.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30.

The meeting resumed at 1:45.

Director's Report to the Board

After the lunch break, Judge John reported to the board regarding developments with regard to: ISO 17025 accreditation LSS project

Case Management policy

Outsourcing

Joy Strickland reported to the Board on initiatives with local District Attorneys aimed at reducing the accumulation of cases at the lab, and the recent NC Supreme Court ruling on substitute witnesses.

Legislative Update

Judge John provided an overview of the following legislation that has passed or is being considered by the General Assembly:

SB 200 (Extend Time for Forensic Accreditation)

SB 285 (DWI Cases/No ILAC Required)

SB 630 (Evidence and DNA Expunction Laws)

Budget proposals (Governor's, House, and Senate)

After a brief break the meeting continued.

Overview of NCSCL Firearms and Tool Mark procedures

Ron Singer reported on behalf of the Board's Firearms Section Subcommittee.

Overview of NCSCL Forensic Biology procedures

Mike Coble reported on behalf of the Board's Forensic Biology Subcommittee.

Additional comments

Sarah Rackley Olson of the Office of Indigent Defense Services and SBI Ombudsman Stormie Forte offered remarks to the Board.

At the Board's next meeting (scheduled for October 22) Len Stefanski will present the report on Latent Evidence, David Hinks will present on Digital Evidence, and Chris Palenik will present on Trace Evidence.

The Board set January 28th as the date for the first meeting in 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM.