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National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act (NFSIA) Task Force
February 4, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
District Attorneys Council, Federal Grants Division
421 N.W. 13th Street, Suite 125, Oklahoma City, OK 73103

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrea Fielding, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Dr. Jesse Kemp, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Ron Williams, Oklahoma City Police Department, Julia Roberts, Ardmore Police Department.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon Wilson, Steven Kunzweiler, Chris West, and Adam Flowers.

STAFF: Sinead Maguina, Kacy Holland

1. Call to Order –

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.

2. Roll Call –

A roll call determined a quorum was present.

3. Open Meeting Compliance –

It was noted the agenda for the National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act (NFSIA) Task Force Grant was properly posted and the Office of the Secretary of State was notified. The meeting agenda was posted at the District Attorneys Council on January 28, 2021.

4. Welcome and Introduction of Guests –

Kacy Holland and Sinead Maguina introduced themselves as new employees of the DAC. Julia Roberts introduced herself as a new voting member from the Ardmore Police Department.

5. Approval of the November 5, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes – Ron Williams

A motion was led by Jesse Kemp to accept the November 5, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as written while a second was presented by Andrea Fielding. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. Discussion and Update on Medical Marijuana – Dr. Jesse Kemp

Active caregiver licenses have dropped by two percent and is starting to reach a plateau. Patient population has gone up about two percent, with active patient licenses sitting at 367,000. Business licenses are up 10%, majority of them being grower licenses. Processors and dispensaries have increased slightly. State Question 788 tax raised about \$58 million; state and local sales tax raised about 71 million. OBN has concerns about large commercial growing operations coming into Oklahoma because of lack of regulation and low prices. Investors are buying plots of land 2-3 times what the land is worth. They're putting multiple trailer homes on the land, the main concern is that it is not just a growing operation but human trafficking as well. They have had contact with workers after site visits saying that they are not being compensated. There seems to be quite a bit of smuggling of liquid marijuana to be used as vape oils, into and out of Oklahoma. Younger population being more exposed to this because of vaping and edible THC products. They have not seen a huge increase in motor vehicle deaths that have THC present.

- 7. Discussion and Update on the DNA Arrestee Program and Bullet Tracks – Andrea Fielding**
Bullet Tracks is up and OSBI employees have received their training. Working on training to send out to law enforcement to help them understand what it does. DNA Arrestee Program is running strong. Thus far the OSBI has received 134 hits. The majority coming from Oklahoma County (46) and Tulsa County (65). The program has helped solve 10 homicides, 20 rapes, 1 assault, and multiple burglaries, robberies and larcenies. Several counties still have not utilized this program.
- 8. Discussion and Update on McGirt vs. Oklahoma – Steve Kunzweiler**
Tribes are disputing lab fees from the State Bureau of Investigation for issues relating to McGirt v. Oklahoma. The OSBI will be attending a hearing in Grady County concerning a defendant claiming that he is Native American. A DNA test showed that he was about .04% native. The hearing is to decide whether this defendant falls under McGirt or not.
- 9. 2021 Competitive Coverdell Application-Sinead Maguina**
The 2021 federal solicitations for the formula and discretionary grants have not been sent out yet. OSBI may have a project to apply for the discretionary grant.
- 10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Ron Williams**
2021 Competitive Coverdell Applications
Medical Marijuana-Jesse Kemp
McGirt V. Oklahoma- Steve Kunzweiler
National Initiatives-Andrea Fielding
- 11. Announcement – Ron Williams**
OSBI posting job positions soon, and they are outsourcing sexual assault kits. The first batch has been sent out.
- 12. New Business Unknown 24 Hours Prior To Meeting – Ron Williams**
None
- 13. Adjournment – Ron Williams**
Jesse Kemp led a motion to adjourn and Julia Roberts followed with the second. All in favor. Motion passed.