

Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Search (FGGS) Sub-Panel Virtual Meeting

December 15, 2025

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Welcome

Deliverables

Four Assigned Tasks



Deliverables

Immediate Need

- Maryland Department of Health to take the issue of meeting with the Forensic Laboratory Advisory Committee (FLAC) to the administration to identify efforts to move the drafts forward.
- Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to take the issue of who needs to authorize the FLAC meeting up the chain, and report back to the sub-panel on the outcome.

Deliverables

Future Need

- Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to distribute a survey to law enforcement agencies to gather insight on their FGGS-related case work.
- Laboratory directors to gather information from laboratories regarding their engagement with forensic investigative genetic genealogy (FIGG), including if they are receiving FGGS cases and if cases are currently being funneled through them.

Deliverables

Outcome of Immediate Need



Forensic Laboratory Advisory Committee

Maryland Department of Health

- Executive Director issued an outreach email to the FLAC Chair Rollison on December 1, to begin scheduling coordination meetings for 2026, and to resume work under House Bill 240/Senate Bill 187.
- Office of Health Care Quality to move into active coordination and resume work on the regulatory components associated with [§ 17–104 of the Criminal Procedure Article](#), based on FLAC Chair Rollison's availability.

Forensic Laboratory Advisory Committee

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

- Submitted memo to the Executive Director, and met to discuss next steps.
- Director of Policy and Legislation contacted the Maryland Department of Health's Director of Governmental Affairs on the status of the FLAC, and learned that a licensing board must be established under [§ 17-104\(a\) of the Criminal Procedure Article](#) to receive the FLAC's recommendations on the draft regulations, however, no budget appropriation provided.

Discussion

Recommendations



What Steps Are Needed?

- Should the FLAC help the Office of Health Care Quality to establish a licensing board?
- Is there another way for the FLAC to move the draft regulations through the approval process?



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