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In accordance with Article 4, Chapter 114 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Board shall review and make recommendations as necessary to the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory Director concerning any of the following: (1) New scientific programs, protocols, and methods of testing; (2) plans for the implementation of new programs and for sustaining existing programs and improving upon them where possible, and for the elimination of programs which may no longer be needed; (3) protocols for testing and examination methods and guidelines for the presentation of results in court; and (4) qualification standards for the various forensic scientists of the laboratory.

Consistent with the Board's advisory capacity as set out in N.C.G.S. § 114-61, a special committee was tasked with the review of quality system procedures and documents for the State Crime Laboratory.

The committee reviewed the documents and met with the Lab quality management team regarding suggested improvements. It is noted that the committee identified no procedural issues.

The Board notes that the policies and procedures in the Lab quality system are consistent with acceptable practices utilized in the forensic science community.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

Tim Kupferschmid,

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