



What I Wish I Knew-West Virginia

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What I Wish I Knew in WV

Looking back...

- Rethinking the MDT/working group membership
- Engaging key players prior to expanding to the entire state
- What to do while waiting on the inventory/testing
- Training and community outreach



SAKI- From the Laboratory Perspective

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From Several Counties to a Statewide Initiative

Develop strong communication

County by county testing approach

Stick to a schedule

Testing SAKs

Testing was outsourced

Testing delays

Streamline the CODIS review process

Lessons Learned

Keep MDT engaged

Set small manageable milestones

Remind everyone of the common goal



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