

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2013**

***** Approved *****

Members Present:

Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair
Trp. Yvonne Brantley
Jeffrie Cape
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines
Kathryn Hoover
Jeffrey Sauter, J.D.

Staff Present:

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Patsy Baker
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary
Celestine Colton
Donna Cornwell
Carol Hackett Garagiola
Julie Giddings
Sarah Heuser
Gail Krieger
Karen Porter
Lore Rogers
Joyce Wright

Guests:

Deirdre Ford - Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan
Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Melissa Horste - Regional Representative Lansing Office of U.S. Senator Carl Levin
Mary Pollock - Michigan National Organization for Women

Welcome and Introductions

Chair C. Sullivan convened the April 19, 2013 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, Michigan at 2:00 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda and approval of amended February 15, 2013 and March 15, 2013 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by E. Pollard Hines to approve the April 19, 2013 agenda and to approve the amended February 15, 2013 and March 15, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by K. Hoover. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan said there was a request by the Michigan Crime Victims Services Commission to support raising the national VOCA cap to one billion dollars for the Crime Victims Fund. The Crime Victims Fund is financed by fines, forfeitures and other penalties paid by federal criminal offenders. This fund is used to finance crime victim services and is not funded by taxpayers. The Board expressed approval for the chair to send a letter of support to raise the cap.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

The 2012 Annual manuals were distributed to the Board members chronicling the work that has been accomplished by staff over the past year. D. Cain thanked Sarah Heuser and Julie Giddings for their work on the manual.

D. Cain thanked K. Hagenian for her long ago suggestion to consolidate the Emergency Shelter Grant Program with the Domestic Violence Comprehensive contracts. D. Cain said as of October 1, 2013, the Board will receive the DHS Emergency Grant dollars to distribute.

D. Cain said that DHS Finance Director S. Kangas assured her that the Board's budget issues will be fixed, no contracts will be cancelled and no grant money will be sent back to the Federal government.

L. Rogers introduced D. Ford from the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM). D. Ford spoke about the multi-disciplinary and collaborative approach used by PAAM in the projects and trainings it does under contract with the Board. D. Ford said that PAAM is primarily involved with curriculum development and training on sexual assault, stalking and domestic violence. She spoke about the work being done on the Jurisdictions of Excellence program, which identified Flint, Saginaw, Pontiac and Detroit as jurisdictions where law enforcement is being offered training and assistance to enhance their response to sexual assault. D. Ford said a core curriculum is being developed that takes into account the unique challenges that have been identified by each jurisdiction.

J. Wright spoke about her collaboration with the DHS Office of Workplace Training and Development to produce an online domestic violence workshop for eligibility and family independence specialists. The online workshop is interactive and has four modules including a discussion board for posting questions. The Board will send a thank you letter to Director M. Corrigan for supporting the creation of the workshop along with a request to make this online workshop mandatory.

Legislative Review

C. Hackett Garagiola called attention to the 2013-2014 House and Senate bill logs provided to Board members. Board members acknowledged their review of the logs. J. Sauter requested that a full analysis of HB 4011 be prepared for the next Board Meeting in May.

C. Hackett Garagiola informed the Board that members of the MDSVPTB staff have been invited by the State Court Administrator to participate in a meeting to discuss whether jurisdiction to conduct non-domestic personal protection order (PPO) proceedings should be moved from family division of circuit court to district

court. L. Pollard Hines expressed her preference that both domestic relationship PPOs, non-domestic relationship stalking, and sexual assault PPOs remain in circuit courts to avoid victim confusion that can threaten victim safety. All other present Board members agreed with this preference and rationale.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

PROCESS EVALUATION: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by J. Cape to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by K. Hoover. Motion Carried. The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt