

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
April 20, 2012**

**Corrected - Final**

**Members Present:**

Cris Sullivan, Chair  
Jeffrie Cape  
Candace Cowling  
James Fink  
Kathryn Hoover  
Honorable Edward Sosnick

**Staff Present:**

Debi Cain, Executive Director  
Donna Cornwell  
Sarah Heuser  
Gail Krieger  
Mary Lovik  
Tiffany Martinez  
Karen Porter  
Lore Rogers  
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary

**Guests:**

Mary Keefe - Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
John Lazet - Attorney General's Office  
Shannon Nobles - Michigan Resource Center on Domestic & Sexual Violence  
Michelle Robinson – Michigan State Police

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chair C. Sullivan convened the April 20, 2012 Michigan Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, Michigan at 1:05 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

**BOARD CONSENT**

Review of agenda; approval of February 10, 2012 and March 16, 2012 meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to approve the April 20, 2012 agenda and to approve the February 10, 2012 and March 16, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by E. Sosnick. Motion carried.**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

C. Sullivan congratulated K. Hoover's Michigan Vision 2020 project which was accepted as the B.E.S.T. project for the city of Flint. K Hoover said her Michigan Vision 2020 involves working with schools to develop mentor programs for kids. C. Sullivan also announced that E. Sosnick recently received the Annual

Call to Justice Award for his work in raising awareness of elder abuse. A. Ronayne Krause sent her apologies for not being able to attend today's meeting because she was in Alpena.

C. Sullivan called the Board's attention to the Board Committee Principles in the Board packet. A. Ronayne Krause said that she was stuck in Alpena and was not able to attend

**Motion: Moved by E. Sosnick to support the Board Committee Principles. Motion seconded by K. Hoover. Motion carried.**

D. Cain reviewed the final fiscal year spending summary for 2011 provided to the Board at the March 16th meeting.

**Motion: Moved by E. Sosnick to accept the summary. Motion seconded by K. Hoover. Motion carried.**

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

D. Cain said that over 140 people were able to attend the recent Sexual Assault Summit. D. Cain acknowledged G. Krieger, M. Bynum and L. Rogers for their work on the Summit. D. Cain said assistance received from PAAM, the State Police, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Sheriff's Association and MCOLES was crucial to the success of the Summit. D. Cain said there is currently a tremendous hunger for information regarding sexual assault issues.

G. Krieger reported on the GTEA four jurisdictions of excellence: Pontiac, Detroit, Saginaw and Flint. G. Krieger is working with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to hold an intensive two day law enforcement leadership institute with the four jurisdictions of excellence. D. Cain said the desk audit of the Transitional Housing – ARRA is complete. D. Cain indicated that the regional office audit of the Safe Havens grant is still underway. D. Cain called the Board's attention to the memo in the Board packet regarding eight separate Department of Justice grants audits scheduled for June.

D. Cain said that T. Martinez is a national expert in the area of supervised visitation. T. Martinez provided an overview on the Board's current Safe Haven's Supervised Visitation project. Based on the past 10 years of experience with the Safe Haven's grants, discussion with the three projects funded by the Board, T. Martinez said it was determined that it would be beneficial to create a case coordinator position in at least one of the funded communities. The case coordinator's role would be to screen for domestic violence within the court system, to assess the level of risk, to recommend appropriate ancillary services, manage referrals and to offer information back to the court. This concept has been included in the most FY 2012 Safe Havens Grant Application we have submitted to OVW.

### **Legislative Review**

M. Lovik reported on House Bill No. 5449. This bill imposes criminal penalties for using a GPS unit embedded in a cell phone to locate individuals without their permission, as well as disclosing that information to a third party.

**Motion: Moved by E. Sosnick to support the bill in concept and suggest that the sponsor explore the impact of the bill on custodial parents who need to monitor their children and its applicability in situations involving domestic violence. Motion seconded by K. Hoover. Motion carried.**

M. Lovik reported on Senate Bill No. 989. This bill amends the child custody act to regulate courts' discretion in granting custody or parenting time to parents who are required to register under the sex offenders' registration act.

**Motion: Moved by E. Sosnick to support the bill in concept, but suggest that the bill proponents look at additional potential scenarios and other states' approaches, especially regarding domestic violence. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.**

L. Rogers presented a proposal to amend the Board General Principle on economic stability that was adopted in May 2005 to make it clear that the principle applies to both survivors of intimate partner violence and survivors of sexual violence, whether or not the sexual violence is perpetrated by an intimate partner.

**Motion: Moved by C. Sullivan to support an amended version of the principle to read as follows: "Survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence need adequate economic resources and economic stability in order to recover from the effects of the violence and to achieve safety and autonomy. Accordingly, the MDVSAPTБ supports legislative and policy initiatives that enhance survivors' economic recovery and stability, and that remove obstacles survivors face as they seek to achieve economic independence." Motion seconded by E. Sosnick. Motion carried.**

G. Krieger reported on House Bill 5413, which provides for the retention and storage of any item or material collected as evidence regarding the commission of a felony that is biological material or believed to contain biological material.

Board members deferred taking a position on this bill and requested that more information be presented at a future meeting on the possible effects that this bill would have on victims of sexual assault.

**Motion: Moved by J. Fink to authorize staff to share issues and concerns related to House Bill 5413 with the sponsor. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.**

M. Lovik reported on a request from a legislator's staff to provide technical assistance in drafting amendments to MCL 768.27a that would allow evidence of any prior registerable sex offense to be admitted in any subsequent trial for a registerable sex offense, without regard to the age of the victim in either instance.

**Motion: Moved by J. Fink to support the concept of the proposed amendment and authorize MDVSAPTБ staff to assist legislative staff. Motion seconded by K. Hoover. Motion carried.**

C. Cowling reported on House Bill 5153 regarding civil immunity for agencies providing child social welfare services.

**Motion: Moved by E. Sosnick to authorize MDVSAPTB staff to convey identified concerns to DHS on the Board's behalf. Motion seconded by K. Hoover. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

M. Keefe from the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence said that Kathy Hagenian was selected by the Crime Victim Foundation of Michigan as the Crime Victim Advocate of the Year.

Sergeant M. Robinson of the Michigan State Police said she has moved to the Prevention Services section.

C. Cowling said that she is very appreciative of work done by the Board.

Jeffrie Cape said that BISCMI has received a formal letter from the Michigan District of Court Probation Officers endorsing the process of monitoring batterer intervention providers in the state of Michigan.

**PROCESS EVALUATION:** No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Bobbitt