

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

**MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2013**

***** Approved *****

Members Present:

Cris Sullivan, Chair
Yvonne Brantley
Jeffrie Cape
James Fink
Kathryn Hoover
Jeffrey Sauter

Staff Present:

Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary
Debi Cain, Executive Director
Celestine Colton
Donna Cornwell
Carol Hackett Garagiola
Julie Giddings
Gail Krieger
Mary Lovik
Tiffany Martinez
Lore Rogers
Joyce Wright

Guests:

Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Tom Knapp – Michigan Chapter of the National Children’s Alliance
John Lazet - Attorney General’s Office
Nathan O’Neil – Child and Family Services of Saginaw County
Mary Pollock – Michigan National Organization of Women
Stacey Westra – SCAO Trial Court Services

Welcome and Introductions

Chair C. Sullivan convened the January 18 , 2013 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, Michigan at 2:05 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda; approval of September 21, 2012 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by K. Hoover to approve the January 18, 2013 agenda and to approve the September 21, 2012 meeting minutes. Seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan said that the Board has a new name and is now officially called the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. The new name reflects the focus of the board on both domestic and sexual violence. C. Sullivan asked Board members to review the following governance process policies: Assurance of Quality, Compensation and Benefits; Contracting Process; Treatment of Staff; and Financial Condition. No changes were requested.

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

D. Cain welcomed and thanked J. Sauter, Y. Brantley and E. Hines for their willingness to serve on the board. D. Cain welcomed C. Hackett Garagiola back as staff to the board.

D. Cain discussed an e-mail message from the Office on Violence Against Women regarding the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act). The fact that the VAWA reauthorization bill has not yet been passed by Congress has caused some apprehension for those receiving VAWA dollars. The Office on Violence Against Women communicated that for the time being, things are expected to continue as usual. D. Cain said she is hopeful that the reauthorization bill will pass in the next session of Congress.

D. Cain indicated that the Board staff will be busy submitting new applications for the STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) grants, the FVPSA (Family Violence Prevention and Service Act) grants and SASP (Sexual Assault Service Program) grants coming up soon. Also, the Board will need to reapply for three discretionary grants administered by the Office on Violence Against Women, which are highly competitive. These include GTEA (Grants to Encourage Arrest) grants, Safe Havens grants and Rural grants.

G. Krieger talked about work being done under the STOP and GTEA grants with our state criminal justice partners. Projects in partnership with the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan include:

- the Jurisdictions of Excellence Project, which provides intensive law enforcement training in the governor's four Safe Cities - Flint, Saginaw, Pontiac and Detroit.
- a PAAM initiative to create a bank of model policies for responding to sexual assault.

L. Rogers added that the STOP grant helps to fund domestic violence and sexual assault trial advocacy courses for prosecutors.

G. Krieger said that the Board has worked with MCOLES (Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards) on a curriculum for two-day trainings responding to sexual assault. L. Rogers added that there are three upcoming trainings scheduled in the Upper Peninsula.

G. Krieger updated the Board on the GTEA project with the Attorney General's office for a sexual assault cold case team. Additionally, Board staff are working with the State Police Crime Lab to improve the sexual assault evidence kit. G. Krieger spoke about a December sexual assault training the Board provided primarily for law enforcement in southeast Michigan. Russell Strand from the Department of Defense was the presenter. G. Krieger said in April there will be a summit in Petoskey that is open to law enforcement statewide, but is primarily for a rural and northern Michigan audience on the issue of domestic violence and dual arrest.

M. Lovik talked about a 5-part series of personal protection order webinar trainings, called the PPO University. Up to 100 participants may attend each session. All the webinars will be recorded and stored on the Board's Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence website.

D. Cain said that at the September Board meeting, the Board had voted to do a continuation budget after listening to DHS Budget Director Amanda Bright McClanahan. A. Bright McClanahan and P. Baker reviewed changes that will need to be approved by the legislature. D. Cain hopes that A. Bright McClanahan will come to either the February or March Board meeting to give a status report.

In recognition of Stalking Awareness Month, L. Rogers gave a presentation on the laws governing stalking.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

PROCESS EVALUATION: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT :

MOTION: Moved by J. Cape to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Y. Brantley. Motion Carried
The meeting ended at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt