

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2009**

***** APPROVED *****

Members Present:

Princella Graham
Honorable Amy Krause, Chair
Honorable Nathaniel C. Perry, III

Staff Present:

Michelle Bynum	Mary Lovik
Debi Cain	Karen Porter
Josie Jubb, Board Secretary	
Gail Krieger	

Guests:

Julie Boggs, Wayne County Family Violence
Jeffrie Cape, BISC-MI
Angela Clemmons, Wayne County Clerks Office
Christine Drake, Branch County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Coldwater
A. Elliott, MI Department of Corrections
Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV
Shannon Nobles, Resource Center
S. Patel, MI Department of Corrections
Anthony Sampson, 54-A District Court
Chris Trudell, MI Department of Corrections
Judith Zatkan, Student

Welcome and Introductions

Chair A. Krause convened the June 12, 2009 Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) meeting at DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, MI, at 10:05 a.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

There is not a quorum for today's meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Krause thanked Jerry Dorsey for doing an excellent job testifying about the sexual assault PPO bill (HB 4222) on June 10, 2009.

PAAM will be taking the lead to introduce a bill that will address increased criminal sanctions for strangulation.

A. Krause asked that Board members let us know for the record if there's any concerns or conflict with their role in serving on the Board. A. Krause stated on the record that her spouse is now the Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Community Health (DCH).

A. Krause noted that the annual Board Retreat will be on September 11, 2009, and it is imperative that all Board members attend. Jerry has already noted that he will be out of state during the Retreat.

A. Krause discussed the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) judges "Elder Abuse Training" that she and N. Perry along with 3 other Michigan judges attended June 7-10, 2009. N. Perry commented that the training gave insight to elder abuse and how it can parallel domestic violence. He thought it was excellent and it gave a different perspective to be more mindful of the problems the elderly are facing.

The Board will be funding 5 judges from Michigan to attend another NCJFCJ "Enhancing Judicial Skills in DV Cases Workshop" in December. A. Krause will be attending as an instructor at this training. MDVPTB has set-aside federal dollars that can be used to send judges to this training.

MONITORING TO ASSURE ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

The Board reviewed the policies. No motion required.

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

D. Cain discussed the packet that was distributed with information for Board members on matters pending before the Legislature.

D. Cain asked for thoughts and guidance from the Board regarding HB5021, which *would add Sec. 1315 to the revised school code to address dating violence*. Board members advised staff members to meet with the sponsor to discuss implementation timelines, resource issues, and stakeholder participation in crafting the policies and curriculum called for in the bill.

D. Cain passed out an article on strategic lawsuits against public participation, in connection with HB 5036, which addresses such suits. Staff will prepare an analysis of HB 5036 for the September meeting and will seek further board input at that time.

Updates from D. Cain that 2 staff positions vacated by the retirements of Penny Hackett-Evans and Pat Hillmann have been filled and resumes were distributed to the Board for the 2 new staff, Donna Cornwell and Johanna Soet. Welcome Donna and Johanna!

Staff G. Krieger presented on Child Advocacy Centers.

D. Cain updated board about the STOP-ARRA dollars (just under \$4.2 million to be distributed in a 2 year period). Michigan is one of only a few states up and running by the May 1st start date. Contract and Quality Assurance staff has done a fabulous job. There have been difficulties as we're still unclear as to what documentation will be needed by the feds. The process has been very intense and will not slow down for awhile. There were at least 4 communities that declined the funding because they could not justify the

amount of time and scrutiny involved for the small dollars available. The Agency Director's meeting was cut short by one day because of the first of six furlough days fell on the 2nd day of the meeting.

D. Cain reported that MDVPTB applied for \$5.1 million in TSH-ARRA funds on behalf of 17 Michigan Transitional Housing programs.

D. Cain reported that all Marriage/Fatherhood dollars were eliminated by Executive Order as of 7/1/09.

D. Cain indicated that the next federal OVW funded Think Tank for the national Safe Return Initiative will take place in August in Detroit. Key MDVPTB and MDOC staff will participate. Special thanks to Darlene Johnson (OVW) and Dr. Oliver Williams (IDVAAC) for assisting us in pulling together a one-day symposium on domestic violence and prisoner reentry. The Symposium will take place on August 19, 2009 just prior to the national Think Tank meeting on August 20-21 in Detroit. MDOC and BISC-MI are also partners on the symposium.

Jeffrie Cape from BISC-MI and Kathy Hagenian from MCADSV gave a presentation on Batterer Intervention Standards monitoring.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathy Hagenian informed the Board that MCADSV just returned from Advocacy Day in DC. They visited 14 of the 17 congressional reps and they did the best they could to get more funding dollars for Michigan. Kathy thanked the Board for their leadership and stellar staff as well as their always thoughtful use of dollars to best reflect the work the Board and programs are doing.

Jeffrie Cape reported on Aquila, a national group working to provide factual information on domestic violence.

PROCESS EVALUATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Josie Jubb