

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

**MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2013**

***** Approved *****

Members Present:

Cris Sullivan, Chair
James Fink
Kathryn Hoover
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines
Hon. Jeffrey L. Sauter

Staff Present:

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Celestine Colton
Donna Cornwell
Debbie Felder-Smith
Carol Hackett Garagiola
Julie Giddings
Sarah Heuser
Gail Krieger
Tiffany Martinez
Karen Porter
Lore Rogers
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary

Guests:

Deirdre Ford - Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan
John Lazet – Michigan Department of Attorney General
Mary Pollock - Michigan NOW
Stacy Westra – State Court Administrators Office, Trial Court Services

Welcome and Introductions

C. Sullivan convened the June 21, 2013 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing, Michigan at 3:00 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda; approval of May 17, 2013 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to approve the June 21, 2013 agenda and to approve the May 17, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion Seconded by E. Hines. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan had no updates.

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

D. Cain stated that she is still awaiting the outcome from a recent budget adjustment hearing and will report back to the Board as soon as the budget issues are resolved. D. Cain expressed gratitude to Governor Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette for a \$4 million contribution from a lawsuit settlement to be used for testing a substantial portion of the sexual assault kits in Detroit. D. Cain said J. Lazet and two of his colleagues attended the June Agency Directors Meeting and spoke about the Human Trafficking Task Force work being led by the Attorney General. D. Cain noted that a full analysis of HB 4011 had been prepared for the May Board Meeting as per the request of Board member J. Sauter.

Legislative Review

C. Hackett Garagiola reported on HB 4694, 4695, 4696 and 4697 which authorize the establishment of mental health courts. C. Hackett Garagiola discussed some concerns with the legislation as written. C. Hackett Garagiola said that a therapeutic treatment model is not appropriate for domestic violence perpetrators because battering behavior is not a mental health disorder. C. Hackett Garagiola expressed concern that people who engage in intimate partner violence would seek to have their cases assigned to a mental health court in order to avoid being held accountable for their behavior and that there should be a screening mechanism that would prevent that from occurring.

J. Sauter and E. Hines were concerned that Criminal Sexual Conduct was left out of the definition of violent offenses. D. Cain said staff will follow up with the sponsors to find out why the language of this legislation was crafted the way that it was. E. Hines said she supports the legislation in concept, but has concerns about the criteria for determining admission to a mental health court.

C. Sullivan recommended that a work group be formed to come up with a general principle and specific recommendations regarding the bills. It was decided to form a work group consisting of D. Cain, M. Lovik, C. Hackett Garagiola, J. Fink, J. Sauter and E. Hines. C. Sullivan suggested that the language of the draft general principle clearly define the term "mentally ill"; not permit offenders to escape accountability; and ensure that the expertise of domestic violence and sexual assault professionals is sought.

Board members acknowledged that they had an opportunity to review a list of other bills of interest to the Board's constituency that had been introduced since the Board's prior meeting and no items were identified for further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: S. Westra said that a Personal Protection Order advisory group is scheduled to convene on July 18, but that it may be postponed for two weeks to make sure that data is collected and other submissions are taken into account.

PROCESS EVALUATION: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by K. Hoover to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by J. Fink. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt