

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

**MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2015**

***** APPROVED *****

Members Present:

Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair
Sgt. Yvonne Brantley
Jeffrie Cape
James Fink
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines
Jacqueline Schafer

Members Absent:

Hon. Jeffrey Sauter

Staff Present:

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Celestine Colton
Sarah Heuser
Mary Lovik
Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis
Karen Porter
Lore Rogers
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary

Guests:

Kelly Grandchamp – SIREN / Eaton Shelter
John Lazet – Department of Attorney General
Rachel Richards – MDHHS
Stacey Westra – SCAO

Welcome and Introductions

Chair C. Sullivan convened the May 15, 2015 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Library of Michigan – Lake Superior Room in Lansing, Michigan at 2:02 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda and approval of April 10, 2015 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to approve the May 15, 2015 agenda and to approve the April 10, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by J. Schafer. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan said the Office on Violence Against Women's 20th Anniversary 20 state tour came to Detroit, Michigan on May 11 and to Ann Arbor on May 12, 2015. The OVW staff asked D. Cain to focus the Michigan presentation on sexual assault. C. Sullivan said the OVW staff and the other attendees were very impressed with their visit.

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

D. Cain said renowned researchers Dr. Rebecca Campbell and Dr. Cris Sullivan joined the OVW staff for breakfast on the first day of the OVW visit. The morning session included presentations by Detroit/Wayne County Victim Service Providers:

Delores Hernandez, Executive Director CHASS/LA VIDA

Kim Hurst, Executive Director Wayne County Safe

Kalimah Johnson, Executive Director SASHA Center

Emma Peterson, Executive Director YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit

Amy Youngquist, Executive Director First Step

Also attending were Mary Keefe, Executive Director Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) and Kathy Hagenian, Executive Policy Director MCEDSV

Lunch was attended by Prosecutor Kym Worthy, some state partners, U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sara Woodward, and the OVW and White House staff.

D. Cain said that several state criminal justice partners spoke during the afternoon session. The afternoon session included presentations by the following:

Herb Tanner, Violence Against Women Project Director Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan (PAAM)

Dede Ford, Violence Against Women Training Unit (PAAM)

Angie Povilaitis, Assistant Attorney General Sexual Assault Unit Department of the Attorney General

Donna Pendergast, First Assistant Attorney General- Criminal Unit Department of the Attorney General

Karen Fairley, Special Investigator Department of the Attorney General

Hermina Kramp, Deputy Director Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards

Captain Greg Michaud, Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division

L. Hines said Bea Hanson, the Principal Deputy Director OVW came to Ann Arbor on the second day of the OVW visit. L. Hines said there were many great collaborative partners from the JODI grant who spoke about their programs and answered questions from Bea Hanson.

D. Cain invited the Board members to a reception to celebrate the release of the "Michigan Model Policy: The Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault" and to thank the Model Policy Working Group. The reception is scheduled for 12:30 on June 19, 2015 in the Mackinac Room of the Anderson House Office Building immediately prior to the next Board meeting, which will begin at 2:00 in the Lake Superior Room of the Michigan Library and Historical Center.

D. Cain said M. Lovik, C. Hackett Garagiola and J. Buzolits have been working together on the Erin's Law Task Force and Report, which concludes June 17, 2015.

D. Cain congratulated J. Cape on the BISC-MI conference and the amazing work she has done as a BISC-MI Board member.

D. Cain and L. Hines reported that they had a very productive meeting with Chief Judge Blount of the 36th

District Court regarding the potential use of the court STOP funds. We expect to receive a proposal from her in the near future.

D. Cain said the Governor is getting ready for his criminal justice public safety report to the legislature on Monday, May 18, 2015. The Governor had asked for, and staff had provided, suggestions for some of the initiatives. D. Cain along with Board members Y. Brantley, J. Fink and L. Hines will attend the Governor's presentation on Monday to learn which two domestic violence initiatives the Governor may have included in his proposals.

D. Cain said that in recent years MDSVPTB has focused on supporting culturally-specific programming with funds from OVW that are designated for that purpose. She noted that the OVW grant liaison for two of the Board-funded programs was present at the OVW site visit to Detroit and was able to meet the staff from SASHA and LA VIDA.

C. Colton and S. Pilgrim-Lewis presented on Sexual Assault Services and Programming (SASP) for underserved communities. C. Colton said there are two sources of federal money available to underserved populations, SASP and a set-aside from STOP. LA VIDA, YWCA of Kalamazoo, and SASHA Center of Detroit, are the three SASP-funded programs in Michigan. C. Colton noted that Board staff have been immeasurably helpful in training and providing program support to the three agencies. The culturally-sensitive training and intervention has greatly increased the trust and working relationships with MDSVPTB staff, and there is mutual learning.

S. Pilgrim-Lewis said that MDSVPTB training has impacted the way that the culturally-specific programs are growing and evolving. She said that two of the three culturally-specific programs will be participating in the Praxis advocacy learning center this year.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

M. Lovik reported on a proposed amendment to MCR 6.106 regarding pre-trial no-contact provisions for persons in custody. The Supreme Court requests that public comments on the proposed amendment be submitted by August 1, 2015.

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to submit comments making the following points:

- 1. Judges disagree about their authority to issue restrictions on jailed defendants' contacts with other individuals, making the proposed amendment necessary.**
- 2. The proposed amendment would promote survivor safety in situations where there is a threat of witness tampering or intimidation.**
- 3. The proposed amendment would not necessarily protect survivors in situations where defendants presents a threat of physical, financial, or other harm, without evidencing the intent to influence survivors' participation in the judicial process.**
- 4. The proposal should be amended to specify that a court may issue a condition restricting contact with another person if it determines the condition is necessary for the other person's protection.**

5. The addition of proposed new sub-rule 6.106(B)6 should be stricken because the court rules do not apply to jails, and the term “peonological goals” is vague.

Motion seconded by Y. Brantley. Motion Carried.

M. Lovik agreed to draft a letter containing the comments listed in the motion for review by the following board members:

J. Fink
Hon. E. Hines
Y. Brantley

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. Cape said L. Rogers and K. Porter both attended the Wayne County Fatality Review. J. Cape said Detroit is looking at reconvening its domestic fatality review team. J. Cape said the domestic fatality numbers are up, but that data from Detroit on DV homicides did not include homicide-suicides, which means the actual number of domestic violence fatalities is even higher.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion Carried. The meeting ended at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt