

**CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**Meeting – August 1, 2011**  
**MINUTES**

Frank Rhodes, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. on August 1, 2011, in the Third Floor Conference Room, Lewis Cass Building, 320 South Walnut Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Present:

Commission Members:

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom  
Frank Ochberg  
Jan Praefke  
Frank Rhodes  
Kym Worthy

Staff Members:

Jeanie Cox, Secretary  
Caralo Johnson, Medical Benefits Reviewer  
Christine Lau, Senior Analyst  
James McCurtis, Manager  
Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Laura Moody, Assistant Attorney General  
Joseph Pochen, Assistant Attorney General  
John Lazet, Victim Advocate for Attorney General

Ms. Praefke moved, supported by Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom, to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 20, 2011 meeting. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis reported that on August 30, 2011, there is to be a Public Service Announcement taped in English and Spanish at the Court of Appeals. Participants will be Col. Kriste Etue of the Michigan State Police, Terry Jungel of the Michigan Sheriff's Association, and Tom Hendrickson (or a substitute representative) of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.. This PSA is to promote MCVINN (Michigan Victim Notification Network).

Mr. McCurtis also stated he will be attending the Prosecuting Attorney's Association's annual conference on August 28, 2011. He also stated that Ms. Washburn and Ms. Lau will be attending the National Association of Compensation Boards' conference in September of 2011. Ms. O'Reilly from CVSC will also be attending this conference.

Mr. McCurtis reported that CVSC is adding Spanish and Arabic versions of different documentation to its website. Other changes are being made also.

Also, Mr. McCurtis stated that legislation to correct language in the assessment law was introduced in late June, 2011.

Mr. McCurtis shared a copy of the new survey postcards which are being sent to claimants. There is one color for awarded claims and another color for denials.

Report of the Members – Mr. Rhodes introduced a discussion regarding a letter drafted by Mr. McCurtis which would be conveyed to all police departments in Michigan. This letter references the need for CVSC to obtain police reports for any claims received in the office. Much

discussion followed. Mr. McCurtis also stated that he has been and will be going to the individual county prosecutor offices to meet them.

Unfinished Business – None.

Public Comment – None.

Ms. Moody stated it would be her last meeting. This duty has been transferred to another Attorney General Division.

Mr. McCurtis thanked Mr. Rhodes and Dr. Ochberg for their service on the Commission pending renewal of their terms by the Governor.

The meeting scheduled for August 15, 2011 and September 19, 2011 have been cancelled. The next Commission meeting is to be held on October 17, 2011.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

Mr. Ochberg made a motion, supported by Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frank Rhodes, Chairperson

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_