

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – May 19, 2014
MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. on May 19, 2014 in the Third Floor Conference Room, Lewis Cass Building, 320 South Walnut Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Present:

Commission Members:

Donald Condit
Victor Fitz
Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom
Brian Pepler

Staff Members:

Jeanie Cox, Secretary
Christine Lau, Senior Analyst
Jacqueline Manns, Medical Claims Reviewer
James McCurtis, Director
Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General
John Lazet, Advocate, Attorney General's Office

Emily McIntyre had previously contacted the Commission and asked to be excused.

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Dr. Condit, to waive the reading of the minutes from the April 21, 2014 meeting and accept them as written. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis reported that he is still doing the “Meet and Greet” meetings with Victim Rights and VOCA grantees. He has recently attended three different meetings with prosecutor office.

Report of the Members – None.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

- A. Public Comment – None.
- B. Appeals – None.

The June 16, 2014, Commission meeting is canceled. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2014.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

Evidentiary Hearing:

140301 – Natasha V. Gilleylen – Issue: Non-cooperation

Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Mr. Fitz, to go into closed session. The motion carried.

The claimant did appear for the scheduled evidentiary hearing along with the claimant's husband, father, mother, brother, and son. Sworn testimony was taken from claimant, her father, her husband, and her brother. The record of the claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. After due consideration and discussion, Dr. Condit made a motion, supported by Mr. Pepler, to rescind the staff decision and award the claimant up to two weeks for any non-compensated earnings. The motion carried.

Commission Reviews:

131441 – Brett M. Maronen – Issue: No Law Enforcement Verification and police report.

The record of the claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. After due consideration and discussion, Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Dr. Condit, to rescind the staff decision and award the claimant for medical expenses directly related to the crime. The motion carried.

131474 – LaDon Anderson - Issue: Failure to provide documentation
Victim: Karan S. Durrell

The record of this claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. After due consideration and discussion, Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Mr. Pepler, to uphold the staff decision and deny the claim based on claimant did not respond to requests for documentation. The motion carried. (MCL 18.356)

131505 – Clementine Johnson – Issue: No Law Enforcement Verification and police report
Victim: Terrance T. Johnson

The record of the claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. After due consideration and discussion, Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Mr. Pepler, to rescind the staff decision and award the maximum burial benefit of \$5,000 to claimant. The motion carried.

140001 – Melvin A. Wimberly – Issue: No Law Enforcement and police report

The record of the claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. After due consideration and discussion, Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Mr. Pepler, to rescind the staff decision and award the maximum of \$25,000 for medical expenses. The motion carried.

140346 – Cynthia Clardy – Issue: Misconduct
Victim: James E. Williams

The record of the claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. After due consideration and discussion, Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Dr. Condit, to rescind the staff decision and award the claimant for funeral expenses. The motion carried, with one opposition.

140353– Tommie D. Dotson – Issue: Non-cooperation

The record of the claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. After due consideration and discussion, Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Dr. Condit, to uphold the staff decision and deny the claim based on non-cooperation with the prosecution. The motion carried. (MCL 18.356)

Tabled from Meeting of April 21, 2014:

131160– Matthew Kosmatin – Issue: Medicaid

The record of the claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. After due consideration and discussion, Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Mr. Fitz, to rescind the staff denial and award the claimant \$1,704 for medical expenses. Also, to deny the claim for dental expenses and special parking expenses as they are not covered under the Statute. The motion carried. (MCL 18.356 and Rule 18.355)

140191– Erica P. Johnson – Issue: Not Eligible to Receive an Award
Victim: Edward Bradford

The record of the claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. After due consideration and discussion, Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Dr. Condit, to uphold the staff recommendation and deny the claim based on no out of pocket expenses or loss of support. The motion carried. (MCL 18.354)

Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Dr. Condit, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Witnessed: _____

Date: _____