Members Present:
Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair
Yvonne Brantley
Hon. Thomas Cameron
Jeffrie Cape
James Fink
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines

Members Participating By Telephone Conference Call:
Jacqueline Schafer

Staff Present:
Debi Cain, Executive Director
Tonya Avery
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary
Debbie Felder-Smith
Carol Hackett Garagiola
Mary Lovik
Karen Porter
Lore Rogers

Guests:
Fatima-Iram Din - Mai Family Services
Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
John Lazet - Attorney General's Office
Mary Pollock - American Association of University Women of Michigan
Erin Roberts - EVE
Rashmi Umarji - Mai Family Services

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Chair C. Sullivan convened the March 2, 2017 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Michigan Historical Library – Lake Superior room in Lansing, Michigan at 1:35 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT
Review of agenda and approval of February 2, 2017 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to approve the March 2, 2017 agenda and to approve the February 2, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by J. Fink. Motion carried.

CHAIR’S REPORT
C. Sullivan stated that staff member C. Colton is retiring and will be missed. C. Colton was a contract analyst who cared passionately about her work especially with culturally specific organizations. C. Sullivan said Michigan State University presented a Distinguished Partnership Award for Community Engaged Research to the Detroit Sexual Assault Kit Action Research Project. The project was a partnership between...
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D. Cain provided a legislative update on sexual assault bills SB 152 and SB 153. T. Cameron spoke about testifying with L. Rogers on behalf of the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Board regarding HB 4190.

Dr. Daniel Saunders from the University of Michigan presented on the topic of parental alienation (see attached PowerPoint).

D. Cain mentioned that she and G. Krieger are working with First Lady Sue Snyder on the next Campus Sexual Assault Summit. It is tentatively scheduled to be held at Eastern Michigan University on September 25, 2017.

D. Cain and G. Krieger are currently working together with Senator Hertel to offer some alternate language on informed consent. As noted in a prior Board action, the new recommended language separates the issue of sexual assault prevention and informed consent as a good tool in healthy sexual relationships.

D. Cain recently heard a presentation by Mervyn Davies at a conference hosted by USDOJ and the Battered Women’s Justice Project in Jacksonville, Florida. Mervyn Davies is doing crossover work with all the sex offender treatment programs and all the batterer intervention programs in Colorado. The data revealed significant crossover similarities, for example, the data revealed that most batterers are sexually abusive in the family and most sex offenders are also violent within their families.

D. Cain stated that the board recently began funding Mai Family Services, an amazing program that provides intervention and direct services primarily for South Asian communities in the Metro Detroit region. The program was recently awarded STOP grant funding, which is being used to create an empowerment program providing services to women to promote self-sufficiency. Staff in attendance from Mai Family services were acknowledged.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

M. Lovik reported on HB 4096 which specifies that a court may include provisions governing child custody and child or spousal support in a personal protection order (PPO).

MOTION: Moved by J. Cape to oppose HB 4096 for the following reasons:

- The bill’s provisions will create opportunities for abuse perpetrators to manipulate the PPO process to the detriment of survivors and children.
- The expedited processes under the PPO statute make it difficult for courts to do the fact-finding necessary to issue effective, enforceable orders for custody/parenting time and support.
- Passage of HB 4096 is unnecessary because adequate mechanisms already exist to address the need for custody and support orders in emergency situations.
Motion seconded by L. Hines. Motion carried.

Board members acknowledged that they had an opportunity to review other bills of interest to the Board’s constituency that had been introduced since the Board’s February 2, 2017 meeting.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
L Hines mentioned a news story about a woman in California who was attempting to obtain a personal protection order but was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
M. Pollock inquired as to why U.S. Attorney General Sessions opposes the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). D. Cain said she hopes that he will be open to understanding what VAWA actually constitutes and that he will hear this from criminal justice partners as well as advocates. K. Hagenian said that the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence will continue to monitor the situation.

ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION: Moved by J. Brantley to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.
The meeting ended at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt