

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2016**

***** Approved *****

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary
Celestine Colton
Donna Cornwell
Carol Hackett Garagiola
Gail Krieger
Mary Lovik
Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis
Karen Porter
Lore Rogers

Guests:

John Lazet - Attorney General's Office
Keith Disselkoen - Michigan State Police Prevention Services

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair C. Sullivan convened the June 3, 2016 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Library of Michigan – Lake Superior Room in Lansing, Michigan at 2:06 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of June 3, 2016 agenda and April 29, 2016 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to approve the June 3, 2016 agenda and to approve the April 29, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by J. Schafer. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan said that a memorial service was held today for former Board member Hon. Jeffrey Sauter, which was attended by many of his friends, family and colleagues. The memorial service recognized the incredible person Judge Sauter was both in his professional and personal life.

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

D. Cain said that she attended Judge Sauter's memorial service, and spoke with his wife, who expressed how much Judge Sauter had loved serving on the Board and that the Board meant a lot to him. D. Cain said that Judge Sauter will be greatly missed.

G. Krieger reported on an Oakland County sexual assault case that was handled by the Michigan Attorney General's office. Assistant Attorney General Angela Povilaitis, whose work is supported by federal Grants to Encourage Arrest funding administered by the MDSVPTB, constructed a case built on micro- corroboration in order to get a conviction.

D. Cain said that most prosecutors would not have taken this case because of the difficulty of getting a conviction under the circumstances it presented, and that Ms. Povilaitis exhibited a particularly high skill level in obtaining a conviction in this case. D. Cain further reported that the Board sent a letter to Attorney General Bill Schuette thanking Ms. Povilaitis for her work on the case.

The Board is working with Prosecutor Worthy and others on an Un-submitted Sexual Assault Evidence Kit summit that will be held in Detroit this September. The goal of the summit is to have several hundred advocates, SANES, prosecutors and police agencies learn some of the extra steps necessary to prosecute sexual assault cold cases.

D. Cain said that Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) asked to borrow Board staff to review VOCA grants. The staff members who read grant applications were J. Wright, S. Pilgrim-Lewis, J. Giddings, T. Martinez, S. Heuser and M. Bobbitt. Each of the staff reviewed approximately 25 VOCA competitive grant bid applications using the E-grants computer system.

D. Cain said that she met with the Vice President and regional managers of AT&T at a press conference regarding legislation to authorize courts in personal protection order cases to order transfer of wireless telephone numbers to PPO petitioners. The AT&T staff expressed gratitude at having the opportunity to speak with the Board about this legislation at its April 29, 2016 meeting.

D. Cain asked for a Board recommendation regarding federal Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) funds, which often cannot be spent within the award timelines because of restrictions on how they may be used. D. Cain asked that the SASP award amount be used to determine the amount of funding dedicated to culturally specific and underserved work, but that the executive position be given the discretion to draw the actual funding dollars expended for this work from whatever sources of funds are available.

MOTION: Moved by C. Sullivan that the Annual SASP award amount may be used to determine the dollar amount to be given to programs serving underserved populations, but that the actual dollars expended may come from any sources of funding that make sense. Motion seconded by Y. Brantley. Motion carried.

The last Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking Commission meeting before the Commission's Report goes to the Legislature and Governor will be held on June 17, 2016. Three working committees have helped to assemble the Commission's Report. The Board was provided a draft of the report to review. The final report needs to be submitted by July 20, 2016.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

D. Cain reported on SB 858, which would amend the Revocation of Paternity Act to extend protection to mothers of children conceived as a result of sexual assault. The bill is currently awaiting Governor Snyder's signature.

M. Lovik reported on SB 942, which would amend the statute governing the Crime Victim Rights Fund to provide that excess revenues in the fund that have not been used for crime victim compensation may be expended for children's advocacy centers.

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to express that the Board supports and values the work of children's advocacy centers and encourages increased funding for them. However, the Board opposes the use of excess revenue in the Crime Victim's Rights Fund for purposes other than implementing crime victim rights and providing crime victim compensation. Motion carried.

G. Krieger reported on HB 5618 and 5619, which mandate that schools consider using restorative justice practices as an alternative to, or in addition to, expulsion and suspension when the student has committed physical assault, including criminal sexual conduct.

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to support HB 5618 and 5619 if amended to make restorative practices unavailable to students who have committed criminal sexual conduct, stalking, assault, harassment or bullying which involves a current or former intimate or dating partner. Motion seconded by C. Sullivan. Motion carried.

M. Lovik reported on SB 936, which would require the use of evidence-based supervision practices within the next four years by the Department of Corrections and local state-funded agencies (other than district court probation departments) that supervise individuals on probation or parole. Board members expressed concern about the impact of this bill on batterer intervention services and its potential to chill innovation in developing supervision practices.

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 April 29, 2016 meeting.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No comments

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 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt
Board Secretary