

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2016**

***** Approved *****

Members Present:

Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair
Jeffrie Cape
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines
Jacqueline Schafer

Members Absent:

Yvonne Brantley
James Fink

Staff Present:

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary
Celestine Colton
Donna Cornwell
Carol Hackett Garagiola
Julie Giddings
Gail Krieger

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair C. Sullivan convened the October 7, 2016 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Grand Tower Building – Room 15A, Lansing, Michigan at 2:20 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda and approval of September 16, 2016 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by J. Schafer to approve the October 7, 2016 agenda and to approve the September 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan reported that she, J. Cape, and J. Fink are eligible to reapply for reappointment as Board members because the Board was reconstituted as the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board in 2012. The Board has suggested names of judges to the Governor's office for the open Board position. It was requested that priority be given to judicial candidates with experience working as a Prosecutor or US Attorney prior to judgeship. It is expected the board appointment will be made by the Governor by late-November.

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

D. Cain spoke about two successful sexual assault summits in September. The Detroit Sexual Assault Examination Kit Summit ran from Sunday, September 25, 2016 through Wednesday, September 28, 2016. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy did an excellent job hosting the summit. Over 300 attended including legislators, prosecutors, victim advocates, police officials, SANE programs and forensic and behavioral scientists from 21 states. Carrie Bettinger-Lopez who is the White House advisor on Violence

Against Women and Kris Rose who is on loan from the Department of Justice as Senior Policy Advisor to the White House, opened the session with remarks from the White House. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, Mayor of Detroit Mike Duggan and Wayne County Executive Warren Evans all made opening remarks with channel 4's Steve Garagiola serving as emcee. D. Cain said Keynote Dr. Becki Campbell and the panel discussions and workshops were very informative and provided a great opportunity for participants to network.

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to authorize the writing of a letter to Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy on behalf of the board commending her leadership on this issue and for her remarkable job of making the Detroit Summit possible. Motion seconded by J. Schafer. Motion Carried.

The 2nd annual "Inform. Empower. Prevent. Let's End Campus Sexual Assault" summit took place on September 30, 2016 at the University of Michigan. There were 500 attendees including 80–100 high school students. D. Cain felt this summit went deeper on the subject of rape culture. Governor Rick Snyder and First Lady Sue Snyder attended as well as their daughter Kelsey Snyder who was the emcee. The summit had a very diverse group of speakers, from academics to Dr. Jackson Katz. The Board agreed to send a thank you letter to First Lady Sue Snyder and her daughter Kelsey commending their leadership on the issue of sexual assault.

D. Cain updated the Board on the closing of fiscal year 2016. The Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) applied pressure on DHHS to withdraw a new year-end billing policy that would have delayed payments and caused significant hardship to funded programs. J. Giddings reported that the programs final bills were due Monday, October 3, 2016 and that every program managed to meet the deadline. D. Cain said P. Baker did a fantastic job of processing all of the bills on time.

D. Cain reported that the Office on Violence Against Women accepted the Board's submission of new Michigan legislation that brought Michigan into compliance with the federal incentive related to the revocation of paternity in cases of sexual assault. Accordingly, over the next two to four years, the State of Michigan will be eligible to receive an additional \$472,904 annually to use for sexual assault counseling and advocacy services. The Attorney General, the Governor's office and Right to Life provided critical support to the timely passage of the legislation that brought Michigan into compliance with the federal requirement.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

C. Hackett Garagiola reported on SB 1067 and HB 5859, which would amend MCL 767.24 to eliminate the statute of limitations for violations of law involving sexual abuse of a child under age 18.

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to support SB 1067 and HB 5859, and to support the following suggested amendments:

- **Include attempted CSC-1 in the list of crimes for which the statute of limitations is eliminated. This is appropriate because the current law does not reflect the severity of harm from child sexual abuse that often results even when the abusive act is not completed. For some child survivors (especially those who are victimized by trusted adults) the real harm comes from the grooming behavior that precedes a criminal act, and from the betrayal of trust that the child placed in the perpetrator. Thus, including attempted violations in the bill's provisions reflects the experience and severity of harm for these child survivors. Additionally, inclusion of attempted crimes reflects the reality that perpetrators of child sexual abuse tend to be serial offenders, who**

pose a serious danger to children even though their behavior may have been interrupted in a particular case.

- Clarify the term “any other violation of law involving the sexual abuse of a child.”

Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

G. Krieger reported on HB 5929 which would amend MDSVPTB enabling legislation to add animal cruelty to the definition of “domestic violence.”

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to oppose HB 5929. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

G. Krieger reported on HB 5875, which would create a confidential address program for purposes of voter registration.

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to support HB 5875, and to:

- Suggest a technical amendment to extend the confidential address option to individuals protected by bond, probation, or parole orders issued in connection with Michigan criminal proceedings.
- Suggest eliminating the requirement that a victim reapply every 2 years to retain his or her listing in the confidential voter registration file.

Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

Gail reviewed legislative recommendations provided to the Governor’s office in conjunction with the First Lady’s Summit. It is anticipated that the following proposals will be introduced before the close of the legislative session:

- Increase Assault Medical Forensic Examination Reimbursement (Amendments to MCL 18.355a)
- Expand Crime Victim’s Compensation to Sexual Assault Victims who have not filed a police report, but have completed a sexual assault medical forensic examination (Amendments to MCL 18.355a)
- Expand the admissibility of other acts evidence to cases with adult victims (Amendment to MCL 768.27a)
- Clarify the Terms of Eligibility for SANE fund Grantees (Amendments to MCL 400.1535).

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to support the first three proposals. Motion seconded by J. Schafer. Motion carried. J. Schafer abstained from voting on the fourth proposal due to the appearance of a conflict of interest. The Board decided to vote on proposal number four at the November 18, 2016 Board meeting when there will be a quorum of members eligible to vote.

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 September 16, 2016 meeting.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. Cape said the BISCMI Annual Conference will be held on November 2-4, 2016 in Dearborn, Michigan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by J. Schafer to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt