

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 6, 2017**

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**Members Present:**

Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair  
Hon. Thomas Cameron  
James Fink

**Members Absent:**

Yvonne Brantley  
Jeffrie Cape  
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines  
Jacqueline Schafer

**Staff Present:**

Debi Cain, Executive Director  
Carol Hackett Garagiola  
Gail Krieger  
Mary Lovik  
Karen Porter  
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary

**Guests:**

Kathy Hagenian – Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV)  
John Lazet – Michigan Attorney General's Office  
Mary Pollock – American Association of University Women of Michigan (AAUWMI)

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair C. Sullivan convened the April 6, 2017 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Michigan Historical Library – Lake Superior room in Lansing, Michigan at 1:45 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

**BOARD CONSENT**

There is no quorum for today's meeting.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

C. Sullivan mentioned she is currently determining MDSVPTB Board meeting dates and times for the second half of 2017.

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

D. Cain said First Lady Sue Snyder has tentatively decided on September 25, 2017 for the next “Let’s End Campus Sexual Assault” summit at Eastern Michigan University. The First Lady is looking at developing a toolkit for college campus communities.

D. Cain and G. Krieger will speak at an upcoming Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW) conference in Orlando, Florida. Other presenters from Michigan include Dr. Rebecca Campbell and Dr. Jessica Shaw from Michigan State University and Detective Annie Harrison from the Ingham County Sheriff’s Department.

D. Cain said the Violence Reduction Network project in Detroit has a Domestic Violence Fatality Review team. Flint is also setting up a Violence Reduction Network project. A part time worker has been hired to assist with both the Flint and Detroit Fatality Review Teams and to assess future potential for other communities.

## **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

M. Lovik reported on HB 4332 which would amend MCL 750.50b, governing animal cruelty, to:

- Impose new criminal penalties for knowingly killing, torturing, mutilating, maiming, disfiguring, or poisoning an animal – or threatening to do so – with the intent to cause mental suffering or distress to a person or to exert control over a person.
- Create a three-tiered system of penalties with longer prison terms in cases where the animal is a companion animal and/or the offender acted with the intent to cause mental suffering or distress to a person or to exert control over a person.

The Board members present agreed that HB 4332 is consistent with the Board’s general principal of 6/29/2007 on animal abuse.

M. Lovik reported on HB 4268 which would amend MCL 28.425o to lift its concealed carry restrictions for “an individual who is licensed under this act and who is a petitioner for a personal protection order issued under [MCL 600.2950 or 600.2950a].”

The Board members present acknowledged that the Board has opposed similar legislation in the past.

M. Lovik reported on HB 4298 which would require a law enforcement officer or a MDHHS investigator to make a video recording of the entire interview whenever a child is interviewed in an accredited or accreditable child assessment center.

The Board members present confirmed that the Board has opposed similar legislation in the past.

G. Krieger reported on recent legislative committee hearings on HB 4190, which would amend MCL 768.27a to extend its provisions for admissibility of evidence of prior criminal offenses against minors to cases involving criminal offenses against adult victims.

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 March 2, 2017 meeting.

## **BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

C. Sullivan said the next Board retreat may be held in a rural location to allow for collaboration with rural programs and programs in the Native American community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

M. Pollock attended a presentation at the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force by an attorney from Jennifer Salvatore's office whose specialty is civil litigation on sexual assault.

J. Lazet said the annual Crime Victims' Rights Vigil will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Detective Annie Harrison from the Ingham County Sheriff's Department will be honored with a Beyond the Call of Duty award for her outstanding service on behalf of Michigan crime victims.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**The meeting ended at 3:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Bobbitt  
Board Secretary