

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2014**

***** APPROVED *****

Members Present:

Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair
Sgt. Yvonne Brantley
Jeffrie Cape
James Fink
Honorable E. Libby Hines
Kathryn Hoover
Honorable Jeffrey Sauter

Staff Present:

Patsy Baker
Michelle Bynum
Debi Cain, Executive Director
Celeste Colton
Donna Cornwell
Debbie Felder-Smith
Carol Hackett Garagiola
Julie Giddings
Sarah Heuser
Gail Krieger
Mary Lovik
Tiffany Martinez
Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis
Karen Porter
Lore Rogers
LaShawn Thurman, Board Secretary
Joyce Wright

Guests:

Stacy Westra, SCAO
Kathy Hagenian, MCEDSV

Welcome and Introductions

Chair C. Sullivan convened the June 13, 2014 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Library of Michigan & Historical Center in Lansing, Michigan at 1:35 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

E. Hines indicated clarification on page 4 of the May 16, 2014 minutes.

G. Krieger advised the Board on additional Rep. Santana's proposals under development which: create an address confidentiality program in the Attorney General's office, protect survivors' addresses in appellate proceedings, add animal protection to PPO's, increase penalty for animal cruelty committed in the course of domestic violence is IF present, removal

of disqualification for receiving unemployment benefits (staff recommend the addition of sexual assault). G. Krieger advised that the Board has previously supported general principals or similar legislation which allows staff to work on the development of these proposals.

AND

Additional Rep. Santana proposals under development include prohibiting discrimination in housing for domestic violence cases, prohibiting courts ordering mediation, adding assault on pregnant women to the list of misdemeanors MISDEMEANORS, and requiring the Department of Education to adopt a model dating violence curriculum THAT will be brought back to the Board after further development.

MOTION: Moved by J. Cape to add the modification in the May 16, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Y. Brantley. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan had no report.

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

D. Cain discussed modifying the previous motion from the May 16, 2014 meeting, which indicated that the ES dollars be moved into the domestic violence comprehensive formula, utilizing the 2010 census date, effective October 1, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by J. Sauter to modify a maximum of \$5000 cut and a minimum of \$3700 gain for one year, and executive discretion to look at a fair distribution of the money that goes to Wayne County between the two Wayne county funded programs. Seconded by K. Hoover. Motion carried.

P. Baker provided the Board with an update on current spending. Budget expenditures are within projected amount for FY '14. The Board appropriation will increase for FY '15 to cover OPEB costs.

Legislative Review

G. Krieger provided an update on the Sexual Assault DNA Information Act, which would give victims access to information and the status of their testing results and/or case. Some of the key considerations were:

- Whether to provide victims a right to information about forensic testing results (DNA found, eligibility for CODIS, upload into CODIS)
- Whether to provide victims a right to information about the status of the criminal investigation
- Whether information should be provided as a response to victim request with no duty to provide ongoing updates, or whether ongoing notice should be provided upon request.
- Whether it is necessary to legislate the provision of information to help victims understand the meaning of any forensic testing results.
- Whether it is necessary to legislate mandated notice to victim's from law enforcement about their right to obtain information.

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to approve in concept the creation of an act to provide sexual assault victims with the right to receive information regarding the results of forensic testing and information about the status of the criminal investigation. Seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

L. Rogers reported that a legislator who has been working on legislation regarding Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Evidence Kits will be drafting a bill to create a State Commission to recommend options for auditing and tracking of sexual assault medical forensic sexual assault kits and funding to implement the options.

MOTION: Moved by J. Cape to approve in concept the creation of a State Commission situated within the Michigan Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board (MDSVPTB) within the Department of Human Services (DHS), consisting of representatives from multiple disciplines and state agencies, including from the Board, for the above purposes, and that the Board approve staff providing input on the bill consistent with the Board's mission and philosophy and any general principles adopted by the Board. Seconded by Y. Brantley. Motion carried.

Board members acknowledged that they had an opportunity to review a list of other bills of interest to the Board's constituency that had been introduced since the Board's May 16, 2014 meeting.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

J. Cape informed the Board that on July 18 & 19, 2014, BISC-MI (Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan) is hosting a conference for a diverse community of professionals working in the batterer intervention programming arena, including BIP facilitators, researchers, and domestic violence victim advocates. The purpose of the conference is to begin developing a cohesive national response to critiques of gender informed batterer intervention services, and to create an organizational structure for dissemination of materials and resources that demonstrate the importance of continuing a gender-informed response when working with male perpetrators of intimate partner violence.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

K. Hagenian informed the Board that MCEDSV supports allowing the Board to receive the HUD/MSHDA funds for shelter services. K. Hagenian indicated that there will potentially be an increase in VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funding around \$4 million in victim service grants.

S. Westra indicated that SCAO (State Court Administrative Office) may have sources of funding that could be tied to SAK monitoring and auditing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Moved by J. Fink. Seconded by Y. Brantley. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LaShawn Thurman

