

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

**MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2013**

***** Approved *****

Members Present:

Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair
Trp. Yvonne Brantley
Jeffrie Cape
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines
Kathryn Hoover
Jeffrey Sauter

Staff Present:

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Patsy Baker
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary
Donna Cornwell
Carol Hackett Garagiola
Julie Giddings
Mary Lovik
Tiffany Martinez
Lore Rogers

Guests:

Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Casey Kasper - Victim Service Manager for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
John Lazet - Attorney General's Office
Shannon Nobles - Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence
Mary Pollock - Michigan National Organization for Women
Ed Rivet - Right to Life of Michigan

Welcome and Introductions

Chair C. Sullivan convened the March 15 , 2013 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, Michigan at 2:10 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda and approval of February 15, 2013 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by E. Hines to approve the March 15, 2013 agenda and to approve the February 15, 2013 meeting minutes with the following correction of one sentence to read "While recognizing the unresolved constitutional issues, J. Sauter believed this legislative proposal is consistent with the Board's ideals." Motion seconded by Y. Brantley. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan said that the recent Trauma and Recovery Training by Dr. Janine D'Anniballe was wonderful. She said it provided a lot of new and valuable information on the neurobiology of trauma for the programs that were able to attend. C. Sullivan mentioned that Dr. D'Anniballe received a standing ovation at the conclusion of the training. C. Sullivan thanked T. Martinez for her hard work in setting up this training.

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

D. Cain said that T. Martinez did a great job completing the Safe Havens grant application. She said the discretionary funds which are available for supervised visitation are highly competitive. T. Martinez said the Safe Havens grant helps to fund supervised visitation programs that provide services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Washtenaw, Kent and Saginaw counties. D. Cain advised that other Michigan programs can apply individually for the Safe Havens grant to support their supervised visitation programs, and that the Board highly encourages them to do so.

D. Cain reported on the status of other grant applications. The rural grant application has been completed by M. Bynum. The Rural grant is applied for by the Board on behalf of 17 of the most rural communities in Michigan to help enhance the services for domestic and sexual violence prevention. The Board is not applying for this year's Grants to Encourage Arrests (GTEA) but will do so next year. The GTEA grant is a two year grant that is used to fund the Attorney General's cold case sex crimes unit, and it was determined that, due to a late award and delayed start to the grant project, there are sufficient funds in the current GTEA to carry the project through until the next round of GTEA applications. D. Cain said that STOP and SASP grant applications will also be completed. The STOP grant is a criminal justice grant that distributes funds based on the population of a state. The SASP formula grant is used specifically for counseling and advocacy for sexual assault programs.

P. Baker presented to the Board on the cuts to the Board appropriations that occurred through incomplete understanding on the part of persons outside of the Board who were responsible for making budget and appropriations request. P. Baker explained the impact of these cuts would mean that the Board does not have authority to spend federal grant dollars that it has been awarded, which could result in the Board being unable to make payments that it has committed to those programs that received funding awards with these grant dollars. This could result in returning funds to the federal government, and programs having to lay off program staff and reducing services to survivors, with little advance warning. D. Cain and P. Baker have been in regular contact with budget and finance staff in DHS who are working to correct these errors. D. Cain said not only is it important to fix this year's budget, but we also have to ensure the process is changed to avoid this happening again next year.

The Board requested that (1) P. Baker draft a summary of the specific amounts of money that will have to go back to the Federal government if not spent by the deadline date, and the specific contracts that will be affected if the problem is not resolved; (2) P. Baker and D. Cain e-mail this summary within the next week to A. Bright McClanahan and S. Kangas and request a meeting with McClanahan and Kangas to determine the status of the efforts to correct the appropriations; (3) D. Cain and P. Baker to let McClanahan and Kangas know that the Board requests that they attend the April 2013 meeting if the appropriations issues is

not resolved by then.

Legislative Review

M. Lovik reported on HB 4294, which would amend the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act (HYTA) to specify that courts may grant HYTA status more than one time. E. Hines noted that there is no need to take action on this bill because it codifies current law and practice.

MOTION: Moved by E. Hines that the Board take no action on the bill. Motion seconded by J. Cape. 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 January, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

M. Pollock from Michigan N.O.W. thanked the Board for opposing SB 136. She asked about an update on HB 5711. D. Cain said this is under the auspices of DCH and the Board is still waiting to hear if there's going to be a definition of what constitutes coercion. M. Pollock also asked if the Board or staff will be involved in the upcoming human trafficking initiatives. D. Cain said that she has offered to help assist the Attorney General's office and Senator Emmons where domestic and sexual violence issues occur in human trafficking.

K. Hagenian thanked the Board for its thoughtful discussion regarding budget issues because many people have worked very hard to ensure that money is available to help survivors.

S. Nobles introduced herself and encouraged the Board members to take advantage of the Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, which is owned by the Board.

PROCESS EVALUATION: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by J. Cape to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Y. Brantley. Motion Carried. The meeting ended at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt