

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

**MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2012**

***** APPROVED *****

Members Present:

Cris Sullivan, Chair
Jeffrie Cape
James Fink - phone call-in
Kathryn Hoover
Honorable Amy Ronayne Krause
Honoralbe Edward Sosnick - phone call-in

Staff Present:

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Sarah Heuser
Gail Krieger
Mary Lovik
Tiffany Martinez
Barbara Mills
Lore Rogers
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary

Guests:

John Lazet - Attorney General's Office
Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Welcome and Introductions

Chair C. Sullivan convened the May 18, 2012 Michigan Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, Michigan at 1:10 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda; approval of April 20, 2012 meeting minutes

MOTION: Moved by K. Hoover to approve the May 18, 2012 agenda and to approve the April 20, 2012 meeting minutes with the following three corrections. K. Hoover's project was accepted as the B.E.S.T. project for the city of Flint. A. Ronayne Krause sent her apologies for not being able to attend the April 20, 2012 Board meeting because she was in Alpena. J. Cape not C. Sullivan said that BISCMI received a formal letter from the Michigan District of Court Probation Officer endorsing the process of monitoring batterer intervention providers in the State of Michigan. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan had no updates.

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

D. Cain said that she and K. Hagenian testified in Detroit at Attorney General Holder's hearing on **Defending Childhood**. D. Cain spoke about domestic violence in the context of the child welfare system and K. Hagenian talked about the issues mothers have in dealing with the civil legal system.

D. Cain mentioned that S. Heuser, J. Giddings and T. Martinez attended the Michigan Chapter of the National Children's Alliance's Professional Development Conference. S. Heuser said that the workshops and presentations at the conference were well done.

D. Cain congratulated K. Hagenian on receiving the Advocate of the Year award from the Michigan Crime Victim Foundation.

D. Cain said national TA providers from Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW) were brought in for training at the last Agency Director's meeting in April. WOW has a technical assistance contract with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) to look at economic justice issues for victims of domestic and sexual violence. WOW also has a new booklet to help state governments deal with victim restitution issues. The WOW TA was provided to Michigan under the OVW contract.

D. Cain updated the Board on her recent visit to Washington D.C. where she and other leaders from AVA (the Association of VAWA Administrators) met with several Congressional offices to discuss the administrative logistics of the new VAWA language as it relates to STOP grants. D. Cain went on her own time and at the expense of AVA.

D. Cain said the staff are currently preparing for several DOJ audits scheduled for June 12 -15, 2012.

L. Rogers and G. Krieger gave an overview of a two day in-service training. The training was developed by MCOLES in collaboration with Board staff. Part of the preview involved watching a video with two sexual assault offenders in order to learn some of the techniques they use to manipulate and deceive their victims and law enforcement. G. Krieger said trainings have a heavy focus on non-stranger sexual assault.

Legislative Review

M. Lovik reported on HB 5431, which creates a crime of intentionally making false reports of a medical or other emergency, resulting in a maximum 4-year prison term and/or \$2000 fine.

Motion: Moved by A. Ronayne Krause to oppose the bill, unless amended to narrow its scope to situations where an individual unlawfully accesses another's telephone or computer to cause a false report to be made. Motion seconded by K. Hoover. Motion Carried.

M. Lovik reported on SB 1109 which imposes mandatory minimum 25-year prison terms for violent offenders convicted of a 4th or subsequent felony that is a serious crime.

Motion: Moved by J. Cape to support the bill. Motion seconded by K. Hoover. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

PROCESS EVALUATION: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt