

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2011**

***** APPROVED *****

Members Present:

Honorable Donald Allen
Jeffrie Cape
Candace Cowling
James A. Fink
Honorable Edward Sosnick
Cris Sullivan, Chair

Staff Present:

Patsy Baker
Michelle Bynum
Debi Cain, Executive Director
Celestine Colton
Donna Cornwell
Julie Giddings
Josie Jubb, Board Secretary

Gail Krieger
Mary Lovik
Tiffany Martinez
Barb Mills
Karen Porter
Lore Rogers
Johanna Soet Buzolits

Guests:

Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV
Mary Keefe, MCADSV
Tom Knapp, Michigan Chapter of National Children's Alliance
Shannon Nobles, Michigan Resource Center
Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis, Shelter, Inc., Alpena
Tom Robertson, Prosecuting Attorney's Counsel
Kori Tudor, Mid-West Regional Children's Advocacy Center

Welcome and Introductions

Chair C. Sullivan convened the May 20, 2011 Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) meeting at DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, MI, at 1:06 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests and to the new Board members.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda.

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to approve the May 20, 2011 agenda. Seconded by C. Cowling. Motion carried.

Approval of September 10, 2010 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to approve the September 10, 2010 meeting minutes. Seconded by D. Allen. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan reported that A. Krause sends her regrets as she is unable to attend this meeting. Congratulations to A. Krause on being appointed to the Court of Appeals. Judge Krause also wanted to send thanks for those that were able to attend her Investiture.

Congratulations to board member Candace Cowling for recently being 1 of 7 women saluted by the YWCA for Outstanding Community Leadership and Vision.

MONITORING TO ASSURE ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

The Governance Process and Policy Review

Governance Process:

Chairperson's Role; Governance Commitment; Committee Principles; Committee Structure; Board Member's Code of Conduct

The Board reviewed the policies. No motion required.

J. Cape stated as a potential conflict of interest, she was previously on the BISC-MI Board and has since resigned from that board after being appointed to the MDVPTB Board. She will continue to volunteer with them only on monitoring and programs.

C. Sullivan stated that she had previously been a volunteer for MCADSV and has since resigned for the tenure of her position on the MDVPTB Board.

Executive Limitations:

Financial Condition

D. Cain reviewed the Financial Condition Report to the Board. Staff P. Baker presented a brief updated overview on the budget.

MOTION: Moved by J. Cape to accept the Financial Condition Report to the Board and to accept and approve the updated budget. Seconded by C. Cowling. Motion carried.

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

D. Cain noted the Board's good fortune to have internationally known researcher C. Sullivan as a part of MDVPTB.

D. Cain reported on an *Aggression and Violent Behavior* article of C. Sullivan that was recently published.

D. Cain discussed the staff work to put out first-time contracts and grants for the Sexual Assault Comprehensive Services (SACS), the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) fund and the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) fund. In addition to these each being new contract/grants, we have also had to accommodate numerous changes within DHS's contracting office, and to utilize staggered contract start dates. Both the MDVPTB contract analyst staff and VAW-expert staff have been stellar in their commitment to the SACS,

SANE and CAC contracting process. CAC guest Tom Knapp thanked the Board staff for their assistance with the CAC grant and contracting process.

The summer will be spent amending the Domestic Violence Comprehensive contracts to reflect the new formula as of 10/1/11 which includes utilizing the 2010 census data.

Staff reviewed the changes that would occur to the STOP formula by updating the currently used 1990 census data to the 2010 census data. D. Cain recommended to the Board that the STOP formula continue as is through 9/30/12 in order to allow staff to provide the Board with alternatives as well as to provide STOP grantees an opportunity to adjust and acclimate to a formula change in STOP.

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to adopt the recommendation that we use the 1990 census data to set the STOP formula funding for one more year. Seconded by E. Sosnick. Motion carried.

D. Cain updated the Board on both STOP-ARRA and TSH-ARRA.

D. Cain reported that we are adjusting to a new administration and the restructuring within DHS. D. Cain now reports to Barbara Anders. In regards to our own staffing news, Shelia Hankins has sadly resigned from the Board to become the Assistant Director for the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVAAC).

D. Cain reported to the Board that a former support staff person unfortunately had made personal purchases with the State of Michigan's procurement card. D. Cain reported the former staff member to DHS's Office of Inspector General.

D. Cain updated the Board on the status of the STOP-ARRA funded 400 Project and the Statistical Analysis being done by Dr. Steve Pierce from MSU.

G. Krieger reported on the Summit and kick off 2012 Task Force meeting that was recently held. The next meeting will be held in August.

M. Lovik reported that 06/01/11 there will be a small group of attorneys meeting to brainstorm how the civil legal system can be improved pertaining to domestic violence.

E. Sosnick reported that he is in the process of creating an Elderly Awareness Group that he Chairs.

D. Cain reported on the VAWA reauthorization meeting that was held in Washington, DC.

C. Sullivan noted the Legislative Reception was held in March. D. Allen commented it was a good opportunity to meet new legislators and the DHS Director and that the Board and staff did a great job. J. Cape commented that Dr. David Lisak spoke at the reception and it was very nice.

Legislative Review

M. Lovik reported on SB 64 [summary eviction proceedings based on violence or threats of violence by a tenant, member of a tenant's household, or person under a tenant's control], with proposed amendments to address concerns with the bill's applicability in cases involving domestic violence.

M. Lovik reported that HB 4532 [create exceptions for family members to prohibitions against unauthorized access to computers, computer systems, and computer networks in MCL 752.795] will be on the agenda at the Board's next meeting.

M. Lovik reported on proposed amendments to MCL 712A.11 to regulate the Consent Calendar in juvenile delinquency proceedings. Board members expressed concern that the proposal did not address the problem identified in *In Re Williams*, 481 Mich 852 (2008) that was the impetus for the bill (use of consent calendar to avoid sex offender registration). Board members also felt that some offenses (stalking, sexual assault, domestic violence) should either be ineligible for consent calendar treatment, or only eligible under limited circumstances.

MOTION: Moved by D. Allen to support concept but express concerns about the proposal as written, and decline to sign a letter of support at this time. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

G. Krieger reported on SB346, to require collection of DNA samples from incarcerated individuals.

MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to support. Motion seconded by C. Cowling. Motion carried.

M. Lovik reported on HB 4009, 4010, which would repeal MCL 28.425o, specifying premises on which a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon may not carry that weapon.

MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to oppose. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

M. Lovik reported on SB289, to prohibit denial of entrance to a school to parents or certain other visitors based on identification checks unless the checks show that person is on the sex offender registry.

MOTION: Moved by D. Allen to oppose unless the exceptions are amended to include other individuals whose access to the school or to persons on school property is restricted by court order or statute. Motion seconded by E. Sosnick. Motion carried.

M. Lovik reported on legislation of general interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

PROCESS EVALUATION:

E. Sosnick expressed that it was a nice meeting and good to have a full Board again.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 3:10 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by C. Cowling to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Josie Jubb