

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – May 21, 2012
MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. on May 21, 2012 in the Third Floor Conference Room, Lewis Cass Building, 320 South Walnut Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Present:

Commission Members:

Donald Condit
Victor Fitz
Catherine Garcia Lindstrom
Jan Praefke

Staff Members:

Jeanie Cox, Secretary
Christine Lau, Senior Analyst
James McCurtis, Director
Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Raymond Howd, Attorney for Commission
John Lazet, Victim Advocate for Attorney General
Kathleen Montgomery, Assistant to Assistant Attorney General
Cole Felder, Intern from Cass County Prosecutor's Office

Ms. Worthy contacted the Commission prior to the meeting to request she be excused from attendance.

Mr. Fitz moved, supported by Ms. Praefke, to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis reported that the first compensation posters have been distributed to approximately 500 agencies. Each Commissioner was given a poster. Individuals wishing to obtain the poster may contact the department's clearinghouse. Mr. McCurtis noted that a poster was not sent to every police agency in the state due to a limited number quantity. Mr. McCurtis provided a poster to each Commissioner.

Mr. McCurtis also reported he is still doing "Meet and Greet" visits to prosecutor's office and VOCA grantees around the state. He will continue this endeavor.

Mr. McCurtis stated that he and Leslie O'Reilly, VOCA Specialist with Crime Victim Services, have been contacting different Michigan Congressional leaders to discuss the reduction of federal dollars for VOCA funding.

Mr. McCurtis reported that he and Ms. O'Reilly had testified before the "Protecting Childhood" Task Force, which is headed by the U.S. Attorney General's office in hopes to gain support for not cutting VOCA dollars.

Mr. McCurtis also reported that the office met with an individual from the Federal Office of Victim of Crime. She visited the office to learn about the Michigan Crime Victim Services procedures.

Report of the Members – Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom reported that she had recently been in Washington D.C. for a week long memorial service.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Public Comment – None.

The Commission canceled the meeting scheduled for June 18, 2012. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2012.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

Dr. Condit made a motion, supported by Ms. Praefke, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Approved: _____
Date: _____