

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – September 24, 2012
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Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. on September 24, 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
Kym Worthy

Staff Members:

Jeanie Cox, Secretary
Christine Lau, Senior Analyst
Jacqueline Manns, Medical Claims Reviewed
James McCurtis, Director
Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Katherine Montgomery, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Praefke moved, supported by Dr. Condit to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 16, 2012 meeting. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis reported that the office has now moved to the Capitol View Building, 201 Townsend Street, Lansing, Michigan. There will be an open house during Crime Victim Rights Week in April, 2013.

Mr. McCurtis also reported that with the new fiscal year starting on October 1, 2012, there will be more media outreach. Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom stated that a non-profit organization she is involved with advertises in bathrooms of facilities. She also stated that the sides of buses in metropolitan areas are another successful way to advertise. Discussion followed as to where the advertising dollars should be focused.

Mr. McCurtis also thanked Commissioner Praefke and Commissioner Worthy for their services on the commission. Their scheduled term is due to expire on September 27, 2012.

Mr. McCurtis advised the commission that Ms. Washburn and Ms. Lau will be conducting training with the F.O.P. and P.A.A. M.

Ms. Praefke inquired about the letter that would be sent to Senator Van Regenmorter's family. Mr. McCurtis stated he only heard from Dr. Condit. Mr. McCurtis was waiting for approval from the Commissioners to send the letter. He will send the letter on the Commissioner's behalf and a copy of the letter will be sent to each Commissioner.

Ms. Montgomery stated that Ray Howd, Attorney for the Commission apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. She reported on one appeal they are handling currently. She stated certain details would be considered attorney/client privilege therefore not able to be discussed. However, an appeal was received via the Court of Appeals by Mr. Puckett who is represented by Attorney Michael Otis. Mr. Puckett is a firefighter who was injured in a building fire in Detroit.

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Ms. Montgomery advised it will take some time to hear from the Court of Appeals on this matter, but she will keep staff updated.

Also, Ms. Montgomery stated that they are not able to make a decision on the Rules for peace officers until a decision is made by the Court of Appeals on Mr. Puckett's case.

Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom reported that Mr. Puckett's attorney is well known by police officer organizations.

Report of the Members – None.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Public Comment – None.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2012. The Commission cancelled its November 19, 2012, and December 17, 2012 meeting. The December meeting shall be held on December 10, 2012.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Ms. Praefke, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Approved: _____

Date: _____