

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – October 17, 2011
MINUTES

Janet Praefke, Acting Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. on October 17, 2011, in the Third Floor Conference Room, Lewis Cass Building, 320 South Walnut Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Present:

Commission Members:

Donald Condit
Victor Fitz
Janet Praefke

Staff Members:

Jeanie Cox, Secretary
Caralo Johnson, Medical Benefits Reviewer
Christine Lau, Senior Analyst
James McCurtis, Manager
Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Raymond Howd, Assistant Attorney General
John Lazet, Victim Advocate for Attorney General

Commissioners Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom and Kym Worthy contacted the office and asked to be excused from attending the meeting.

Dr. Condit moved, supported by Mr. Fitz, to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 1, 2011 meeting. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis welcomed Dr. Condit and Mr. Fitz to the Commission. He stated the two commissioners who were not in attendance were Kym Worthy, who broke her foot. Also, Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom is not in attendance as she is dealing with the homicide of one of her officers in Walker, Michigan.

Mr. McCurtis reported that Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom and he had a meeting with the Detroit Police Department. Ms. Praefke explained to the two new Commissioners the situation with not receiving requested Law Enforcement Verifications and police reports in a timely manner. Mr. McCurtis and Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom met with Deputy Chief Paul Wells and Commander Innis, along with other personnel. Mr. McCurtis stated that a process is being developed and an offer of training was made to the DPD staff.

Mr. McCurtis also reported that a Spanish version of the compensation application and brochure has been added to the website. CVSC is also working on an Arabic version of both documents to be placed on the website by the end of next month.

Mr. McCurtis stated there was a conference held in September, 2011, for victim advocates in Crystal Mountain, Michigan.

Also, Mr. McCurtis stated that Senate Bill number 536, which is to increase assessments, has passed the Senate and has moved to the House Judiciary Committee. Hopefully, this will be taken up soon.

Mr. McCurtis reported he is still meeting with county prosecutors and victim advocates.

Mr. McCurtis stated that a Public Hearing is scheduled for October 25, 2011, on the Crime Victim Services Rules.

Report of the Members – None.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – The meeting agenda for the Year 2012 was discussed. Ms. Praefke made a motion, supported by Mr. Fitz, to approve and accept the agenda as written. The motion passed.

Public Comment – None.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2011.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Dr. Condit, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Praefke, Acting Chairperson

Approved: _____

Date: _____