

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – October 21, 2013
MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. on October 21, 2013 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
Emily McIntyre
Brian Pepler

Staff Members:

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

Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General
John Lazet, Victim Advocate, Attorney General's Office
Beth Morrison, Haven
Margie Parker
Kathy Hagenian

Dr. Condit moved, supported by Mr. Pepler, to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 16, 2013, meeting with one correction. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis reported that October 16 and 17, 2013, a Human Trafficking conference was held. The Crime Victim Services Commission, including others, sponsored the conference. Approximately 200 individuals attended the conference.

Mr. McCurtis also reviewed the S.A.F.E. Statute and the office procedures and forms utilized to process these claims. Mr. McCurtis stated that pages 1, 3, 8, and 9 are requested from the form packet. Once reviewed by the Medical Claims Reviewer, these pages are destroyed. Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom reported that prior to the development of the form police officers were required to stand in the room during the rape examinations.

Report of the Members - None.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Dr. Condit, to approve the Year 2014 CVSC Meeting Agenda. The motion passed.

A. Public Comment –

1. Beth Morrison, HAVEN – Ms. Morrison spoke of concerns with S.A.F.E. claim documentation. Ms. Morrison feels that required documentation re-victimizes sexual assault victims.
2. Margie Parker, sexual assault victim – Ms. Parker described the details of her ordeal. Ms. Parker wanted innocent survivors protected and not re-victimized so that more victims will come forward.

3. Kathy Hagenian, Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence – Ms. Hagenian stated every program across the State with a SANE nurse is concerned with the CVSC policy on processing SAFE claims. Ms. Hagenian suggested perhaps a workgroup could be put together to discuss other options.
- B. Appeals - Ms. Bennett reported that the Application for Leave to Appeal discussed in September's meeting was denied by the Court of Appeals.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2013.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Witnessed: _____

Date: _____