

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – December 10, 2012
MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on December 10, 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
Emily McIntyre
Brian Pepler

Staff Members:

Jeanie Cox, Secretary
Jacqueline Manns, Medical Claims Reviewer
Jams McCurtis, Director
Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General
John Lazet, Victim Advocate for Attorney General

Dr. Condit moved, supported by Ms. McIntyre to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 15, 2012 meeting, with changes. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis reported that he is continuing his reach out efforts to inform the public of Crime Victim Services through public relations.

Mr. Fitz inquired if there are smaller size versions of the Compensation poster. He was informed that there is only one size of the poster available.

Report of the Members – None.

Unfinished Business – Ms. Bennett reported that the Open Meetings Act, Section 7, allows for the Commission to go into a Closed Session with two-thirds roll call of its elected or appointed members. Ms. Bennett recommended going into closed session for two reasons, both reasons being under MCL 15.268. First, for the Commission to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with a specific pending litigation if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the government body. Ms. Bennett believed it would and the case being discussed would be the Robert Puckett appeal. Secondly, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure from state of federal statute. Ms. Bennett believed it is exempt because of attorney/client privilege. Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Dr. Condit, to move into Closed Session. The motion carried. Roll call was taken. The Commission then went into Closed Session. Mr. Pepler then moved, with Ms. McIntyre supporting, that the Commission move out of Closed Session. The motion carried.

New Business –

Public Comment – None

Appeals - No appeals

Determination/Acceptance of 2013 Meeting Schedule - Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Mr. Pepler, to accept the 2013 Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2013.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Dr. Condit, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Approved: _____
Date: _____