

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – December 16, 2013
MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. on December 16, 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
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
Kym Worthy, Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney
Michael Carpenter, Midland County Prosecuting Attorney
Herb Tanner, PAAM

Mr. Pepler moved, supported by Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom, to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 21, 2013, meeting. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis reported that all three areas of CVSC are obtaining new computer systems.

Report of the Members - Mr. Pepler inquired as to the results of the meeting on Victim Rights Funding which was held in October, 2013. Mr. McCurtis stated there was an agreement. The matter has to go to the Legislature for approval.

Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom reported that she and Mr. McCurtis had met with representatives from the Detroit Police Department. This was an attempt to facilitate the receipt of the Law Enforcement Verifications on compensation claims. It is hoped that some improvement has been shown in the last few months. Mr. McCurtis thanked Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom for setting up this meeting.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

- A. Sexual Assault Kits – Mr. Carpenter reported on the lost/ignored sexual assault kits in Detroit, MI. Funding is being sought to ensure a tracking system for the sexual assault kits to alleviate the problem of lost/ignored kits. Ms. Worthy gave a review of the background which led to this endeavor. After much discussion, Dr. Condit made a motion, supported by Mr. Fitz, to compose a letter of support from the Commission for this initiative. The motion carried.
- B. Appeals - Ms. Bennett reported that a claimant has filed an appeal in the Supreme Court. She will keep the Commission informed.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2014.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Mr. Fitz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Witnessed: _____

Date: _____