

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – February 9, 2015
MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. on February 9, 2015 in the Third Floor Conference Room, Lewis Cass Building, 320 South Walnut Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Present:

Commission Members:

William Fales
Victor Fitz
Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom
Brian Pepler

Staff Members:

Michele Abbruzzese, Secretary
Jacquie Manns, Sexual Assault Claims Analyst
James McCurtis, Director
Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General
John Lazet, Victim Advocate, Attorney Generals Office

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Mr. Pepler, to waive the reading of the minutes from the January 12, 2015 meeting and accept them as written. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis discussed the changes of the General Rules for MDCH, Crime Victim Services Commission. Mr. McCurtis also reported future commission meetings will continue to be held at the Cass Building until MDCH relocates.

Report of the Members – Mr. Pepler stated that he will be retiring from the prosecutor's office effective March 1, 2015. He wishes to remain on the commission until the end of his term. New contact information is as follows: cell 906-440-4536 email: brianpepps@gmail.com

Unfinished Business – Ms. Washburn suggested cancelling March's meeting and pushing the one appeal on the agenda for March to April. Mr. Fitz made a motion to cancel the March meeting, supported by Mr. Pepler. The motion carried.

New Business –

- A. Public Comment – None.
- B. Appeals – Ms. Bennett stated there are a couple subrogation cases ongoing. One favorable decision via judgment in December. The office is looking to get involved with another either by intervening or through the settlement process. No other judicial decisions or opinions to report since December.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2015.

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 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Witnessed: _____
Date: _____