

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – March 17, 2014
MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. on March 17, 2014 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:

Beth Adcock, Program Specialist
Christine Lau, Senior Analyst
Jacqueline Manns, Medical Claims Reviewer
James McCurtis, Director
Christina Salisbury, Compensation Secretary
Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General
John Lazet, Victim Advocate, Attorney General's Office

Reading and Approval of Minutes - Many corrections/questions were pointed out by Commission members with regards to the minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting. Mr. Pepler inquired as to why the budget section of the meeting was transcribed verbatim. Mr. McCurtis explained that he felt it was an important presentation and also that Chairperson, Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom, was not in attendance at that meeting. Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom recommended that in the future the Commissioners be notified when a section of the meeting will be transcribed verbatim. Much discussion followed. The approval of the minutes will be postponed until the next meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Fitz, supported by Mr. Pepler, to waive approval of the February 27, 2014, meeting minutes pending corrections. The motion passed.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis stated he did visit some county prosecutor offices last week and has more scheduled in the near future. Mr. Fitz stated that Mr. McCurtis had been at his county prosecutor's office and it was a very good meeting. Mr. McCurtis had informed Mr. Fitz that nine counties had received part of their increase this year through the amendment process. These counties will receive only the remainder of their increase in Fiscal Year 2015. Because of this, over 92,839 dollars was saved. This money will be split evenly with three, possibly four, disproportioned counties. These counties are Cass, Emmet and Grand Traverse. A possible fourth county is Isabella. Much discussion followed.

Also, Mr. McCurtis reported that he had made the same budget presentation at PAC/PAAM as the one he presented to the Commission at the last meeting. He did receive positive feedback from the attendees.

Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom inquired about the Forfeiture Letters that were sent to law enforcement offices. Ms. Adcock reported that Public Act 104 asks that CVSC survey police agencies, prosecutor's and sheriff's offices regarding unclaimed property that is forfeited. She stated this does not pertain to drug or general office auctions; rather, this is any items that are forfeited as a result of the sites that are attached. They are asked to use 75% of the amount that is forfeited

toward their local office and 25% to be used for crime victims. Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom recommended that the language in the letters be changed in the future. Ms. Bennett offered to research Public Act 104. Mr. Fitz also offered to send information.

Report of the Members – Dr. Condit provided a copy of a newspaper article regarding the missing rape kits in Wayne County. Mr. Fitz stated he was at the event where the picture was taken.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

- A. Public Comment – None.
- B. Appeals – None.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2014.

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 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Witnessed: _____

Date: _____