

# CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION

Meeting – April 20, 2015

## MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. on April 20, 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  
Emily McIntyre  
Brian Pepler

Staff Members:

Jeanie Cox, Secretary  
Christine Lau, Senior Analyst  
James McCurtis, Director  
Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General  
John Lazet, Victim Advocate, Attorney Generals Office  
Brian McLaughlin, Assistant Attorney General  
Emily Bieszak, niece of Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Mr. Pepler, to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 9, 2015 meeting and accept them as written. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis stated that May 29, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., there is a public hearing scheduled on the changing of the CVSC Rules. He will keep the Commissioners updated.

Mr. McCurtis also reported that due to the future VOCA funding increase, five Roundtables have been held around Michigan to discuss additional funding possibilities for VOCA agencies. Many positive ideas have come out of these Roundtable discussions. Mr. Fitz stated he has heard very favorable feedback from these meetings.

Mr. McCurtis also informed the Commissioners that as of April 10, 2015, the Department of Community Health is now the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDH<sup>2</sup>S).

Report of the Members – Ms. McIntyre stated that this is National Crime Victim's Rights Week. Mr. Fitz stated that Mr. Pepler will be the recipient of an award at the Candlelight Vigil on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at the State Capitol.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

- A. Public Comment – None.
- B. Appeals – Ms. Bennett reported there are no new appeals, however, they are still working on a couple of subrogation cases.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2015.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

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Mr. Pepler made a motion, supported by Ms. McIntyre, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_