

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION

Meeting – May 16, 2016

MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. on May 16, 2016 in the Transformation Conference Room, First Floor, Grand Tower, 235 South Grand Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

Present:

Commission Members:

William Fales

Victor Fitz

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom

Karen Hall

Brian Mackie

Staff Members:

Jeanie Cox, Secretary

Christine Lau, Senior Analyst

James McCurtis, Director

Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General

Paula Kaiser VanDam, Director, Bureau of Community Services

Matthew Riggs, Michigan Public Health Institute

Introductions were made to welcome Ms. VanDam and Mr. Riggs.

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Mr. Mackie made a motion, supported by Ms. Hall, to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 21, 2016 meeting with the addition of the Commissioner's name who may have abstained from voting on a compensation claim. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis presented the VOCA funding distribution formula to the Commission for 2017 funding. Ms. VanDam and Mr. Riggs assisted in the presentation. Mr. McCurtis reported that requests totaling \$27 million have been received through applications. A total of \$35 million is being received from the federal government. The formula was based on population, victimization and rurality. Different options for the formula were explained. Much discussion followed.

Report of the Members – Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom reported that the Sex Crime Task Force, of which she is the chairperson, is finalizing their proposal to the legislature. The Domestic Violence Board has agreed to audit the new program.

Mr. Fitz made a request that the Commission send a letter to the Court Administrator's office requesting a list of uncollected restitution. A motion was made by Mr. Fitz, supported by Mr. Mackie, to write a letter. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business – Ms. Bennett reported on the Scott Boman claim, Claim number 140341. After considerable discussion, Mr. Mackie made a motion, supported by Dr. Fales, to rescind the Commission's award to Mr. Boman. The motion passed. A Report of the Commission shall be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Fitz also requested that some research be completed regarding recusals and abstentions. Ms. Bennett stated she would look into this matter.

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New Business –

- A. Public Comment – None.
- B. Appeals – Ms. Bennett reported that Vincent Burgess did file an appeal in the Supreme Court. She did file a response.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2016.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

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Mr. Mackie made a motion, supported by Ms. Hall to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Witnessed: _____

Date: _____