

MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES June 19, 2015

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Members Present:

Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair
Jeffrie Cape
James Fink
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines
Jacqueline Schafer

Members Absent:

Hon. Jeffrey Sauter
Sgt. Yvonne Brantley

Staff Present:

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary
Celestine Colton
Donna Cornwell
Debbie Felder-Smith
Julie Giddings
Gail Krieger
Mary Lovik
Tiffany Martinez
Lore Rogers

Guests:

Lori Jump – Uniting Three Fires Against Violence
John Lazet – Department of Attorney General
Sarah Prout – Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair C. Sullivan convened the June 19, 2015 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Library of Michigan – Lake Superior Room in Lansing, Michigan at 2:11p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda and approval of May 15, 2015 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to approve the June 19, 2015 agenda and to approve the May 15, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by J. Schafer. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan did not have any comments.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

D. Cain thanked G. Krieger and L. Rogers for their hard work in compiling the Michigan Model Policy for Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault. D. Cain said the Michigan Model Policy for Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault was a team effort, which created an excellent document. The reception at the Anderson House Office Building to celebrate the Michigan Model Policy for Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault was well received by the attendees. D. Cain was encouraged by comments made by Dr. Rebecca Campbell at the reception praising the quality of the policy.

D. Cain said the first meeting of the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking and Reporting Commission will be on July 20, 2015, and the Commission is part of the sexual assault legislative package passed last year. L. Rogers explained that the Commission is responsible for a number of things via the legislation, MCL 752.962.

D. Cain said the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children (also known as the Erin's Law Task Force) has concluded its work. The Task Force report was completed and submitted on June 17, 2015, meeting the deadline established by statute. D. Cain said M. Lovik, L. Rogers, C. Hackett Garagiola, and J. Buzolits worked together as a team with other Task Force members to help finish the report on time.

D. Cain said that L. Hines and J. Fink accompanied her to Governor Snyder's criminal justice reform press conference on May 18. J. Fink said the governor began the conference by presenting proposals aimed to provide enhanced protection for crime victims in Michigan, including a proposal for legislation that would require law enforcement agencies to provide service of personal protection orders (PPOs) free of charge. J. Fink said the governor spoke about the cycle of violence and said the Board's work was very well represented.

D. Cain shared information about the Campus Sexual Assault Summit on June 8, which was hosted by First Lady Sue Snyder. There were about 450 people in attendance. D. Cain said there were a number of presenters at the summit and that Dr. Rebecca Campbell did a stellar job as a keynote speaker of the day. The Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) arranged for two young women who had been victims of campus sexual assault to speak about their experiences and they did a tremendous job. It was announced that a \$500,000 grant will be open to college campuses for new and innovative initiatives to prevent sexual assault. D. Cain said that Governor Snyder and the First Lady are interested in how computer technology can be designed and integrated to help prevent sexual assault. C. Sullivan said that D. Cain did a tremendous job as the emcee of the summit.

D. Cain said that many of the Board staff are currently working hard processing grants. The contract process will be completed by the October 1 contract start date. The merger of DHS and MDCH is making the grant rating process more complicated than usual.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

M. Lovik updated the Board about a letter to the Michigan Supreme Court with comments from the Board regarding proposed amendments to MCR 6.106(B). M. Lovik said the letter is ready to be sent and that it incorporates all the comments that were discussed at the last Board meeting in May.

M. Lovik reported on HB 4480, which would amend the Child Custody Act “friendly parent” factor, MCL 722.23(j), to specify that “[a] court shall not consider negatively for the purposes of this factor any action taken by a parent to protect a child or that parent from the child’s abusive parent.”

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to support HB 4480. Motion seconded by L. Hines. Motion Carried.

M. Lovik reported on HB 4481, which would expand the Child Custody Act’s current prohibition on awards of child custody or parenting time to persons convicted of criminal sexual conduct if the child was conceived as the result of this crime. HB 4481 would broaden the Act to prohibit such awards in situations where a biological parent “is found by clear and convincing evidence in a fact-finding hearing to have committed acts of nonconsensual sexual penetration” against the other parent.

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to support HB 4481 with a recommendation to study the extent to which conforming amendments should be made to other laws, including the Revocation of Paternity Act, the Paternity Act, the Genetic Parentage Act, the Summary Support and Paternity Act, the Social Welfare Act, and the Estates and Protected Individuals Code. Motion seconded by J. Fink. Motion Carried.

M. Lovik reported on HB 4321 which would prohibit any warrantless search of a residence contrary to the express objection of an absent resident, unless the search is justified by “exigent circumstances.” “Exigent circumstances” is defined to specifically include without limitation “a circumstance in which a resident who consents to an entry or search...is the victim of an alleged criminal act committed by a resident who objects to the search in which evidence is obtained.”

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to oppose HB 4321. Motion seconded by L. Hines. Motion Carried.

Board members acknowledged that they had an opportunity to review a list of other bills of interest to the Board’s constituency that had been introduced since the Board’s May 15, 2015 meeting. No further staff bill analyses were requested.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. Sullivan said that she was invited by staff to lead an outcomes training for the Board’s grantees. Staff indicated the training was a huge success and thanked C. Sullivan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by J. Schafer to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by L. Hines. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt