

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – December 20, 2021
MINUTES

Brian Mackie, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. on December 20, 2021, in conference room 1A, Grand Tower Building.

Present:

Commission Members:

William Fales
Victor Fitz
Karen Gray Sheffield
Brian Mackie, Chairman
Robin Hornbuckle

Staff Members:

Jess Averill, Policy Analyst
Shalonna Banks, Departmental Analyst
Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General
Debi Cain, Director of Victim Services via phone
Tia Johnson, Departmental Tech
James McCurtis, CVSC Manager
Leslie O'Reilly, VOCA Program Specialist
Angela Povilaitis, Staff Attorney
Janine Washburn, Compensation Program Manager

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Ms. Karen Gray-Sheffield and Cpl. Robin Hornbuckle to approve the November 15, 2021, meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis provided an update on the assistance provided from Crime Victim Services to Oakland County and the Oxford community. We have been in conversations with federal partners at OVC to discuss possible funding and resource options for DVS to relay to this community. We are especially interested in resources not covered by our compensation program.

Ms. Cain provided the commission with additional information on all the staff efforts working with community resources for the Oxford community.

Mr. McCurtis informed the commission that two compensation analyst positions are being posted on January 4, 2022. The division is also looking to hire a contract analyst.

Mr. McCurtis reported the HTC project work is progressing. The projected timeline is for the program to kick off on January 3, 2022, meaning the next stage of active work with a multidisciplinary team will begin, and after 12 months we should see a brand-new system in place. There is also progress on both the Appriss and MI-VINE contracts.

Ms. Kennedy plans to present at a future meeting on statistic gathered from the new advertising campaign and updated information regarding the phone system.

Ms. Povilaitis provided a legislative update. She reported that HB 4674 and HB 4675, the victim compensation expansion bills, passed out of the House of Representatives. These bills are now in the Senate Judiciary committee, and we are hoping for a hearing to continue the movement of this legislation. Ms. Povilaitis thanked the Commission for all their time and effort. Also, a thank you to Ms. Bennett for the assistance from her and the Attorney General's office.

Report of the Members – None.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2022.

Evidentiary Hearings:

None.

Commission Reviews:

Mr. Fitz made a motion at 10:46 a.m. supported by Cpl. Hornbuckle to move into closed session to review case 210557.

Update:

None.

Motion from Dr. Fales and seconded by Cpl. Hornbuckle adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tia Johnson