

# **CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION**

**Meeting – February 28, 2022**

## **MINUTES**

Brian Mackie, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:26 a.m. on February 28, 2022, 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  
Emily Ely, Departmental Analyst  
Tia Johnson, Departmental Tech  
Jordan Kennedy, Manager of Communications & Community Outreach  
Angela Povilaitis, Staff Attorney

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Ms. Karen Gray-Sheffield to approve the December 20, 2021, meeting open minutes as written. Motion carried.

Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Cpl. Hornbuckle to approve the December 20, 2021, meeting closed minutes as written. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None.

Staff Report –

Ms. Cain provided staffing updates. Mr. McCurtis took a new position and Ms. Washburn is working out of class filling in for this position until the position is posted and filled. A Deputy Director position is posted and hiring for this position will happen soon. Recently joining our team is Ms. Twanisha Glass and will be working with the contracts. Also, majority of staff continues to be remote and virtual. If staff goes into the building an update goes out to MDHHS to inform when we are in the building

Special thank you to Ms. Ely on her continuation of working with HTC to get the system where we need it to be for CVSC and progressing forward.

Ms. Banks is doing a great job with the Navigator and Pilot program and looking to expand what we can offer the navigators to assist in helping victims. Ms. Banks also discussed the Division of Victim Services Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Workgroup (DVS Alliance). The group will be putting on a training for CPS and putting on events for marginalized groups.

Ms. Kennedy presented data regarding the campaign and public relation efforts being made for CVSC. Explained the efforts in advertising and the platforms used to get the demographics out to the public.

Ms. Cain discussed the Oxford school shooting. She explained we are the agency and the division that oversees all the federal money that will come in for Oxford. The Department of Justice has a mass violence team. There are two recommend resilient centers. One is specifically for the victims which includes family, personal, students. The second is for first responders. Have a contract with common ground, designated emergency center in Oakland County. Logistics are still being worked out.

Ms. Povilaitis provided a legislative update regarding HB 4674 and HB 4675. Currently still wanting on a hearing in the Senate. The contacts on the committee understand how important it is to get that on the agenda.

Report of the Members – None.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None.

**Evidentiary Hearings:**

None.

**Commission Reviews:**

210560 – R. C. – Issue: Life Insurance  
Victim – J.S.

Dr. Fales made a motion to rescind the original denial, supported by Ms. Gray-Sheffield, and it was agreed to award the claim in part but upheld the denial in part for ineligible expenses MCL 18.358(2) and upheld the staff recommendation to allow a partial award based on their ability to waive rule MCL 18.361.

**Pre-Determinations:**

220224 & 220225 -S.J. – Issue: Sexual assault

Victim: S.J.

The record of the claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. After due consideration and discussion, Cpl. Hornbuckle made a motion to allow for adjudication of claim, MCL 18.360 (c) and 18.355(3), supported by Ms. Gray-Sheffield. All unanimous.

**Update:**

Ms. Bennett provided an update regarding a settlement involving a worker's compensation case.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2022.

Motion from Cpl. Hornbuckle and seconded by Mr. Fitz adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tia Johnson