

# **CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION**

**Meeting – March 21, 2022**

## **MINUTES**

**\*\*\*Approved\*\*\***

Brian Mackie, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. on March 21, 2022, in the Dempsey room, Grand Tower Building.

Present:

### Commission Members:

Victor Fitz  
Karen Gray Sheffield  
Robin Hornbuckle  
Brian Mackie, Chairman

### 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  
Angela Povilaitis, Staff Attorney - Conference line  
Janine Washburn, Compensation Manager –  
Conference line

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Ms. Karen Gray-Sheffield to approve the February 28, 2022, meeting open minutes as written. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None.

Staff Report –

Ms. Cain and Ms. Washburn discussed the involvement of the Division of Victim Services and the Compensation team in the aftermath of the Oxford shooting regarding victim assistance. A resiliency center is opening soon, led by existing Oakland County service provider Common Ground, to help victims and the community. Common Ground is setting up a resilience center for victims and a second resilience program is in the works for first responders.

Ms. Cain and Ms. Washburn updated the Commission on conversations staff are having with the Department of Justice on seeking federal reimbursement dollars to see that the victims of the Oxford event are aided through victim compensation and counseling/therapy. These federal funds could be at a different rate than the current state compensation rate, and the Commission discussed what that discrepancy would mean for victims. The Commission also noted that the state rate could be discussed with the Legislature. Staff will continue to keep the Commission informed on this issue and bring it back to future meetings.

Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Ms. Gray-Sheffield to draft a resolution to increase the state rate to take to the Legislature.

Report of the Members – None.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None.

**Evidentiary Hearings:**

None.

**Commission Reviews:**

210254 – K. S. – Issue: Sexual Assault  
Victim – K.S.

The record of claim was reviewed and taken under advisement. Ms. Gray-Sheffield made a motion to uphold the original denial, supported by Cpl. Hornbuckle, and instructed Ms. Banks to notify the victim that counseling was/is an option. The motion carried. (MCL18.361)

**Update:**

None

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2022.

Motion from Cpl. Hornbuckle and seconded by Ms. Karen Gray-Sheffield adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tia Johnson