

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2019**

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

**Members Present:**

F/Lt. Yvonne Brantley  
Hon. Thomas Cameron  
Jeffrie Cape  
James Fink  
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines  
Sue Snyder  
Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair

**Staff Present:**

Aleksandra Andjelkovic  
Jess Averill  
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary  
Debi Cain, Executive Director  
Jordan Kennedy  
Gail Krieger  
Karen Porter  
Angela Povilaitis  
Lore Rogers

**Guests:**

Stephanie Beyersdorf - State Court Administrative Office  
Rachel Carr - Uniting Three Fires Against Violence  
Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Kristopher McNeil - Measurable Change  
Stephen Ruthje - Observer  
Alexis Sargent - Michigan State University  
Andy Soper - Measurable Change  
Kathleen Walker - Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center  
Brenne Wade - HAVEN Adjunct Faculty School of Nursing at Oakland Community College

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

C. Sullivan convened the May 10, 2019 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Michigan Historical Library - Lake Superior room in Lansing, Michigan at 2:00 p.m.

**BOARD CONSENT**

Review of May 10, 2019 agenda and approval of April 5, 2019 meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to approve the May 10, 2019 agenda and to approve the April 5, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by E. Hines. Motion Carried.**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

C. Sullivan thanked everyone for attending the recent legislative reception at the Capitol. She said the legislative reception was a big success and it was great way for staff to meet with many people who are excited about the issue of domestic and sexual violence prevention.

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

D. Cain introduced Aleksandra Andjelkovic to the Board members and acknowledged the amazing work she is doing with sex trafficking and human trafficking.

D. Cain stated that the Compensation Board will provide funding for a pilot program that has tremendous potential for victim service work. Four to six prosecutor's offices will be chosen to apply for additional funding for the program. Compensation provides reimbursement for crime victims and assists with paperwork. A Navigator position is being posted to help victims and their families manage the complexities of the compensation procedures.

L. Rogers said the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit tracking system is currently rolling out to the 5<sup>th</sup> of 6 regions in the state of Michigan. She is interested in legislation requiring mandatory enrollment because voluntary enrollment is about 50% for health care and law enforcement in the regions that have already completed the roll out. She noted that the Michigan State Police have been terrific collaborative partners on this project.

In April Gov. Whitmer toured the Michigan State Police Forensic Science Lab in Lansing which processes Sexual Assault Evidence Kits and observed how kits are processed and the software that is used to track them. She emphasized the importance of the work being done to help sexual assault survivors in Michigan.

Data from the Michigan sexual assault hotline revealed that forty percent of sexual assault survivors of any age are at least 150 miles away from the closest sexual assault agency or program. \$5.4 Million worth of new contracts from the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sexual assault funds will therefore be used to expand sexual assault services across the state. Child and family service agencies and domestic violence programs are taking on much of this work. Agencies and programs that receive part of the \$5.4 million must undergo additional sexual assault training.

D. Cain noted the 2019 STOP Joint Meeting she attended in Albuquerque with R. Carr of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence was very informative. She said Uniting Three Fires Against Violence is doing outstanding work in the field of sexual assault. R. Carr said that the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation on Violence Against Indian and Alaska Native Women is being hosted by Michigan this year. The free event will be held August 20 – 21, 2019 at the Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan and is open to the public.

## **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

A. Povilaitis discussed a memo from J. Averill and herself to D. Cain regarding legislation establishing a curriculum for sexual assault and dating violence. A. Povilaitis requested that the Board allow staff to talk directly with the sponsor, Senator Curtis Hertel Jr., about implementing an amendment to include the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board as one of the groups that is consulted on curriculum development.

**MOTION: Moved by T. Cameron to direct staff to meet with Senator Curtis Hertel Jr. and address the issue of implementing an amendment to SB 270 to include the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board as one of the groups that is consulted on curriculum development. Motion seconded by E. Hines. Motion carried.**

A. Povilaitis discussed HB 4497 – 4499. HB 4497 which states that anyone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence shall not possess, use, transport, sell, purchase, carry, ship, receive or distribute

a firearm or ammunition in Michigan. Violation could result in a felony punishable by not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or both. HB 4498 would require a court to enjoin or restrain anyone with a personal protection order against them from purchasing a firearm or ammunition.

A. Povilaitis discussed HB 4535 which amends the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) policy council act (MCL 28.214) to allow a criminal defense attorney to access Michigan Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). Even though no position was taken by the Board, D. Cain asked that A. Povilaitis and J. Averill be allowed to convey their concerns to the Michigan State Police and Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan.

Board members had an opportunity to review other bills of interest to the Board's constituency that had been introduced since the Board's April 5, 2019 meeting. E. Hines asked about SB 276-277 and SB156 - 158 in the bill logs.

J. Averill explained the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board legislative position guidelines. She said these guidelines will be attached to the end of future bill logs. Board members agreed that the guidelines are very helpful.

**MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to acknowledge that the Board reviewed the legislative House and Senate bill logs and had a chance to comment. Motion seconded by T. Cameron. Motion carried.**

#### **BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

E. Hines and J. Fink commended A. Povilaitis on an excellent job speaking at the Bar Association meeting for Washtenaw County. A. Povilaitis also spoke at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor and provided students with accurate up to date information on sexual assault.

C. Sullivan noted that D. Cain and G. Krieger provided a wonderful presentation at the Ending Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) Conference in San Diego in April and that A. Povilaitis provided the keynote address at the conference.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by S. Snyder. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 3:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Bobbitt  
Board Secretary