

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2018**

***** Approved *****

Members Present:

Lt. Yvonne Brantley
Jeffrie Cape
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines
Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair
Jacqueline Schafer

Members Absent:

Hon. Thomas Cameron
James Fink

Staff Present:

Aleksandra Andjelkovic
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary
Debi Cain, Executive Director
Gail Krieger
Christine Lau
Karen Porter
Angela Povilaitis

Guests:

Stephanie Beyersdorf - Michigan Supreme Court - State Court Administrative Office
Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

C. Sullivan convened the October 12, 2018 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Michigan Historical Library - Lake Superior room in Lansing, Michigan at 2:10 p.m.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of November 9, 2018 agenda and approval of September 7, 2018 meeting minutes with corrections and October 12, 2018 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to approve the November 9, 2018 agenda and to approve the September 7, 2018 meeting minutes with corrections and the October 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by L. Hines. Motion Carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan had nothing to report.

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

G. Krieger reported that Brian Kolodziej was hired to replace A. Povilaitis as the AAG on the Sexual Assault Cold Case Project at the Michigan Attorney General's Office. G. Krieger noted that he is currently working on some important cases and will help the Project continue to grow. A. Povilaitis said that she is very

impressed with Brian's job performance thus far.

L. Rogers is working on a collaborative project with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges that is providing an award to certain jurisdictions to investigate the storage of confiscated firearms. D. Cain said the issue of violence against women and how to confiscate and store firearms was discussed for the second year in a row at the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan annual meeting. Danielle J. Hagaman-Clark at the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan is applying for a grant investigating options to make firearm confiscation more available in Michigan.

D. Cain wants to place more emphasis and focus on housing models that extend beyond just the emergency shelter concept. She is looking at broader, different types of housing available and would like to encourage programs to reach out for financial assistance in areas such as Housing First and longer-term transitional housing. Emergency housing shelters are very expensive and are not the only option available to survivors. Regional shelter occupancy rates vary greatly in Michigan requiring a need to study pilot programs and models throughout the country to determine how to make Michigan more efficient.

G. Krieger noted the Russ Strand sexual assault training is Monday, November 26, 2018 in Lansing, Michigan. The training filled up in two weeks with law enforcement officers and prosecutors. So far 40 prosecutors, assistant prosecutors, prosecutor investigators, Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards instructors and 135 law enforcement officers have registered. There are about 100 more people currently on a waiting list to attend.

G. Krieger talked about the "Michigan Roadmap for Sexual Assault Prevention for Michigan Institutions of Higher Education." First Lady Sue Snyder and Heather McCauley from Michigan State helped put together a booklet of recommendations from the Campus Sexual Assault Working Group. She noted that the two-page section on careful considerations is the first time anything has been published regarding the use of a trauma informed approach to sexual assault on campus.

D. Cain stated that one million dollars is being managed by the Michigan State Police on behalf of the Campus Sexual Assault Prevention programming. This year recommendations on how to establish evidence-based sexual assault prevention programs were included with grant applications that were sent out to colleges. Those grant applications are currently being reviewed and are much better than those that were submitted in previous years.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

A. Povilaitis reported on a package of bills, HB 6455 - 6463, which would modify the Michigan bail system to allow most defendants to be released on personal recognizance bonds. The bills which are the most relevant to the Board are HB 6456 and HB 6461. HB 6456 would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and mandate the release of a defendant on a personal recognizance bond unless by a preponderance of the evidence it can be established that either a defendant would pose an undue danger to the community if released, or that there is a significant risk that a defendant would willfully fail to appear in court. This finding is required before looking at some of the other factors that the court can automatically look at such as criminal history, threats to a victim and substance abuse. HB 6461 would require an arresting officer to take a person arrested for a misdemeanor to a magistrate for arraignment without unnecessary delay. If a magistrate is not available, the person arrested must be released on his or her own recognizance.

The Board directed staff not to oppose HB 6455 – 6463, but research ways to create an exception for domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

A. Povilaitis gave an update about possible future initiatives related to improving restitution recovery for Michigan crime victims. A. Povilaitis agreed to draft a letter for the Board requesting a revision to the current Order to Remit form to include restitution.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Y. Brantley said she is officially a member of the Board for the next three years. C. Sullivan congratulated L. Hines on receiving the prestigious William H. Rehnquist Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by J. Schafer. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt
Board Secretary