

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2020**

***** Approved *****

Members Present:

F/Lt. Yvonne Brantley
Hon. Thomas Cameron
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines
Hon. Melissa Lopez Pope
Sue Snyder
Matt Wiese

Members Absent with Notice:

Hon. Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair

Staff Present:

Jess Averill
Debi Cain, Executive Director
Gail Krieger
Karen Porter
Angela Povilaitis
Lore Rogers

Staff Absent with Notice:

Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary

Guests:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

E. Hines convened the July 17, 2020 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board Zoom meeting at 1:30 p.m.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of July 17, 2020 agenda and approval of June 19, 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by S. Snyder to approve the July 17, 2020 agenda. Motion seconded by Y Brantley. Motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by M. Wiese to approve the June 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by T. Cameron. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

E. Hines acted as Board Chair, as A. Krause was unable to attend. Upcoming Board meeting dates of

September 11, 2020, October 9, 2020, November 6, 2020 and December 4, 2020 were provided.

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

D. Cain provided members with a written report on current Board staff activities.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

J. Averill provided a brief overview of Legislative Position Guidelines.

A. Povilaitis reported on SB 990 which would amend Criminal Sexual Conduct laws to criminalize sexual penetration or sexual contact offenses committed against a victim who is detained or in custody of a police officer.

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to support SB 990 and recommends adding clarifying language which includes “the actor is a law enforcement officer and the sexual contact/sexual penetration occurs while the victim is being detained or is in custody” and “This section does not prohibit a person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law arising out of the same conduct as the violation of this section.” Motion seconded by M. Pope. Motion carried.

A. Povilaitis presented on SB 865 which would allow the use of electronic devices in courts such as cell phones and laptop computers. The bill seeks to codify into statute a recently adopted court rule, MCR 8.115 which is nearly identical. Staff explained court rule MCR 8.115 recently went into effect.

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to oppose SB 865 because MCR 8.115 already addresses the issue of electronic devices in courts and the court rule is easier to amend than legislation. Motion seconded by T. Cameron. Motion carried.

A. Povilaitis provided an analysis of SB 790 which would require courts to make official video recordings of public proceedings available for public access. The bill does not address issues of victim privacy, child victim testimony or other witness or victim safety concerns. Also, members of the public can already request an official record of a public court proceeding.

MOTION: Moved by M. Wiese to oppose SB 790. Motion seconded by Y. Brantley. Motion carried.

Board members acknowledged that they had an opportunity to review other bills of interest to the Board's constituency that had been introduced since the Board's June 19, 2020 meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley that members reviewed the Senate and House Bill logs that had been introduced since the Board's June 19, 2020 meeting. Motion seconded by S. Snyder. Motion carried.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

M. Wiese said he tried a case in which a violent man was sentenced for third degree domestic violence and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. The offender had eight prior convictions for domestic violence, so his sentence was enhanced to a mandatory 25-year minimum sentence for being a violent habitual offender. The victim was relieved the offender received a 25 to 50-year sentence.

M. Pope noted a recent 5-4 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court which determined that Congress never disestablished the Muscogee (Creek) Indian reservation in Oklahoma. She also was pleased to report that

the Washington Redskins football team will change their team logo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by T. Cameron. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted based on
a Zoom meeting recording.
Michael Bobbitt
Board Secretary