

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – October 17, 2022
MINUTES

Cpl. Robin Hornbuckle, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. on October 17, 2022, in the Dempsey Room at the Grand Tower Building, 235 S. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933.

Present:

Commission Members:

Jeffrey S. Getting
Karen Gray Sheffield
Cpl. Robin Hornbuckle, Chairperson
Dr. Tolulope Sonuyi - conference line will
not be counted as quorum
Thomas P. Clement

Staff Members:

Jess Averill, Policy Analyst
Angela Povilaitis, Staff Attorney
Shalonna Banks, Departmental Analyst –
conference line
Emily Ely, Claims Analyst
Gail Krieger, Deputy Director
Aaron Levin, Assistant Attorney General
Alicia VanEyck, Compensation Analyst
Janine Washburn, Compensation Manager
Jennifer Williamsen, Compensation Analyst

Approval of Meeting Agenda – Ms. Gray Sheffield made a motion, supported by Mr. Getting to approve the October 17, 2022, meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes – Ms. Gray Sheffield made a motion, supported by Mr. Clement to approve the July 18, 2022, open meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Approval of the Closed Meeting Minutes – Mr. Getting made a motion, supported by Ms. Gray Sheffield to approve the July 18, 2022, closed meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None.

Staff Report –

Policy, Planning and Operations Support Administration Senior Deputy Director, Beth Nagel and Bureau of Community Services Director, Paula Kaiser Van Damme introduced themselves and spoke about the transition of the Division of Victim Services from the Bureau of Community Services to the Policy, Planning and Operations Support Administration. The Commission is housed within the Division of Victim Services.

Chair Hornbuckle invited Debi Cain, former Director of the Division of Victim Services to speak, as this transition eliminated her position. Ms. Cain spoke of her passion for this work and emphasized that she performed to the best of her abilities for the Division of Victim Services and to the victims and survivors of the state.

On behalf of the Commission, Ms. Povilaitis presented awards to past Crime Victim Service Commissioners Victor Fitz, Dr. William Fales and Brian Mackie and acknowledged their service to the State Michigan. Dr. Fales was unable to attend but Mr. Mackie and Mr. Fitz received their awards and spoke about their time working on the Commission. They also praised Ms. Cain of her work for the Division of Victim Services.

Ms. Washburn reported that compensation claim numbers have been increasing and she attributes that success to the navigator program.

Ms. Krieger provided a presentation on current state of VOCA assistance grants.

Ms. Povilaitis reported that the legislature has been relatively slow, and the rumor is that it will be a very quiet lame duck.

Report of the Members – None.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None.

Evidentiary Hearings:

None.

Commission Reviews:

21R0267 Issue: Sexual Assault

Ms. Gray Sheffield made a motion to approve the commission report for 21R0267, that was reviewed by the Commission at its July 18, 2022 meeting, supported by Mr. Getting. Motion carried.

Mr. Getting made a motion, supported by Mr. Clement to go into closed session. Motion carried.

210651 — Issue: Assault

Motion: Grant the claimant a 90-day extension to provide the information and documents necessary to complete the application and determine eligibility. If the documentation is not received within 90 days, deny the claim

220455 — Issue: Stalking

Motion: Uphold denial

Mr. Clement made a motion, supported by Mr. Getting to come out of closed session.

Update:

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Planning for 2023 Commission meeting times were discussed by the Commission members. Dates will be provided to the Commissioners at the next meeting for official approval.

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

Motion from Mr. Clement and seconded by Ms. Gray Sheffield to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tia Johnson