

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION

Meeting – March 21, 2016

MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. on March 21, 2016 in the Transformation Conference Room, First Floor, Grand Tower, 235 South Grand Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

Present:

Commission Members:

William Fales
Victor Fitz
Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom
Karen Hall
Brian Mackie

Staff Members:

Jeanie Cox, Secretary
Christine Lau, Senior Analyst
James McCurtis, Director
Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General
Sarah Hillemonds, Assistant Attorney General

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Mr. Mackie made a motion, supported by Ms. Hall, to waive the reading of the minutes from the January 25, 2016 meeting and accept them as written. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis reported that a Press Release was to be issued with regards to Request for proposals (RFP) for VOCA funding. Mr. McCurtis stated there has been a major increase in the VOCA funding.

Mr. McCurtis also reported that CVSC is working on a brand new advertising campaign.

Report of the Members – Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom reported that she is a member of the Sex Crime Task Force. There will be three sub committees. She noted there have been discussion of who might help audit the records. Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom has told the committee that there would have to be funding made available for this function. She will keep the Commission updated. Discussion followed.

Unfinished Business – Dr. Fales made a motion, supported by Mr. Fitz, regarding a claim for Claim number 140341. This claim was inappropriately awarded and the claim should be reopened and investigated. The motion carried.

Mr. Fitz also requested that some research be completed regarding recusals and abstentions. Ms. Bennett stated she would look into this matter.

New Business –

- A. Public Comment – None.
- B. Appeals – Ms. Bennett reported that the Vincent Burgess case in the Court of Appeals was denied by the Court.

A motion was made by Mr. Fitz, supported by Dr. Fales, to go into Closed Session to discuss attorney/client issues. The motion passed. After discussion, Mr. Macie made a motion, supported by Ms. Hall, to go out of Closed Session.

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A motion was made by Mr. Mackie supported by Mr. Fitz, to cancel the April 18, 2016 Commission meeting. The motion carried. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2016.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Ms. Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Witnessed: _____

Date: _____