

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION

Meeting – August 15, 2016

MINUTES

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. on August 15, 2016 in the South Grand Conference Room 1A, First Floor, South Grand Building, 333 South Grand Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

Present:

Commission Members:

William Fales

Victor Fitz

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom

Brian Mackie

Staff Members:

Jeanie Cox, Secretary

Christine Lau, Senior Analyst

James McCurtis, Director (via telephone)

Janine Washburn, Program Specialist

Karen Hall contacted the office and asked to be excused.

Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General

Public Comment – None.

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Mr. Mackie made a motion, supported by Mr. Fitz, to waive the reading of the minutes from the June 20, 2016 meeting as written. The motion carried.

Staff Report – Mr. McCurtis reported that on August 16, 2016, a meeting is scheduled in Kalamazoo, Michigan for anyone involved in the Uber driver shooting. Dr. Jennie Barr of the Department of Justice for the Federal government is preparing an assessment in order for CVSC to apply for a grant for future funding related to mass shootings. Mr. McCurtis explained that the Compensation Section provided services for three victims' funerals and one home modification for a victim.

Dr. Fales inquired about services for the fatal bicyclers' incident. Mr. McCurtis reported that the offer was made to the victims for services and they turned down any assistance.

Mr. McCurtis also reported on the funding and legislation for the bill going before the House of Representatives regarding funding for child advocacy centers from the Victim Rights Fund. Mr. Fitz made a motion, supported by Dr. Fales, to formally compose and send a letter urging that the Victim Rights Fund money be used only for what it is intended. The motion carried. Mr. Mackie also requested a sentence be put in the letter asking for the limits of compensation be raised to a more realistic level.

Report of the Members – Ms. Garcia-Lindstrom reported that her last Commission meeting will be in September, 2016, at which time her term expires.

Unfinished Items – Ms. Bennett stated the Boman claim letter to reopen the claim and request a refund was given to the Commissioners for signature.

New Business –

- A. Appeals – Ms. Bennett reported that there is still only one case pending in the Supreme Court. She also stated the Boman claim letter to reopen the claim and request a refund.

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The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2016.

The Commission moved into the appeals portion of the meeting.

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Dr. Fales made a motion, supported by Mr. Mackie to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Chairperson

Witnessed: _____
Date: _____