

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES  
November 21, 2008**

**\*\*\* APPROVED \*\*\***

**Members Present:**

Candace Cowling  
Princella Graham  
Honorable Amy Krause, Chair  
Honorable Nathaniel C. Perry, III  
Honorable Edward Sosnick

**Staff Present:**

Michelle Bynum  
Celestine Colton  
Julie Giddings  
Shelia Hankins  
Sarah Heuser  
Josie Jubb, Board Secretary

Gail Krieger  
Karen Porter  
Lore Rogers

**Guests:**

Melissa Horste, US Senator Carl Levin's Office  
Herb Tanner, PAAM

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chair A. Krause convened the November 21, 2008 Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) meeting at the DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, MI, at 10:15 a.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

**BOARD CONSENT**

Review of agenda; approval of June 20, 2008 Board meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Moved by P. Graham to approve the November 21, 2008 agenda and to approve the June 20, 2008 meeting minutes. Seconded by E. Sosnick. Motion carried.**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

A. Krause noted that MDVPTB staff did a very nice job on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration October 24<sup>th</sup> in Eaton Rapids. The banners and displays were nice; there was also a press release for Domestic Violence Awareness month. The Board has done an amazing job in the past 30 years.

Congrats to E. Sosnick as he received An Evening of Tribute from the Michigan Psychoanalytic Foundation Benefit for his contribution to and advocacy of family mental health.

Thank you to M. Beth Kur for working on the Grants to Encourage Arrest project with the Attorney General's office in the northern consortia of counties.

Request to Governor's office that Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) funds from OVW be assigned to MDVPTB and they have agreed to assign the OVW dollars to MDVPTB.

A.Krause was asked to come back to National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) at Santa Fe in December for their "Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases" Workshop.

## **MONITORING TO ASSURE ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE**

**MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to defer reports until the next Board meeting due to D. Cain's absence. Seconded by P. Graham. Motion carried.**

### **Legislative Review**

L. Rogers reported on HB 6341, 6340, Ethnic Intimidation Act MCL 750.147b, Sentencing Guidelines MCL777.16g.

**MOTION: Moved by P. Graham to support HB 6341, 6340. Seconded by C. Cowling. Motion carried.**

L. Rogers reviewed 2008 Public Act 300 amending MCL 722.623 to make professional employees of FOC and workers in VAWA-funded agencies mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse/neglect.

C. Cowling praised the legal staff and thanked them for getting out there and helping.

G. Krieger reported on HB 6602, which would amend MCL 18.352, 18.354, 18.355, 18.360, 18.361 and add sec. 5a to the act creating crime victim services commission, authorizing payment of crime victim compensation to providers of sexual assault medical forensic examinations. Passage of this bill by 1/5/09 is necessary to maintain the state's eligibility for STOP grant funding. DCH staff have been working with MDVPTB on this legislation. In July and August there were workgroup meetings with state stakeholders and in September there was a statewide stakeholders meeting. The bill passed the House Nov. 13, 2008 and it is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

G. Krieger also would like to convey for D. Cain a thank you to all staff that has worked on these issues.

G. Krieger reported on HB 5054-55, SB 1616, and 1618, which would create and provide funding for a sexual assault victims' forensic medical intervention and treatment fund administered by MDVPTB.

L. Rogers reported on a package of bills amending the Friend of Court Act, the Child Protection Law, The Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act, and the Family Support Act, SB 1411, 1418-1421, 1423-24, and 1431.

L. Rogers reported on HB6522, which would increase penalties for repeat offenders convicted of domestic assault and aggravated domestic assault under MCL 750.81 and 750.81a.

**MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to support HB6522. Seconded by C. Cowling. Motion carried.**

G. Krieger and L. Rogers reviewed HB6516-6517, which would allow a dismissal under MCL 769.4a to be

treated as a prior conviction for purposes of sentence enhancement under MCL 750.81 and 750.81a.

**MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to support HB6516, HB 6517. Seconded by C. Cowling. Motion carried.**

Comment made to thank P. Aldrich who had done the analysis of this bill.

C. Cowling suggested that it would be helpful for staff to compile a list of bills that didn't make it through and of new lawmakers.

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

Staff C. Colton and S. Hankins summarized the STOP set-aside for communities of color.

A. Krause wanted D. Cain to know that she was missed. A. Krause also thanked all staff picking up extra tasks.

S. Heuser passed out the annual manual.

C. Cowling asked if there were any fatherhood updates and how that was going. M. Bynum gave updates on the Interagency Agreement with DOC to develop the DV assessment tool to go with MPRI pilot project. We have put out an RFQ for technical assistance to assist with Best Practices as all new program areas are developed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**PROCESS EVALUATION:** None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 11:45 a.m.

**MOTION: Moved by C. Cowling to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by P. Graham. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Josie Jubb