

final minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Legislative Council Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower

124 W. Allegan • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair
Judge William Ervin, Vice-Chair
Judge Susan L. Dobrich (via teleconference)
Andrew Konwiak
Douglas Lloyd
Judge Frederick Mulhauser
Dr. Jessica Parks
Sheriff Thomas Reich
Gary Secor
Judge Raymond Voet
Mark Witte

Members Excused:

Jesse Billings
Judge Harvey Hoffman
Janette Kolodge
Mark Risk
Stacy Salon

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The Chair asked the clerk to take the roll. A quorum was present and absent members were excused.

III. Appointments and Reappointments Update and Recommendation

The Chair provided an update regarding the appointment recommendations made by the Committee at the last meeting. She shared that a letter was sent to the Speaker and Senate Majority Leader recommending the appointments of Heidi Cannon and Judge Geno Salomone and the reappointment of Janette Kolodge, but there has been no news to report. She will keep the Committee posted when any action is taken. She then noted that the terms of a number of current members will be expiring this year and asked the members affected if they wish to serve another term on the Committee. Andrew Konwiak, Sheriff Thomas Reich, Gary Secor, and Douglas Lloyd indicated that they would be willing to serve another 4-year term. The Chair asked the clerk to check if the members who are not present at today's meeting--Mark Risk and Stacy Salon—are interested in being reappointed when their terms expire in September. The Chair will prepare a letter to leadership recommending the reappointments. It was also pointed out that Judge Harvey Hoffman will be retiring in July. The Chair asked the clerk to contact Judge Louise Alderson to see if she might be interested in serving on the Committee.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the January 19, 2016 Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Mr. Lloyd moved, supported by Judge Voet, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 SDTCAC meeting as presented. No changes were offered and there was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

V. Approval of the 2015 SDTCAC Annual Report

The Chair reported that a draft of the 2015 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report was included in the meeting packet and asked if there were any changes. Mr. Witte identified a minor change in the agency name listed on page 4. The Chair noted the correction and called for a motion to approve the report as proposed. **Judge Ervin moved, supported by Mr. Secor, to approve the 2015 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report as presented. There were no other changes offered and there was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.** The Chair indicated that the report would be sent to the members of the Legislature and the Michigan Supreme Court as required by statute.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

The Chair called on each subcommittee chair for an update.

Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee: Mr. Witte identified a couple of issues. First, he noted that the Affordable Health Care Act does have an impact on drug treatment courts and members should be seeing an increase in the number of people who have private or public insurance coverage. He would like to conduct an inventory among the state-funded drug treatment courts to find out the frequency with which participants are able to draw upon public

or private funds as opposed to court funds for treatment services. He feels it is important to benchmark and monitor this prevalence going forward and will work with Dr. Parks on how to accomplish this. Secondly, he reported that the movement through Section 298 of the Governor's budget proposal to roll all publicly funded behavioral health services into Medicaid health plans has been significantly altered. Lt. Governor Calley is leading a workgroup to find substitute language and he will keep the Committee updated as circumstances warrant.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:

Mr. Risk was not present. No update was reported.

Family Dependency Court Subcommittee:

Judge Dobrich had no update to report, but noted she will be setting up a meeting.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman was not present to provide a report. Dr. Parks mentioned that for five years the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals has funded an ignition interlock and restricted license study and that study ended in March. She noted that Judge Hoffman and other members of the MADCP board have been working on a long-term, potential alternative funding source plan that involves Auto Owners Insurance Agency and the other insurance companies that helped fund the initial ignition interlock study. The plan would be to conduct another study to learn if sobriety court participants who have an ignition Interlock restricted license end up having fewer alcohol-related crashes. She explained that this would probably be a two-year effort, with a goal of convincing insurance companies to invest in drug treatment courts since the program is saving them money.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

Judge Mulhauser had no update to report except that the national committee has not released their final report on best practices for juvenile drug courts.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman was not present to provide an update. Judge Voet brought a recent court of appeals case that involves how pleas are recorded by the Secretary of the State to the members' attention and will forward the case to the members. Judge Voet volunteered to chair the Legislative Subcommittee when Judge Hoffman retires in July.

Marijuana Subcommittee:

Judge Voet reported that he has learned that the people collecting signatures for the ballot initiatives have run into problems and may not be able to collect enough signatures to get it on the ballot. A discussion of the legalization of marijuana and the use of medical marijuana followed. Judge Voet will continue to follow these issues and will report back any news.

Veterans Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge Voet shared that his veterans court team has received a grant to visit the first veterans treatment court in Buffalo, NY, in May.

Vision Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman was not present at today's meeting. No update was given. The Chair commented that we will need to discuss a replacement for chair of this subcommittee at the July meeting.

VII. Funding Update

The Chair called on Dr. Parks for the general funding update. Dr. Parks provided a handout of one-time funding for FY 2017 Budget Recommendations (see attachment) and explained the proposed medication assisted treatment pilot program. She then shared information she acquired at a meeting she attended with drug court administrators from other states. She also brought forward a concept for the SDTCAC to consider that is used in about two-thirds of the other states. The entity that is comparable to the SDTCAC committee is much more heavily involved in funding decisions in terms of allocating grant funds and reading and scoring grant applications. Judge Mulhauser mentioned that he is open to the idea, but would need to know the legislative mandate parameters of our Committee first. Mr. Secor offered that, since SCAO currently does an excellent job in this area, it might be better for the Committee to be involved in looking at the methodology used in scoring and determining the allocation of funds.

The issue of the Committee sending a letter to the Senate Majority Leader regarding the proposed funding level for drug treatment courts was also discussed. **Judge Mulhauser moved, supported by Judge Voet, that a letter from the Chair on behalf of the Committee be prepared and sent to the Senate Majority Leader**

indicating the SDTCAC support of the Governor and House FY 2017 Recommendation of \$500,000 for Drug Treatment Courts and urging the Senate to reconsider allocating the Senate FY 2017 recommendation of \$800,000 for Swift and Sure sanctions to drug treatment courts. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. There were none.

IX. Next Meeting Date

There was a discussion of the next meeting date. Due to a conflict with the probate conference, the Chair announced that the next meeting date will be moved to **Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.**

X. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

(Minutes approved at the July 26, 2016 SDTCAC meeting.)

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Recommendations

Program	Governor's Recommendation	House Recommendation	Senate Recommendation
Drug Treatment Courts	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Veterans Treatment Courts	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$250,000
Medication Assisted Treatment	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
Swift and Sure Sanctions	\$0	\$0	\$800,000

All recommendations are for one-time funding for fiscal year 2017