

final minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee (SDTCAC) Meeting

10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Legislative Council Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower Building

124 W. Allegan Avenue • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair
Judge Raymond Voet, Vice Chair
Heidi Cannon
Andrew Konwiak (teleconference)
Judge Mark Latchana
Douglas Lloyd
Sheriff Michael Main (teleconference)
Christina Nicholas
Mark Risk (teleconference)
Judge Geno Salomone (teleconference)
Stacy Salon
Gary Secor (teleconference)

Members Excused:

Judge Louise Alderson
Jesse Billings
Judge Susan L. Dobrich
Judge Julia B. Owdziej
Andrew Smith

I. Call to Order

Chair Ronayne Krause called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of the Minutes of the January 8, 2019 SDTCAC Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the January 8, 2019 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 8, 2019 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting. There was no objection and no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

IV. Recommendation of Reappointments and Appointments of Members

The Chair opened a discussion of the reappointment of members whose terms will expire in 2019 and candidates to recommend to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House for the vacant rights of crime victims advocate position. The following current members expressed interest in being reappointed in 2019: Chair Ronayne Krause, Ms. Cannon, and Ms. Nicholas and the clerk will confirm Judge Dobrich's willingness to continue to serve. The Chair also noted that the juvenile drug court graduate representative has not attended any Committee meetings since being appointed in 2015. A discussion followed and the Chair, Ms. Cannon, and Mr. Lloyd will search for potential candidates to bring forward. The position of an advocate for the rights of crime victim was also discussed and the Chair and other committee members will reach out to different sources for potential candidates. The Chair will prepare and send a letter to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House recommending the discussed reappointments and will indicate that the Committee will forward potential candidates for a juvenile drug court graduate and an advocate for the rights of crime victims as soon as any individuals are identified to recommend.

V. Approval of 2018 SDTCAC Annual Report

The Chair directed attention to the proposed 2018 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report and asked if there were any changes. Ms. Cannon noted that she is the Sobriety Court Probation Officer and not the coordinator for the 2A District Court and Ms. Nicholas noted she is the Director of the Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Services with the Oakland Community Health Network. The Chair asked that these changes be reflected in the annual report. There were no other changes offered. **Mr. Lloyd moved, supported by Ms. Cannon, to approve the 2018 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report as amended. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.** The Chair noted that the report will be transmitted to the members of the Michigan Legislature and the members of 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:

Ms. Nicholas reported that not much has changed since the last meeting other than the President has decided not to address the Affordable Care Act until the next election. She also noted that she will continue to monitor work requirements and provided information on how that might impact treatment courts.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:

Mr. Risk had no update to report.

Family Dependency Court Subcommittee:

Judge Dobrich was not present, and no update was reported.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

Judge Owdziej was not present, and no update was reported.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Ms. Cannon reported that Public Act 657 of 2018 which provides for the medication-assisted treatment program became effective on March 28, 2019. She provided an overview of the act and shared a copy of the public act and a House Fiscal Agency analysis for more details. Judge Hoffman then provided information about some long-term recommendations to address the lack of trial court funding in rural areas that will be presented to Senator Tom Barrett at an Appropriations subcommittee meeting on Thursday. He also shared that there will be a ground-breaking ceremony with the Governor at Andy's Place in Blackmon Township on April 29 at 2:00 p.m. He will email a scanned copy of the invitation to the Clerk to distribute to Committee members. Ms. Cannon concluded with news that she and Judge Salomone will be attending the Traffic Injury Research Foundation technical assistance review the week of June 3rd and she should be able to provide a report on that at the next meeting.

Program Standardization and Alternative Funding Subcommittee:

Judge Salomone reported that, between certification, best practices, and all the educational opportunities being offered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) and MATCP, all the treatment courts are reaching that point of standardization of being on the same page and offering similar things. With regard to long-term funding, the idea of having all courts integrated into the justice system instead of being grant-reliant is still the goal. In the short-term, he is encouraging all courts to reach out and ask their funding units to assume a greater share of their costs. He also noted that, in a continuing development, private foundations are coming to the table now as opposed to just public grants to try and help especially with the Opioid epidemic. He encouraged everyone to review the 2019 Problem-Solving Court Report released by SCAO which has the stats that show that problem-solving courts work probably better than any other treatment program.

Veterans' Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge Voet had no update to report.

Vision Subcommittee:

Prosecutor Lloyd had no update to report.

VII. Funding Update

Because Mr. Smith was not at today's meeting, the Chair moved the discussion of the steps SCAO's strategic planning team has determined should be taken to address unspent MAT and regular grant funds and the discussion of the collaboration with the Mental Health Court Advisory Committee to the next meeting.

VIII. Committee Member Comments

The Chair asked if there were any comments from Committee members. Mr. Lloyd provided information on the potential impact of the Cunningham case that deals with district court funding and noted the Legislature is working on a number of issues that will affect costs. There were no other Commissioner comments.

IX. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

X. Next Meeting Date

After discussion, the Chair announced that the date of the next SDTCAC meeting will tentatively be scheduled for July 23, 2019 and asked the clerk to poll the members to determine if there will be a quorum.

XI. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

(Minutes approved at the July 23, 2019 SDTCAC meeting.)