

final minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Legislative Council Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower

124 W. Allegan • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair
Judge Jodi Switalski
Stephanie Drury
Judge Susan L. Dobrich (via teleconference)
Stephanie Drury
Judge Harvey Hoffman
Douglas Lloyd
Judge Frederick Mulhauser
Dr. Jessica Parks
Sheriff Thomas Reich
Mark Risk (via teleconference)
Gary Secor
Judge Raymond Voet
Mark Witte

Members Excused:

Judge William Ervin
Jesse Billings
Janette Kolodge
Andrew Konwiak
Stacy Salon

I. Call to Order

Chair Ronayne Krause called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Welcome to New Members

The Chair announced that the Speaker and Senate Majority Leader acted upon the recommendations and appointed several new members to the Committee. She welcomed the new members—Jesse Billings, the Honorable Jodi Switalski, the Honorable Susan L. Dobrich, and Gary Secor. Judge Switalski, Judge Dobrich, and Mr. Secor were present and provided some information about their background and involvement with specialty courts.

IV. 2015 Reappointments and Appointment Recommendations

The Chair reported that there are four positions with terms that will be expiring in 2015. She asked if any of the current members are willing to serve another 4-year term.

Judge Krause stated that she is willing to continue to serve, but indicated that she no longer runs a domestic violence court and understands if the Committee would prefer recommending someone else to represent domestic violence programs. A discussion followed. **Judge Hoffman moved, supported by Judge Switalski, that the Committee recommend the reappointment of Judge Amy Ronayne Krause to the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee and that a letter urging her reappointment be sent to the Speaker and the Senate Majority Leader. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Stephanie Drury expressed her interest in continuing to serve on the SDTCAC as the probation officer representative for another four years. **Prosecutor Lloyd moved, supported by Judge Mulhauser, that the Committee recommend the reappointment of Stephanie Drury to the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee and that a letter urging her reappointment be sent to the Speaker and the Senate Majority Leader. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Janette Kolodge was not present at today's meeting. The Committee tabled consideration of her reappointment. The Chair will contact Ms. Kolodge and inquiries will be made to Mothers' Against Drunk Driving and the Crime Victims Board for suggestions.

Mr. Witte indicated that he will be willing to continue to serve another 4-year term as the substance abuse coordination agency representative. **Judge Mulhauser moved, supported by Mr. Secor, that the Committee recommend the reappointment of Mark Witte to the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee and that a letter urging his reappointment be sent to the Speaker and the Senate Majority Leader. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

V. Minutes of the December 9, 2014 Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Mr. Witte moved, supported by Judge Voet, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 SDTCAC meeting as presented. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

The Chair congratulated and the members applauded Dr. Jessica Parks on receiving the award.

VI. 2014 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report

The Chair reported the proposed 2014 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report is in the members' meeting packet. She asked members if they had any changes to the report. Mr. Witte suggested, and the members agreed, that an update to the agency listed for him be made. **Mr. Witte moved, supported by Sheriff Reich, that the 2014 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report, as amended, be approved. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.** The Chair stated that the report will be distributed to the members of the Legislature and the Supreme Court as required by statute and will be posted on the SDTCAC website.

VII. Subcommittee Updates

The Chair called on each subcommittee chair for an update. Updates from the following subcommittees were then given:

Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee: Mr. Witte provided an update that included information on changes to Healthy Michigan's implementation. He noted that the State has clarified that individuals in the courts who have Healthy Michigan will now have a very broad array of mental health and substance abuse services available to them through the local pre-paid in-patient health plan. A discussion followed. Judge Hoffman shared that he believes there is an information gap when it comes to the treatment court community knowing what is available in terms of the ancillary services available. Mr. Witte will recommend that each regional substance abuse treatment coordinator reach out and hold an informational session with each treatment court administrator. Mr. Witte will send the members a map identifying the 10 regions and will work with Dr. Parks to coordinate some training on this topic.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:

Mr. Risk had no update to report.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman reported that there is not much going on except that the State budget is not in good shape and everyone is just trying to hold their own.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

Judge Mulhauser reported that the national association is trying to develop best practice for juvenile treatment courts and his court is one of six courts nationwide participating in a project they are conducting. He shared that there is a conference in May that will be looking at one of the unique issues facing juvenile courts which has to do with assessment tools to determine more effective treatment.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman reported that the discussion of the ignition interlock legislation is on-going. Dr. Parks added that the Mental Health Court Advisory Committee will not be taking a position on the ignition interlock restricted driver license issue and will not be moving forward for mental health court restricted licenses. Mr. Secor commented that the 61st district court is one of the courts participating in the interlock ignition pilot program and they have experienced problems with the Secretary of the State in terms of getting licenses reinstated.

Marijuana Subcommittee:

Judge Voet reported that legislation was introduced by Representative Irwin and there are several potential ballot initiatives to legalize marijuana. He noted that he expects that there will be activity on this issue over next 18 months and he is not sure if the Committee will be taking a stance on this issue. A discussion of what is happening with legalized marijuana use in Colorado and the SDTCAC's role in the debate here in Michigan followed. Mr. Witte noted that he is scheduled to participate on a Michigan State Police panel after a presentation from an individual involved in Colorado's drug enforcement effort and that he will pass along any fruitful information he receives. Judge Switalski was appointed to the Marijuana Subcommittee.

Veterans Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge Voet had no update to report. Judge Switalski was added to the Veterans Treatment Court Subcommittee.

Vision Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman had no update to report.

VIII. Funding Update

Dr. Parks provided the requested funding levels for various drug and veteran treatment court programs and mental health court programs and the amount of cuts in funding to some of these programs.

IX. Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention for States

The Chair noted that the information Judge Switalski shared regarding news from the CDC on prescription drug overdose prevention is in today's meeting packet.

X. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. Sandy Jones from Muchmore Harrington Smalley was present and offered comments regarding the use of Vivitrol and its availability. A discussion of this including medication treatment funding followed. There were no other public comments.

XI. Next Meeting Date

After a discussion of the date of the next meeting, the Chair announced that the next SDTCAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.**

XII. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

(Minutes approved at the August 11, 2015 SDTCAC meeting.)