

# final minutes

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**State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting**  
10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
Legislative Council Conference Room • 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boji Tower Building  
124 W. Allegan Avenue • Lansing, MI

**Members Present:**

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair (teleconference)  
Judge Louise Alderson (teleconference)  
Heidi Cannon  
Andrew Konwiak (teleconference)  
Judge Mark Latchana (teleconference)  
Douglas Lloyd  
Judge Julia B. Owdziej  
Dr. Jessica Parks  
Mark Risk (via teleconference)  
Stacy Salon  
Gary Secor

**Members Excused:**

Judge Raymond Voet, Vice Chair  
Jesse Billings  
Judge Susan L. Dobrich  
Sheriff Michael Main  
Christina Nicholas  
Judge Geno Salomone

**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. Announcement of New Member**

The Chair announced that the Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader accepted the Committee's recommendation and appointed Christina Nicholas to the Committee to serve as the Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency representative. She shared that Ms. Nicholas sent her deep regret that she could not attend today's meeting, but she is looking forward to the next meeting.

**IV. Approval of the Minutes of the October 17, 2017 Meeting**

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Mr. Secor moved, supported by Mr. Lloyd, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting as presented. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**V. Subcommittee Updates**

The Chair noted that an updated subcommittee roster is included in today's meeting packet and called on each subcommittee chair for an update.

Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee: The Chair appointed Christina Nicholas to serve as the Chair of the Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee. There was no objection. The Chair asked that the clerk inform Ms. Nicholas of her appointment.

Best Practices and Certification Subcommittee

Judge Alderson had no update to report.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:

Mr. Risk had no update to report.

Family Dependency Court Subcommittee:

Judge Dobrich was not present so there was no update to report.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

Judge Owdziej reported that SCAO and the National Center for State Courts met in November for a training session as part of the continuing 5-year program for juvenile drug courts. She noted that all eleven juvenile drug courts participated and the training went very well.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman provided an update on House Bill 4870 that requires mandatory medically prescribed drug treatment for a drug court participant who has engaged in opioid abuse or is opioid-dependent. He noted that the idea that an assessment be required since not all opioid users need medication-assisted treatment (MAT) was discussed and he understands the bill will be amended. He added that other issues raised by the MATCP Legislative Committee were potential funding sources for those assessments and a plan to take the idea of developing a statewide network where doctors would be available to perform MAT assessment services to the Opioid Commission.

Marijuana Subcommittee:

Judge Voet was not present so there was no update to report.

Program Standardization and Alternative Funding Subcommittee:

Judge Salomone was not present so there was no update to report.

Veterans Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge Voet was not present so there was no update to report.

Vision Subcommittee:

Prosecutor Lloyd had no update to report.

**VI. Funding Update**

Dr. Parks reported that there was nothing new to report. She noted that the MAT program is in its second year and is part of the SCAO budget so they anticipate on-going funding for this program. She added that the program is no longer opioid-specific as alcohol addiction is now included.

**VII. Committee Member Comments**

The Chair asked if there were any comments from Committee members. Mr. Secor shared that Kent County is part of an Oral Swab Marijuana pilot program which includes roadside testing. He added they have not seen any cases yet, but will following the issue. The Chair asked that this issue be added as an agenda item at the next meeting. Dr. Parks provided an update on certification. There were no other comments.

**VIII. Public Comment**

The Chair asked for public comment. Dr. Jeanne Kapenga, President of Family Against Narcotics (FAN), commented that Medicaid funding for medication-assisted treatment services is good, but noted there is a quite a delay in physician visit access. She added that the teleconferencing option for providing physician interaction is a very effective solution and FAN is supporting efforts in that area. Dr. Kapenga also shared that Eaton County is launching an expanded MAT program, and she has worked with Gary Secor on the MAT program in Kent County and Sheriff Wrigglesworth in Ingham County. She has observed significant delays and low enrollment in residential jail treatment program and encourages the need to take a harder look as to why people are not getting enrolled from the drug courts. The Chair noted that Sheriff Main is part of the Committee and asked that he be advised of the issues brought up by Dr. Kapenga. Mr. Secor noted that Sheriff Main has been an advocate for MAT services in the jails and he knows that Sheriff Main has raised the issue at the Michigan Sheriffs Association conference. There were no other public comments.

**IX. Next Meeting Date**

The Chair announced the date of the next SDTCAC meeting is April 17, 2018 and the remaining 2018 meeting dates are set for July 17 and October 16. She asked members to let the clerk know if they have a conflict with any of these dates.

**X. Adjournment**

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.