

final minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee (SDTCAC) Meeting

10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, October 15, 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 (teleconference)
Heidi Cannon
Judge Susan L. Dobrich (teleconference)
Judge Mark Latchana (teleconference)
Douglas Lloyd
Sheriff Michael Main
Judge Julia B. Owdziej (teleconference)
Mark Risk (teleconference)
Judge Geno Salomone
Stacy Salon
Gary Secor
Andrew Smith
Alma Valenzuela

Members Excused:

Judge Louise Alderson
Andrew Konwiak
Christina Nicholas

I. Call to Order

Chair Ronayne Krause called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of the Minutes of the July 23, 2019 SDTCAC Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting and asked if there were any errors, corrections, or clarifications. There were none. **Mr. Lloyd moved, supported by Mr. Secor, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2019 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting. There was no objection and no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

IV. Recommendation of Candidate for the Juvenile Graduate Appointment

The Chair asked for an update from Mr. Lloyd and Ms. Cannon regarding possible candidates for the vacant juvenile drug court graduate position. Mr. Lloyd indicated that he will reach out to his juvenile court referee and Ms. Cannon reported that she will reach out to a graduate who spoke on a panel at the MATCP conference. Judge Owdziej shared that she has an individual in mind for this position who indicated he could not make the commitment at this time; however, she will reach out to him again as he would be an excellent candidate to fill this position. The Chair asked that the search continue.

V. Subcommittee Updates

The Chair called on each subcommittee chair for an update.

Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee:

Ms. Nicholas was not present at today's meeting due to a previous commitment. No update was reported.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:

Mr. Risk had no update to report.

Family Dependency Court Subcommittee:

Judge Dobrich provided an update on a recent visit Supreme Court Justice Megan Cavanagh made to the family dependency treatment court in Cass County and noted that she met with a group from the Odawa tribe to establish a Healing the Wellness Court which will focus on children.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

Judge Owdziej had no update to report, but noted it appears the movement to raise the age to 17 seems to have traction. She will continue to monitor the issue and report if the Legislature makes any changes.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Ms. Cannon had no update to report but inquired about whether anyone has seen any difference in MAT assessments since the enactment of House Bill 5372 of 2018. Judge Salomone and Prosecutor Lloyd mentioned that they have not seen a change since their courts have always conducted assessments. A discussion of the use of MAT services followed.

Program Standardization and Alternative Funding Subcommittee:

Judge Salomone had no update to report.

Veterans' Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge Voet had no update to report.

Vision Subcommittee:

Prosecutor Lloyd had nothing specific to report; however, he pointed out that the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) is encouraging legislators to visit Eaton County Circuit Court Judge Janice Cunningham's adult circuit drug court when they are in Lansing. Senator Barrett and Representative Filler have already visited the drug court and he shared that KC Steckelberg of PAAM will make the arrangements should other legislators wish to schedule a visit.

VI. Funding Update

Mr. Smith provided a summary of the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) Fiscal Year 2020 Problem-Solving Court Awards as follows:

Drug Court: \$11,279,740

- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program: \$8,849,740
- Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP): \$930,000
- Byrne JAG: \$1,500,000

Mental Health Court: \$5,187,569

Veterans Treatment Court: \$933,400

Swift and Sure Sanctions Program: \$3,308,803.

Judge Salomone noted that, regarding overall program cuts, what might be considered a relatively small reduction can sometimes translate into a greater hit especially if it means the loss of a position such as a probation officer. He added that SCAO should consider expanding the funding for good programs that have an established track record before new programs are considered and take on the distribution of other funding sources, like SAMHSA block grants, to reduce the amount of awards that go unspent. A discussion followed, and Mr. Secor inquired about the future of OHSP funding.

VII. Committee Member Comments

The Chair asked if there were any comments from Committee members. Sheriff Main reported that the reduction/cut to the appropriation the Department of Corrections uses to pay jails to house straddle cell inmates will have a significant impact on sheriff offices in Michigan. He hopes the budget reduction is restored. The Chair apologized for her absence at the July meeting and welcomed Ms. Valenzuela to the Committee. There were no other Commissioner comments.

VIII. Public Comment

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

IX. Next Meeting Date

The Chair announced that the next SDTCAC meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020. Other tentative committee meeting dates in 2020 are: April 21, July 21, and October 20.

X. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

(Minutes approved at the January 14, 2020 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting.)