

final minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, October 16, 2018
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
Judge Louise Alderson
Heidi Cannon
Andrew Konwiak (teleconference)
Judge Mark Latchana
Douglas Lloyd
Sheriff Michael Main
Christina Nicholas (teleconference)
Judge Julia B. Owdziej (teleconference)
Mark Risk
Judge Geno Salomone (teleconference)
Stacy Salon
Gary Secor
Andrew Smith

Members Excused:

Jesse Billings
Judge Susan L. Dobrich

I. Call to Order

The Chair 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 July 17, 2018 Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting and asked if there were any changes.

Mr. Lloyd moved, supported by Mr. Secor, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Subcommittee Updates

The Chair called on each subcommittee chair for an update.

Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee: Ms. Nicholas had no update to report. She will continue to monitor the issue and may have something to report at the next meeting.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:

Mr. Risk brought up an issue he is looking into regarding driver license restrictions being imposed after a deferral is completed. Judge Alderson explained the process used in her courtroom where as soon as the guilty plea is entered it is abstracted. Judge Alderson, Judge Salomone, and Judge Hoffman and Heidi Cannon are available if further assistance or explanation is needed.

Family Dependency Court Subcommittee:

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

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

Judge Owdziej had no update to report. Mr. Lloyd mentioned that efforts to change the age from 17 to 18 may see some movement after the election. He noted that the time period for aging out of a treatment program will be impacted and the issue of funding needs to be considered and addressed.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Judge Voet noted that legalization of marijuana is on the ballot and the prediction is that the proposal will pass. He noted that there might also be an active lamb duck session depending on the November election. Ms. Cannon inquired if the Committee should release a public statement indicating the Committee's opposition to the legalization of the marijuana proposal. The Chair noted that the Committee's mission is to advise the Legislature and releasing a statement taking a

stand on a proposal may be beyond the scope of the Committee. She added that if, however, the proposal should pass, it would be appropriate for the Committee to make recommendations to the Legislature on how it is regulated.

Marijuana Subcommittee:

Judge Voet's update was provided under the legislative subcommittee discussion.

Program Standardization and Alternative Funding Subcommittee:

Judge Salomone reported that the opioid epidemic has created situations in drug and hybrid courts where a variety of practices have been implemented in response to the increased opioid addict population. He noted that a survey was sent out seeking practices implemented and commonly used in these courts. He hopes program standardizations on best practices can be developed when all the information is collected.

Regarding alternative funding, Judge Salomone noted there has not been an increase in funding for drug courts in response to the opioid epidemic and he urged Committee members to reach out to their individual legislators. Mr. Secor asked Judge Salomone to send him a survey as his court received a 5-year SAMSHA grant for extending their current drug court program to opioid offenders. A discussion of the issue of SCAO placing restrictions on MAT (medication-assisted treatment) funding followed. Mr. Smith explained the initial thought process was that all increased costs would be covered by at least one of the grant programs. Everything on the medical side including medications, follow-up doctor appointments, and doctor consultations to the team are covered by MAT funding and treatment services are funded by other treatment service grant programs. Mr. Secor suggested the Committee recommend that SCAO expand the utilization of MAT funds so that treatment services can be paid for using MAT funds. The Chair offered the option of the Committee drafting a letter to SCAO, but Mr. Secor preferred that Mr. Smith be allowed to go back to SCAO to see if an allowable expense change can be implemented first. Mr. Secor will draft a letter for discussion at the January SDTCAC meeting, if necessary.

Veterans Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge Voet had no additional information to report.

Vision Subcommittee:

Prosecutor Lloyd had no update to report and mentioned there may be some additional issues the Committee may want to become more involved in after January.

V. Funding Update

Mr. Smith provided a report on FY 2019 funding awarded for problem-solving courts. See attached report for more details. A discussion of Office of Highway Safety Planning funds for sobriety courts and the low number of drunk driving cases that end up participating in the programs followed. The Chair asked Mr. Smith and he agreed to pass along a Certificate of Appreciation that was prepared to Dr. Jessica Parks. In response to a request from Mr. Secor, Mr. Smith provided an update on the certification process and noted that a review of Cycle A programs occurred this year and Cycle B programs and Veterans Courts will begin in January. Mr. Secor commented that the feedback he has received is that the process has been frustrating. A discussion followed.

VI. Committee Member Comments

The Chair asked if there were any comments from Committee members. There were none.

VII. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. Dr. Jeanne Kapenga, a physician involved in MAT and President of Family Against Narcotics (FAN), was present and provided comments on MAT issues. She also provided business cards to Committee members who may wish to contact her. Mr. Risk then introduced Mr. Scott Sholten who is a sobriety Court graduate and sits on the 86th Sobriety Court team. Mr. Sholten provided comments about his volunteer work as a recovery coach and mentor. He also spoke about the Step-Up program developed for their sobriety court graduates. There were no other public comments.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The Chair announced the date of the next SDTCAC meeting is January 8, 2019. Other tentative 2019 meeting dates are as follows: April 16, July 16, and October 15.

IX. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

(Minutes approved at the January 8, 2019 SDTCAC meeting.)

Problem-Solving Court FY 2019 Awards

Drug Court: \$12,206,000.28

- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program: \$8,296,000.28
 - Medication Assisted Treatment: \$500,000
 - Expansion Funding: \$510,000
 - Office of Highway Safety Planning: \$1,400,000
 - Byrne JAG: \$1,500,000
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Mental Health Court: \$5,198,402

Veterans Treatment Court: \$1,173,400

- Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program: \$933,400
 - Expansion Funding: \$240,000
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Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program FY 2019 Awards

SSSPP: \$3,625,611