

final minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, July 18, 2017
Legislative Council Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower Building
124 W. Allegan Avenue • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair
Heidi Cannon
Judge Susan L. Dobrich (via teleconference)
Douglas Lloyd
Sheriff Michael Main
Dr. Jessica Parks
Judge Geno Salomone (via teleconference)
Stacy Salon
Gary Secor
Judge Raymond Voet
Mark Witte

Members Excused:

Judge Louise Alderson
Jesse Billings
Andrew Konwiak
Mark Risk

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 April 18, 2017 Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Mr. Witte moved, supported by Judge Voet, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting as presented. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

IV. Election of Vice Chair

The Chair announced that a new Vice Chair is needed since Judge Ervin retired and is no longer serving on the Committee. **Mr. Witte nominated Judge Raymond Voet to serve as the Vice Chair of the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee. Mr. Secor supported the nomination. There were no other nominations and the Chair asked the clerk to call the roll. The motion prevailed and was adopted.**

Yeas—9

**Chair Ronayne Krause
Ms. Cannon
Judge Dobrich
Sheriff Main
Dr. Parks**

**Judge Salomone
Ms. Salon
Mr. Secor
Mr. Witte**

Nays—0

Abstain—1: Judge Voet

V. SDTCAC Reappointments and Vacancies

a. Upcoming Reappointments

The Chair announced that Judge Voet and Judge Alderson need to be reappointed to the Committee as their current terms expire on September 18, 2017. **Mr. Lloyd moved, supported by Judge Voet, that the Committee recommend to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House that the Honorable Louise Alderson be reappointed to the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee for a second term that expires September 18, 2021. There were no objections. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Mr. Secor moved, supported by Ms. Cannon, that the Committee recommend to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House that the Honorable Raymond Voet be reappointed to the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee for a second term that expires September 18, 2021. There were no objections. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Candidate Recommendations

A discussion of possible candidates to recommend for the two judge position vacancies followed. Dr. Parks brought forward two potential candidates, the Honorable Julia Owdziej for the family court judge position and the Honorable Mark Latchana for the circuit court judge position.

Mr. Witte moved, supported by Judge Voet, that the Committee recommend to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House that the Honorable Julia B. Owdziej be appointed to fill the position of a judge of the family division of a circuit court who has presided for at least two years over a juvenile drug court program for a term that expires on June 14, 2021. There were no objections. The motion was unanimously approved.

Judge Voet moved, supported by Mr. Lloyd, that the Committee recommend to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House that the Honorable Mark Latchana be appointed to fill the position of a circuit court judge who has presided at least two years over a drug treatment court for the remainder of the term that expires November 6, 2017 and the subsequent 4-year term that expires November 6, 2021. There were no objections. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Committee Clerk will check with Judge Owdziej and Judge Latchana to confirm their interest in the positions and report back to the Committee if there are any issues.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

The Chair called on each subcommittee chair for an update.

Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee: Mr. Witte provided an update and noted the current attempt to repeal the affordable health care act. The subcommittee will continue to monitor these efforts. He also encouraged Committee members to remind their courts that they may have coverage under the affordable health care act that includes treatment for substance abuse disorders.

Best Practices and Certification Subcommittee

Judge Hoffman provided an update for Judge Alderson. He reported that four bills dealing with the certification of drug courts have cleared the Senate Judiciary (Senate Bills 435-438). They hope the bills will move through the process quickly. A letter of support to the sponsor of the bills, Senator Schuitmaker, from the Committee was discussed. **Judge Voet moved, supported by Ms. Cannon, that the Committee send a letter to Senator Schuitmaker in support of Senate Bills 435-438. There were no objections. The motion was unanimously approved.** The Chair asked the clerk to send a draft letter to the Chair, Judge Hoffman, and Dr. Parks to review before it is sent out.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:

Mr. Risk was not present so no report was given.

Family Dependency Court Subcommittee:

Judge Dobrich provided an update that included a summary of the events at the MADCP conference in Washington, D.C. and their efforts to encourage DHHS to become more involved in the drug court process.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

With the retirement of Judge Mulhauser, no report was given. If Judge Owdziej is appointed, the Chair will ask her to chair this subcommittee.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Judge Voet asked Judge Hoffman to provide an update. Judge Hoffman reported the efforts being made on the interlock bills, the violent offender definition, mental health courts, and case transfers. Judge Salomone inquired about a deadline for passage of the certification bills and a discussion of a support letter from the Committee followed. **Judge Voet moved, supported by Mr. Secor, that the Chair send a letter to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House supporting the certification bills and urging passage by October 1, 2017. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.** Judge Hoffman and Dr. Parks will draft the letter and will send it to the Committee clerk for the Chair to review.

Marijuana Subcommittee:

Judge Voet provided an update on the efforts to legalize the use of marijuana. A discussion of treatment issues, drunk driving legislation and marijuana use, and who the proponents and opponents of medical marijuana are followed.

Program Standardization and Alternative Funding Subcommittee:

Judge Salomone reported that drug court funding from Washington will remain the same as last year and they will continue to look for alternate funding sources.

Veterans Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge Voet had no update to report except that the City of Wyoming graduated their first two graduates. The Chair shared that the proceeds from the Ingham County Bar Foundation's golf outing will be going to the Ingham County Veterans Court.

Vision Subcommittee:

Prosecutor Lloyd had no update to report. He will be going to Buffalo for recertification of their veterans' court.

VII. Funding Update

Dr. Parks provided an update on the funding for drug courts. A discussion of additional funding for prosecutors followed. **Judge Dobrich moved, supported by Mr. Lloyd, to have the Commission send a letter to Supreme Court Administrator Milton Mack encouraging the allocation of funding for prosecutors in treatment courts that require certification. There were no objections. The motion prevailed. Dr. Parks abstained from voting on this motion.** Mr. Lloyd will draft the letter and send it to the Committee Clerk for the Chair to review.

VIII. Committee Member Comments

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

IX. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

X. Next Meeting Date

The Chair announced that the date of the next meeting is **October 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

XI. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

(Minutes approved at the October 17, 2017 SDTCAC meeting.)