

Final Minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m. • Tuesday, November 22, 2011

Legislative Council Conference Room • Boji Tower

Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge William Rush, Chair
Pamela Davis, Vice Chair
Kathleen Brickley
Stephanie Drury
Judge Allen Garbrecht

Janette Kolodge
Andrew Konwiak
Judge Brian MacKenzie
Jeffrey Sauter
Mark Witte

Members Excused:

Judge William T. Ervin
Judge Michael Haley
Nadine Issacs
Judge Amy Ronayne Krause
Chris Luty
Richard Woods

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The Chair asked the members to identify themselves as the clerk took the roll. A quorum was present and absent members were excused.

III. Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2011

The Chair asked members to review the minutes of the July 26, 2011 meeting. No changes or additions were recommended. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes as proposed. **Mr. Witte moved, supported by Mr. Konwiak, to approve the proposed minutes of the July 26, 2011 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

IV. Approval of the 2011-2012 Strategic Plan

The 2011-2012 Strategic Plan was presented and is attached to these minutes. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the 2011-2012 Strategic Plan as proposed. **Judge MacKenzie moved, supported by Ms. Kolodge, to approve the strategic plan as presented. There were no objections. The motion was unanimously approved.**

V. Subcommittee Updates

Confidentiality Issues Subcommittee: Mr. Sauter had nothing new to report at this time.

Cross-Assignment Subcommittee: Judge Haley was absent from today's meeting so no report was given.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman indicated that there is support from the Governor's office in regards to looking for additional sources for drug court funding. He noted that discussions regarding increased funding in urban drug courts are ongoing and additional funding for DWI Sobriety courts is being sought as well.

Defense Attorney Subcommittee: Ms. Brickley shared that Judge Hoffman is going to speak at the MADCP conference and she has been trying to get on the Criminal Defense Attorney of Michigan's agenda through their education subcommittee. Judge MacKenzie added that there is an effort underway to provide scholarships for attorney attendance at the MADCP conference. Ms. Brickley will contact Karen MacKenzie, Executive Director of the MADCP, to see if a link to the conference site could be put on the State Appellate Defender web site. Ms. Brickley also noted that Derwood Haines has been added to the subcommittee.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee: Ms. Davis reported that they will be holding a meeting in January to talk about the juvenile drug court forum to be held in 2012 and the Michigan Juvenile Justice 2020 Planning Initiative that will deal with revamping the juvenile court system. SCAO is involved in this initiative which started about two months ago with a four-day strategic planning session at Grand Valley State University who is partially funding

this initiative. They will concentrate on five focus areas including the purpose of the juvenile courts, the effective outcomes for youth and families, juvenile court operational performance, adequate and sustainable financing, and strong juvenile justice workforce. They will also look at equitable treatment making sure all the children who come through the juvenile justice system have the opportunity to receive any benefit regardless of where they come from. More information regarding this initiative can be found on the At-A-Glance document attached to these minutes.

Legislative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman reported that he is hoping the diversion bill will be voted on by the Senate soon. He noted that the veteran court legislation is in the hopper and it may be a while before it is heard. In addition, he shared that the National Center for DWI Courts' Executive Committee has been working on the diversion/sobriety court language that allows people to get restricted licenses. The language that has been inserted into the new federal transportation bill says that you can restrict a license but it does not say anything about the restrictions and leaves it up to the states to determine which restrictions to impose. When that bill is passed at the federal level, the issue will be brought back to the state level. The issue of how common interlocks are being used was raised by Judge Garbrecht. Judge Hoffman responded that the use of interlocks seems to be slow, but it seems to be picking up.

Medical Marijuana: Mr. Sauter is not sure there is a need for this committee based upon the fact that it was created when there was a concern that the law would allow medical marijuana use by drug court participants. Mr. Sauter feels this is no longer an issue since the Court of Appeals came out with an opinion. The issue was discussed further and Mr. Sauter noted that that there may be a need for legislative action regarding what is a bona fide patient-doctor relationship and what is a chronic debilitating condition. Bruce Timmons added that the House might take up the issue in February.

Recidivism Subcommittee: Mr. Woods was absent from today's meeting so no report was given.

Vision and Evidence-Based Sentencing Subcommittee: The Chair noted that any action of this subcommittee is more of the committee of the whole when discussing the strategic plan.

VI. Ad Hoc Committee Update

Veteran Treatment Court: Judge MacKenzie indicated that there is a possibility that the MADCP is considering a training event on veteran courts.

VII. Funding Update

The Chair called on Judge Hoffman for a funding update. Judge Hoffman is concerned that the Byrne Grant funding maybe cut 20%. He noted that SCAO is very supportive and with the exception of the Byrne Grant funding, funding seems to be stable.

VIII. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. Judge Hoffman commented that the continued growth of the abuse of prescription medication is becoming the issue now and there is a strong need to start a dialogue with the medical community. This prompted a discussion of other substances being used including synthetic marijuana and opiates and Mr. Witte cautioned that when discussing options for treatment that public opinion not get ahead of science.

IX. Next Meeting Date

The Chair announced that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.**

X. Adjournment

Ms. Davis moved , supported by Judge Garbrecht, that the meeting be adjourned. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

(Approved at the January 24, 2012 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting.)

STATE DRUG TREATMENT COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Strategic Action Plan (05/2011 – 5/2012)

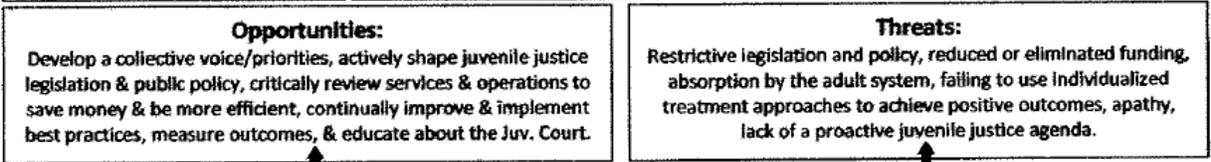
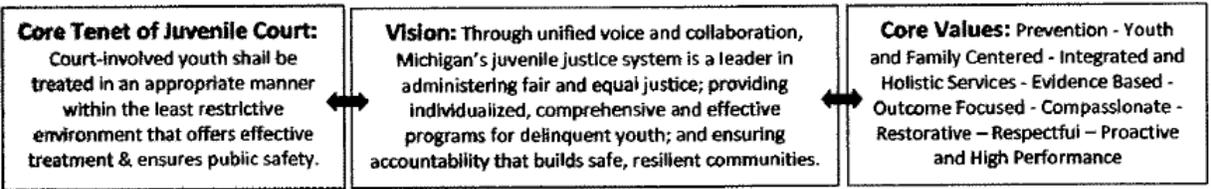
Mission Statement: The mission of the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee is to monitor and advocate for the effectiveness of drug treatment courts in Michigan.

Goal	Objective(s)	Action Step(s)	Assignment	Time Frame
1	Monitor Effectiveness of the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct Strategic Planning 2. Conduct S.W.O.T.T. Analysis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule sub-committee meetings as needed 2. Prepare written report and submit to SDTCAC Chair 3. SDTCAC shall approve the annual legislative report prior to submission to legislature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SDTCAC Chair ▪ Each Sub-committee Chair 	Annually
2	Monitor the Qualitative Effectiveness of Michigan Drug Treatment Courts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review reports and data regarding Michigan Drug Treatment Courts 2. Coordinate efforts with MADCP 3. Identify an accepted definition of "success", "failure", and "recidivism" 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review SCAO annual report 2. Invite MADCP to review collected data and participate in annual strategic planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each Sub-committee Chair ▪ SDTCAC 	Ongoing
3	Advocate for Drug Treatment Courts in Michigan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand and coordinate efforts with stakeholders 2. Increase Legislative, Judicial and Executive awareness, understanding and knowledge of Drug Treatment Courts 3. Promote Drug Treatment Courts as a Funding Priority 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify stakeholders and secure input 2. Identify other types of problem-solving courts and secure input as needed 3. Provide testimony to appropriate legislative bodies 4. Maintain contact with appropriate Executive agencies 5. Disseminate information and data to Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches 6. Provide input to SCAO, MJI and MADCP on funding issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vision Sub-committee ▪ Funding Alternative Sub-committee ▪ SDTCAC ▪ 	Ongoing

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Ensure that funding for drug court participants is secured under healthcare reform 8. Ensure the sustainability of drug courts with limited external funding 9. Educate new legislators in conjunction with the MADCP 10. Promote Drug Treatment Courts as a funding priority including but not limited to funding for substance abuse and mental health treatment 		
4	<p>Improve Michigan Drug Treatment Court Statute</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit report and recommendations to Legislature 2. Address legislative issues specific to the operations of all drug treatment courts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the statute for improvements 2. Recommend legislative changes 3. Invite other stakeholders to make suggested legislative changes (MADCP, PAAM, MASACA, etc.) 4. Solicit feedback regarding proposed changes to all appropriate drug court contacts and MADCP 5. Prioritize changes and identify best method to make those changes 6. Develop plan for facilitating proposed changes 7. Submit final proposed changes to SDTCAC and if necessary, Supreme Court and legislature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SDTCAC ▪ SDTCAC ▪ SDTCAC ▪ SCAO ▪ Legislative Sub-committee ▪ SDTCAC ▪ SDTCAC 	Annually

AT-A-GLANCE: Michigan Juvenile Justice-Vision 2020 Strategic Planning Initiative
Strategic Direction and Priorities

Draft October 18, 2011



★ Strategic Focus Areas, Strategies, and 2012 Strategic Projects ★

<p>Focus Area 1: Unique Purpose of the Juvenile Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose and functions of the juvenile court system are supported and understood by all branches of government and the public. • Juvenile justice leaders are actively shaping juvenile justice legislation and public policy. <p>Strategic Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify juvenile justice advocates and work with legislators to pass needed legislation 2. Develop a Juvenile Justice Institute to facilitate Plan efforts (Grand Valley State University is interested) 3. Further define, educate and build support for the core tenets. 	<p>Focus Area 2: Effective Outcomes for Youth, Families, & Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth and families receive the most appropriate services to meet their needs and protect the public. • Program decisions are based on quality data and research. <p>Strategic Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suggest a statewide risk/needs assessment tool(s) that meets the needs of all juvenile courts. 2. Identify areas of needed research and partner with universities to conduct juvenile justice research 3. Develop a model continuum of care 	<p>Focus Area 3: Juvenile Court Operational Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juvenile Courts provide fair and equitable treatment. • Juvenile Courts, including services offered, are user-friendly and accessible. • Juvenile Courts are timely, efficient, and effective. <p>Strategic Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve state and local data collection processes 2. Design and implement standardized performance measures for the Juvenile Courts. 	<p>Focus Area 4: Adequate & Sustainable Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michigan's juvenile justice system has the funding and resources to protect communities, administer fair and equal justice and help youth and families succeed. • Funding is predictable and sustainable. • Funding/resources are equitably and effectively distributed across the state. <p>Strategic Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for the 75/25 Child Care Fund split 2. Identify and educate advocates and stakeholders in the funding process about the needs of Michigan's juvenile justice system 3. Develop and share innovative funding strategies 	<p>Focus Area 5: Strong Juvenile Justice Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff possess the knowledge and skills to perform their jobs. • The work environment is supportive and motivating. <p>Strategic Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop role-specific, juvenile justice training curriculum 2. Provide cost-effective training across the state
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