

Final Minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m. • Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Legislative Council Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower

124 W. Allegan • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Pamela Davis, Chair
Kathleen Brickley
Stephanie Drury
Judge Allen Garbrecht
Janette Kolodge
Andrew Konwiak
Judge Amy Ronayne Krause
Dr. Jessica Parks
Jeffrey Sauter
Mark Witte

Members Excused:

Judge William Rush
Judge William T. Ervin
Judge Michael Haley
Nadine Issacs
Chris Luty
Judge Brian MacKenzie

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. Roll Call

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

The Chair introduced and asked members to welcome Dr. Jessica Parks who replaces Richard Woods as the State Court Administrator's designee to serve on the Committee. Mr. John Gonzales from the Department of Community Health was also present. Ms. Kolodge brought copies of the Adult Well-Being Services Autumn 2011 newsletter for any of the members who are interested.

III. Approval of Minutes of November 24, 2011 Meeting

The Chair asked members to review the minutes of the November 24, 2011 meeting. No changes or additions were recommended. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes as proposed. **Judge Garbrecht moved, supported by Ms. Kolodge, to approve the proposed minutes of the November 24, 2011 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

IV. Subcommittee Updates

Confidentiality Issues Subcommittee: Mr. Sauter had no updates to report at this time.

Cross-Assignment Subcommittee: Judge Haley was not at today's meeting so no report was given.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman was not at today's meeting so no report was given. Dr. Parks shared that she is aware that the State Court Administrator, Judge Hoffman, and representatives from the Governor's office met yesterday to discuss funding.

Defense Attorney Subcommittee: Ms. Brickley shared that the subcommittee has made a point of disseminating information about the upcoming MADCP conference and that information about the scholarships available to attorneys has been put out to a number of places including the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan chat forum.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee: Ms. Davis reported that the subcommittee is still working on the juvenile drug court forum and they plan to hold a phone meeting in February.

Legislative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman was not at today's meeting so no report was given.

Medical Marijuana: Mr. Sauter had no updates to report at this time.

Recidivism Subcommittee: Dr. Parks provided a brief history of SCAO's recidivism studies and explained that, instead of creating a recidivism committee, SCAO moved forward with the data protocol they had established earlier. She shared that preliminary numbers, which look really good, will be included in this year's legislative report which should be released in April. She explained that the study was limited to individuals who successfully completed a drug court program, and that the only caveat is that the numbers were not significant in juvenile drug courts.

The Chair pointed out that Dr. Parks has not formally been appointed to any subcommittees. She noted that it might be appropriate to add Dr. Parks to the four subcommittees Mr. Woods served on and suggested her appointment to the Recidivism Subcommittee, that Mr. Woods chaired, be tabled until Dr. Parks has an opportunity to decide if she would like to chair that particular subcommittee. **Mr. Sauter moved, supported by Ms. Drury, to appoint Dr. Parks to the Confidentiality Issues Subcommittee, the Cross-Assignment Subcommittee, the Funding Alternative Subcommittee, and the Vision Subcommittee. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted.**

V. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Veteran Treatment Court

Judge MacKenzie was not at today's meeting so no report was given.

VI. Funding Update

Judge Hoffman was not at today's meeting so no report was given.

VII. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

Mr. Witte shared there is a hearing scheduled on Thursday, January 26, to take testimony on House Bills 4862 and 4863 that Representative Poleski introduced. Among other things, the bills eliminate substance abuse coordinating agencies, identify substance abuse as a mental illness, and transfer the responsibility of the coordinating agencies into community mental health. Mr. Witte wanted to bring the hearing information to the members' attention not to comment in favor or in opposition to the bills, but simply to note the connection between the present agreements coordinating agencies have with drug courts and the impact the legislation potentially has on those agreements.

A discussion of the definition of recidivism followed. Dr. Parks noted that there are two separation definitions being used in the legislative report that will be released in April. One definition is on a 2 and 4 year basis where they are following up with individuals and checking for any new misdemeanor or felony convictions. The second definition is for any new drug or alcohol convictions.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The Chair announced that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.**

IX. 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 10:05 a.m.

(Approved at March 27, 2012 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting.)