

# Final Minutes

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## State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m. • Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Legislative Council Conference Room • 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boji Tower

124 W. Allegan • Lansing, MI

### Members Present:

Judge William Rush, Chair  
Kathleen Brickley  
Stephanie Drury  
Janette Kolodge  
Andrew Konwiak  
Judge Amy Ronayne Krause  
Dr. Jessica Parks  
Jeffrey Sauter  
Mark Witte

### Members Excused:

Pamela Davis-Drake, Vice Chair  
Judge William T. Ervin  
Judge Allen Garbrecht  
Judge Michael Haley  
Nadine Issacs  
Christopher Luty  
Judge Brian MacKenzie

### I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:36 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.

### III. Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2012 Meeting

The Chair asked members to review the minutes of the January 24, 2012 meeting. No changes or additions were recommended. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes as proposed. **Ms. Kolodge moved, supported by Judge Ronayne Krause, to approve the proposed minutes of the January 24, 2012 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

### IV. Subcommittee Updates

Legislative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman provided an update on the diversion bill and explained that, under this proposed new law, all drug court diversions will be non-public as of the time of entry of the plea rather than at the end of probation. The bill has cleared the Senate and is currently in the House Judiciary Committee. He has been told that House Judiciary will take up the bill later in the spring. He continued with an update on the Veterans Court bill which is also in the House Judiciary Committee and is expected to be taken up at the same time as the diversion package. Judge Hoffman noted that there is a good chance that both of the bills will be finished in this legislative session. He also provided an update on the ignition interlock law that passed two years ago which included a research requirement. He shared that the money needed to conduct this research has been raised and the two people primarily responsible are Dr. Christopher Kierkus from Grand Valley State University and Dr. Jessica Parks. Judge Hoffman called on Dr. Parks to provide a status report of the progress made so far. Dr. Parks noted that, in terms of the limited outcome data collected so far, they have no evidence of anyone tampering with their interlock, driving a vehicle that is not equipped with an interlock, or being rearrested. Judge Hoffman finished with news of a discussion that has been taking place regarding the concerns drug courts in urban areas have with the current funding structure and the possibility of moving away from the grant structure currently in place and going to a pay-on-a-per-head basis. Dr. Parks provided some of the highlights of what they consider to be a graded-reimbursement system. She noted that some of the judges are hesitant about the program and there are three judges in Saginaw who are interested in learning more. Judge Ronayne Krause offered to talk to some of the judges in Saginaw.

The Chair inquired about a bill that would empower the Department of Health to identify new "designer" drugs and put them on a schedule for a limited amount of time until the legislature could affirm that it is a controlled substance. Judge Hoffman explained the issue further, but did not know the status of the bill.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman reported that he anticipates a cut in the Byrne-Jag funding, but has not heard of any cuts to the drug court line item. Dr. Parks affirmed that they are expecting two 20% cuts at the federal level over two consecutive years. She noted that drug courts may or may not feel the full impact of the 20% cuts as the Michigan State Police gets to determine how the money is distributed.

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

Medical Marijuana: Mr. Sauter provided a description and an update on the work being done on four medical marijuana bills (House Bills 4834, 4851, 4853, and 4856.)

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

Defense Attorney Subcommittee: Ms. Brickley shared that there were presentations on issues of due process at both the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals' conference and the Criminal Defense Attorneys conference. She will continue to move forward in other arenas.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee: Ms. Davis-Drake was not present at today's meeting so no report was given.

Recidivism Subcommittee: The Chair asked if there were any objections to appointing Dr. Parks as Chair of the Recidivism subcommittee. Since there were no objections, the Chair appointed Dr. Parks as Chair of that committee and called on her for an update. Dr. Parks noted that the recidivism report she referred to at the last meeting is posted on the SCAO website now and the drug court legislative report is due to the Governor's office on April 1<sup>st</sup> and will be posted after that date. She added that during the MADCP conference, the recidivism figures were discussed with the juvenile subcommittee since the juvenile drug court recidivism figures do not look nearly as good as adult drug court recidivism figures. Information on the contributing factors to the high recidivism rate for juvenile drug courts was also discussed and Dr. Parks noted that they will be looking at the Recovery High Program in Charlevoix for more information.

## **V. Ad Hoc Committees**

### Veteran Treatment Court

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

## **VI. Funding Update**

Dr. Parks had no additional information on funding to share.

## **VII. Public Comment**

The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

## **VIII. Next Meeting Date**

The Chair announced that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.** He noted that the meeting may be a little longer due to the fact that strategic planning may be discussed.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

*(Approved at the May 22, 2012 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting.)*