

# Final Minutes

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## State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m. • Tuesday, May 22, 2012

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

124 W. Allegan • Lansing, MI

### Members Present:

Judge William Rush, Chair  
Pamela Davis-Drake, Vice Chair  
Stephanie Drury  
Judge William Ervin  
Judge Allen Garbrecht  
Andrew Konwiak  
Judge Amy Ronayne Krause  
Christopher Luty  
Judge Brian MacKenzie  
Dr. Jessica Parks  
Jeffrey Sauter

### Members Excused:

Judge Michael Haley  
Ms. Nadine Issacs  
Janette Kolodge  
Mark Witte

### 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 March 27, 2012 Meeting

The Chair asked members to review the minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting. No changes or additions were recommended. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes as proposed. **Judge Ervin moved, supported by Ms. Davis-Drake, to approve the proposed minutes of the March 27, 2012 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

### IV. Committee Appointments and Reappointments

The Chair requested members submit recommendations for the three vacant or soon-to-be vacant positions currently on the Committee—the Defense Attorney Representative, the juvenile graduate, and the adult graduate. He noted that Kathleen Brickley has emailed him the names of two individuals she recommends as potential candidates to fill the defense attorney vacancy. Judge MacKenzie will check with Jack Holmes to see if he is interested in the position as well. Ms. Davis-Drake will continue to look for a juvenile graduate candidate and Judge Hoffman indicated that he will check with some of the Lansing judges to help find an adult graduate candidate. The Chair directed that a letter to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House be sent now requesting the reappointment of Mr. Konwiak, Mr. Luty, and Mr. Sauter and that a follow-up letter be sent regarding the vacant positions when the Committee has finalized its recommendations for the appointments.

### V. Subcommittee Updates

Confidentiality Subcommittee: Mr. Sauter had no update to report.

Medical Marijuana: Mr. Sauter reported that a 4-bill package passed the House and that a last minute change made to HB 4851 slowed the process and does not have law enforcement support. The bill is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Cross-Assignment Subcommittee: Judge Haley was not present at today's meeting so no official report was given. The Chair commented that he had talked to his regional about cross assignments and the drug court transfer form. Dr. Parks shared that a work group will be meeting in June to discuss transfers in all of the problem-solving courts. The Chair will contact Judge Haley to have him contact Dr. Parks for more details about

the work group. Judge MacKenzie added that the Association would be glad to provide volunteers to serve on the work group committee.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman had no update to report except that the funding line item is holding steady. He also mentioned that things are moving along with the urban program with the training set up for some time in June.

Legislative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman continued with news about 3 pieces of legislation. The vet court bill may be voted out of the full House this week and he has been given assurances that the bills will go through the Senate as quickly as possible. The diversion bills are in good shape, but a little more work needs to be done before it is voted out of House Judiciary. Another bill is a result of some suggestions the Secretary of State had to clarify what happens after someone goes for a license after completing a sobriety program.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee: Ms. Davis-Drake reported that the main thing they have been working on is the SCAO recidivism report and trying to resolve reasons why the results could have been skewed. They have been meeting and have more ideas to pass on to SCAO. She added that there will be another juvenile forum in November.

Recidivism Subcommittee: Dr. Parks reported that the Drug Court Legislative Report that includes the most recent recidivism numbers for the entire state was posted on April 1. She noted that they are working with a couple of the juvenile programs to send them the names of the individuals that were in the comparison groups and asked them to compare those individuals to the participants that they know to determine if they were good comparisons. In response to a question from the Chair regarding where they are at in terms of defining recidivism, Dr. Parks explained that the recidivism definition established about two years ago still stands. One is a broader definition that includes any new reconviction excluding traffic offenses and things that fell into the category of "other." There is also a more narrow definition that includes any new reconviction of a drug or alcohol offense.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee: No report was given.

## **VI. Ad Hoc Committees**

### Veteran Treatment Court

Judge MacKenzie provided an update on the veteran treatment court bill which he notes has bi-partisan support. He also announced that the MADCP "Relay for Recovery" kicked off on the 18th and you can go to the MADCP web page to follow this event.

## **VII. Funding Update**

Dr. Parks had no additional information on funding to share. Ms. Davis-Drake asked if mental health treatment is allowed under the SCAO grants and Dr. Parks responded that is an allowable expense.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

## **IX. Next Meeting Date**

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

## **X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

*(Minutes approved at the July 24, 2012 SDTCAC Meeting.)*