

# Meeting Notes/Minutes

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## **State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting**

9:30 a.m. • Tuesday, September 25, 2012

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

124 W. Allegan • Lansing, MI

### **Members Present:**

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair  
Judge William Ervin  
Judge Allen Garbrecht  
Andrew Konwiak  
Judge Brian MacKenzie  
Dr. Jessica Parks  
Jeffrey Sauter  
Mark Witte

### **Members Excused:**

Judge William Rush  
Stephanie Drury  
Judge Michael Haley  
Janette Kolodge  
Christopher Luty  
Robert Nida  
Mark Risk  
Stacy Salon

### **I. Call to Order**

The Honorable Amy Ronayne Krause served as Chair of today's meeting. She called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

### **II. Roll Call**

The Chair asked the clerk to take the roll. A quorum was not present; therefore, no votes were taken. The Chair noted that Ms. Drury, Ms. Kolodge, and Ms. Salon could not be at today's meeting due to personal emergencies. Mr. Witte introduced and welcomed Jackie Savage who is his intern from Piper College.

### **III. Approval of Minutes of May 22, 2012 Meeting**

The Chair asked members to review the minutes of the May 22, 2012 meeting. No changes or additions were recommended. The Chair asked that a motion to approve the minutes as proposed be delayed until the next meeting due to the lack of quorum.

### **IV. Committee Appointments**

The Chair announced that the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House recently made the three recommended appointments to the Committee—Mr. Mark Risk to fill the Defense Attorney representative position, Ms. Stacy Salon to fill the adult graduate position, and Mr. Robert Nida to fill the Court Administrator representative position. There were still no recommendations for the juvenile graduate at this time.

### **V. Subcommittee Updates**

Medical Marijuana: Mr. Sauter had no update to report except that the Supreme Court has oral arguments on a case dealing with this issue on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cross-Assignment Subcommittee: Judge Haley was not present to provide a report, but Judge MacKenzie offered an update on his behalf. He noted that an agreement had been reached for a new court rule to address the cross-assignment issue. The rule is in the process of being drafted and the review should be completed by the end of October.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee & Funding Update: Judge Hoffman was not present at today's meeting. The Chair called on Dr. Parks to provide a funding alternative update. Dr. Parks noted that Judge Hoffman's most recent communication about funding alternatives highlighted a proposal where rural areas with smaller courts would be able to form a concurrent jurisdiction plan to enable them to consolidate sobriety court programs. If this were to take place, support would probably be part of the FY2014 funding initiative. Dr. Parks then provided a funding update. She shared that FY2013 grant awards went out last week which included 53 awards in the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program for a total of \$2.1 million, 15 awards in the Byrne-Jag program which was reduced from \$1.8 million to \$1.5 million, 15 awards in the

OSP court grant program at \$750,000, 4 courts in the Urban Drug Court Initiative at \$1.25 million, 9 awards in the Michigan Mental Health Court Drug Program for \$2.1 million, and 1 community court award for \$20,000. Dr. Parks shared that the Swift and Sure Sanction pilot program is expected to be kicked off on January 1 with all 33 circuit courts eligible. Judge Garbrecht asked Dr. Parks to send him eligibility information for the Byrne-Jag program.

Legislative Subcommittee: Mr. Sauter provided the legislative update. He shared information on the compromise reached on the diversion bills and noted the bills should be taken up later in the fall. With regard to the medical marijuana bills, he stated there were some changes needed after the Supreme Court decision in Kolanick and King and action on the bills will not be taken until later.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee: No update was provided.

Recidivism Subcommittee: Dr. Parks had no new update to report except that they are working on recidivism figures by court that will be released as part of the wider performance initiative.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee: No report was given. The Chair commented that Mr. Risk will be asked to be added to this subcommittee at a future meeting.

## **VI. Ad Hoc Committees**

### Veteran Treatment Court

Judge MacKenzie provided an update and shared that the veteran treatment court legislation has passed and is headed to the Governor. He noted that the measure is the most complete veteran court program in the country; however, it is just enabling legislation and no funding has been allocated for it at this time.

## **VII. Funding Update**

Dr. Parks provided funding information earlier and did not have anything else to share.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

### Committee Member Comments

Dr. Parks shared that she was asked to raise one additional question about drug court transfer protocol. Because the structure that we have so far does not address how cases are tracked across multiple case management systems, clarification about the recommendation is sought so that people are not double-counted. She asked members to think about this and email their thoughts to her.

Mr. Witte provided an update on House Bills 4862 and 4863 which he shared have moved to the Senate Appropriations Committee. He noted that the concerns coordinating agencies have is with the consistent development and availability of substitute services throughout all the transitions. He urged that inasmuch as drug treatment courts depend on partnerships with local providers using funds through Medicaid and general fund sources, this is something to pay attention to and continue to watch.

Judge MacKenzie suggested a discussion of the impact the Affordable Healthcare Act has on drug court resources and treatment be added to the Committee's November meeting.

## **IX. Next Meeting Date**

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

## **X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

*(Approved at the November 27, 2012 SDTCAC meeting.)*