

# Final Minutes

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## State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m. • Tuesday, May 28, 2013

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

124 W. Allegan • Lansing, MI

### Members Present:

Judge William Rush, Chair  
Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Vice Chair  
Judge William Ervin  
Judge Allen Garbrecht  
Robert Nida  
Dr. Jessica Parks  
Mark Risk (via teleconference)  
Stacy Salon  
Mark Witte

### Members Excused:

Stephanie Drury  
Judge Michael Haley  
Janette Kolodge  
Andrew Konwiak  
Christopher Luty  
Judge Brian MacKenzie  
Jeffrey Sauter

### I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

### II. Roll Call

The Chair asked the clerk to take the roll. A quorum was present and absent members were excused.

### III. Minutes of the March 26, 2013 Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Judge Ervin moved, supported by Judge Ronayne Krause, to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2013 SDTCAC meeting as presented. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

### IV. Committee Appointments and Reappointments

#### Veterans' Treatment Court Judicial Representative

The Chair suggested the Honorable Raymond Voet would be an excellent candidate for the Committee's vacant Veterans' Treatment Court judicial position. **Judge Ronayne Krause moved, supported by Judge Ervin, to recommend the Honorable Raymond Voet, Chief Judge of the 64-A District Court, be appointed as the Veterans' Treatment Court representative and a letter of recommendation be prepared and sent to the Senate Majority Leader and Speaker of the House. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### District Court Representative

The Chair explained that a recommendation is also needed to fill his position as the district court judge who has presided at least 2 years over a drug treatment court. His appointment expires on June 13, 2013 and he is not seeking reappointment. **Judge Ronayne Krause moved, supported by Judge Garbrecht, to recommend the Honorable Harvey Hoffman, Judge of the 56-A District Court, be appointed as the District Court Judge representative on the Committee and a letter of recommendation be prepared and sent to the Senate Majority Leader and Speaker of the House. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### Committee Reappointments

Judge Garbrecht announced that he will be retiring from the bench at the end of May and will not seek reappointment to the Committee. The Chair also noted that Judge Ervin and Judge MacKenzie were up for reappointment as their terms expire on June 13, 2013. **Judge Ronayne Krause moved, supported by Judge Ervin, to recommend the Honorable Janelle Lawless, Chief Judge of the 30<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, be appointed to fill Judge Garbrecht's position as the circuit court judge representative who has presided at least two years over a drug treatment court, the reappointments of Judge MacKenzie and Judge Ervin, and that a letter of recommendation be prepared and sent to the**

**Senate Majority Leader and Speaker of the House. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**V. 2012 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report**

The Chair directed the members' attention to the proposed 2012 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report and asked if there were any concerns or changes needed. There were none. **Judge Ronayne Krause moved, supported by Mr. Witte, to approve the 2012 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report as proposed. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**VI. Subcommittee Updates**

Cross Assignment Subcommittee: Judge Haley was not present at today's meeting. No update was given.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee: Mr. Risk had no update to report.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman was not present at today's meeting. No update was given.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee: Mr. Nida shared that he hopes to have a juvenile subcommittee meeting at some point within the next month.

Legislative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman was not present at today's meeting. No update was given.

Medical Marijuana: Mr. Sauter was not present at today's meeting. No update was given.

Recidivism Subcommittee: Dr. Parks had nothing new to report except that the legislative report is posted on SCAO's website.

Vision Subcommittee: Judge Bowler will send out the original statement of Committee's vision to see if any updates are needed. He will also seek Judge Schma's input. He noted that part of that vision was to attempt to make a specialty court available to every eligible participant in the state. To promote the regional DWI court concept, he and Dr. Parks conducted training in the western end of the Upper Peninsula with teams from two counties which they hope will be part of a five-county DWI Court. The Crawford county area is the next region where they are interested in setting up a regional DWI court and two other areas of the state are under consideration. A discussion of the various obstacles to setting up these types of programs especially in the U.P. followed.

**VII. Ad Hoc Committees**

Veteran Treatment Courts

Judge MacKenzie was not present at today's meeting. No update was given.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Affordable Care Act Impact on Drug Courts

Mr. Witte provided an update of the April 11 meeting he and Judge Hoffman had with Lt. Governor Calley which was held to relay concerns over the benefit coverage of the Affordable Care Act in Michigan including the expansion of the Medicaid population. He noted that the passage of the budget does not include Medicaid expansion, but understands the legislature may address this at a later time. Mr. Witte shared that attention is mainly focused on the expansion of the Medicaid population and, until that issue is settled, he does not expect movement to proceed on the benefit side.

**VIII. Funding Update**

Dr. Parks reported that the budget is not finalized, but she believes SCAO will receive the additional \$5 million requested for problem-solving courts in FY 2014. She explained that \$500,000 is specifically earmarked for Veterans' Treatment Courts and the rest is split between increasing Michigan Drug Court grant funding, the regional DWI court project, and funding mental health courts.

**IX. Leadership Elections**

Chairman Rush noted that since this is his last meeting, a new chair needs to be elected. **Judge Ervin moved, supported by Mr. Nida, to nominate the Honorable Amy Ronayne Krause as Chair of the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

The Chair declared that with Judge Ronayne Krause's election as the new chair, the position of Vice Chair is now open. **Judge Ronayne Krause moved, supported by Mr. Nida, to nominate the Honorable William T. Ervin as Vice Chair of the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**X. Public Comment**

The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

**XI. Next Meeting Date**

Judge Ronayne Krause announced that due to a conflict she is unable to attend the next meeting which is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 23, 2013**. After a short discussion of schedules, Judge Ervin agreed to chair the meeting.

**XII. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

*(Minutes approved at the July 23, 2013 SDTCAC meeting.)*