

final minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m. • Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Legislative Council Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower

124 W. Allegan • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge William Ervin, Vice Chair/Meeting Chair
Stephanie Drury
Judge Michael Haley
Janette Kolodge (via teleconference)
Andrew Konwiak
Robert Nida
Mark Risk (via teleconference)
Stacy Salon
Mark Witte

Members Excused:

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair
Christopher Luty
Judge Brian MacKenzie
Dr. Jessica Parks

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:40 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 May 28, 2013 Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Judge Haley moved, supported by Mr. Witte, to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 SDTCAC meeting as presented. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

IV. Committee Appointments and Reappointments

The Chair noted that the position formerly held by Jeffrey Sauter is open and a recommendation for a prosecuting attorney representative on the Committee is needed. A discussion of possible candidates followed. **Judge Haley moved, supported by Mr. Nida, to recommend Douglas R. Lloyd, the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney, be appointed to fill the prosecuting attorney representative position 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. Subcommittee Updates

Cross Assignment Subcommittee: Judge Haley reported there has been no activity by the subcommittee. He added that there may not be a need for the subcommittee since SCAO has put a process in place and forms have been developed to address the cross assignment issue. He will discuss the matter with Dr. Parks and report back when he has more information.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee: Mr. Risk indicated that there are currently no subcommittee projects and, therefore, he had no update to report.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman reported that they had a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor on the Affordable Care Act. At the meeting, support was expressed on the basis of it being a possible funding source for indigent treatment through the expansion of Medicaid. In response to an inquiry from the Chair, Judge Hoffman reported that \$5 million of federal funds have been appropriated for drug courts.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee: Mr. Nida shared that they received a state grant from the Mental Health Training Curriculum for Juvenile Justice to conduct train-the-trainer training and look at the correlation between drug and alcohol use and mental health. Representatives from the subcommittee, MADCP, SCAO, and MJI have

dialogued and will have a train-the-trainer event on September 10 and 11. He then provided details of the event which will include up to 20 teams.

Ms. Kolodge inquired if there is any news regarding the appointment of Mr. Jessie Billings as the juvenile graduate representative. The Chair responded that the Committee has received no news from the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House regarding this appointment.

Legislative Subcommittee: Judge Hoffman reported that they are working on having a bill introduced that will extend the sunset provision of the DWI Court ignition lock program from 3 to 5 years. He noted that the MADCP board passed a resolution in support of this expansion. A discussion of the background of the program and additional funding sources followed.

Medical Marijuana: The Chair reminded members that there is currently no Chair for the subcommittee and asked if any other members had any news to report. Mr. Witte noted that the National Association of Drug Court Professionals has issued a position statement relative to medical marijuana and wondered whether the Committee should examine and determine if there is anything locally to consider relative to a position statement. He will provide a copy of the NADCP position statement for distribution to the members and inclusion in the next meeting packet. Judge Hoffman added there has been some talk to try to come up with levels of impairment that use a scientifically-based approach, but he is not sure this is possible. A discussion followed.

Recidivism Subcommittee: Dr. Parks was not present at today's meeting. No update was given.

Vision Subcommittee: Judge Bowler was not present at today's meeting, but Judge Hoffman noted that Judge Bowler is moving ahead with his work on the regional drug courts concept.

VI. Ad Hoc Committees

Veteran Treatment Courts

Judge MacKenzie was not present at today's meeting, but Judge Haley shared that the national association is conducting a training conference in Washington, D.C. the first week of December.

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

Mr. Witte reported that everyone is awaiting the return of the legislature to session and hoping for a break in the impasse that exists in the Medicaid expansion discussion. The impact of the lack of Senate action on this issue was then discussed.

VII. Funding Update

Dr. Parks was not present at today's meeting to give an update; however, the Chair noted that Judge Hoffman had presented funding information earlier.

VIII. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

IX. Next Meeting Date

The Chair announced the next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 24, 2013.**

X. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

(Approved at the September 24, 2013 SDTCAC meeting.)