

final minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Legislative Council Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower

124 W. Allegan • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair
Judge William Ervin, Vice Chair
Stephanie Drury (via teleconference)
Janette Kolodge (via teleconference)
Andrew Konwiak
Douglas Lloyd
Judge Brian MacKenzie
Robert Nida
Dr. Jessica Parks
Mark Risk
Stacy Salon
Judge Raymond Voet
Mark Witte

Members Excused:

Judge Michael Haley
Judge Harvey Hoffman
Judge Frederick Mulhauser

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 April 22, 2014 Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Mr. Lloyd moved, supported by Mr. Risk, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2014 SDTCAC meeting as presented. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

IV. Committee Vacancy

The Chair noted that, as voted on at the last meeting, a letter was prepared and sent to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House recommending Sheriff Thomas Reich of Eaton County for appointment as the law enforcement representative on the Committee. There has been no news regarding the appointment, however, the Chair assured members that she will keep them informed if and when any action is taken by leadership.

V. Subcommittee Function and Charge

A revised subcommittee roster was included in the meeting packet. The Chair proceeded with a review of each subcommittee function and charge.

Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee: Mr. Witte had no changes to the subcommittee charge:

Taking its direction from the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee, the Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee will determine the impact of the Affordable Health Care Act and its specific application to drug court funding.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee: The Chair shared that since the last meeting she emailed CDAM members Jim Samuel, Lisa Kirsch Satawa, and Elizabeth LaCrosse to determine their interest in serving on the Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee. Mr. Risk offered to follow up with them and asked that their contact information be sent to him. A discussion of the charge for the subcommittee followed. It was decided that no changes are necessary to the subcommittee charge:

Taking its direction from the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee, the Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee will examine the defense attorney's role in the drug court process and funding for defense counsel involvement.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee: Since Judge Hoffman was not in attendance at today's meeting, the Chair asked that the assessment of this subcommittee be held over to the next meeting.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee: The roster of subcommittee members was discussed. Dr. Parks will contact Jodi Latusek and Jim Inloes to determine if they wish to serve on the subcommittee. Mr. Nida announced that he will be retiring in October and suggested a new subcommittee chair be appointed. After discussion, the Committee agreed that Judge Frederick Mulhauser be designated chair of the Juvenile Issues Subcommittee. No changes were made to the subcommittee charge:

Taking its direction from the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee, the Juvenile Issues Subcommittee is charged with reviewing the differences inherent to juvenile drug court and family court. Recruiting membership from several state agencies, the objectives of the subcommittee include the examination of the current drug court legislation and how the legislation differs from juvenile court procedures and promotion of juvenile drug courts as unique, adolescent-specific therapeutic jurisprudence interventions.

Legislative Subcommittee: Although Judge Hoffman was not in attendance at today's meeting, the other members of the subcommittee, Judge Krause and Judge Voet, felt no change is needed to the current subcommittee charge:

Taking its direction from the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee, the Legislative Subcommittee will monitor legislative activities and address legislative issues specific to the operations of all drug treatment courts.

(Medical) Marijuana Subcommittee: The charge of the subcommittee was discussed. Judge Voet noted that with marijuana becoming legalized in many locations throughout the country, he wondered if the Committee is equipped to respond to any questions and offer any advice should the Michigan Legislature ask the Committee for advice on the subject. After further discussion, the Committee decided to broaden the subcommittee's charge to include all marijuana regulatory issues and removed the word "medical" from the name of the subcommittee. The Marijuana Subcommittee charge is as follows:

Taking its direction from the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee, the Marijuana Subcommittee will review issues pertaining to drug court participants and the enactment of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act and the legislative and regulatory issues involving marijuana including legalization.

Veterans Treatment Court Subcommittee: Judge MacKenzie did not have any changes to the subcommittee's charge:

Taking its direction from the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee, the Veterans' Treatment Court Subcommittee will monitor veterans' treatment court issues.

Vision Subcommittee: The commitments and busy schedule of the current chair was raised and a suggestion was made to appoint Judge Harvey Hoffman as chair of the Vision Subcommittee with Judge Bowler continuing as a member of the subcommittee. The subcommittee's charge was then discussed and no changes were recommended. The charge of the subcommittee is as follows:

Taking its direction from the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee, the Vision Subcommittee will monitor the long range goals of drug treatment courts.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

Updates from the following subcommittees were then given:

Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee: Mr. Witte noted that they await the department's definition of what services will be covered through Healthy Michigan's expanded benefit array. The only indication that has been given so far is that the array will be identical to the array offered to people with mental illness. The details are promised to be in the October 1 version of the Medicaid manual.

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

Funding Alternative Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman was not present so no update was given.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

Mr. Nida noted that the subcommittee has looked at the value of holding forums and at the last drug court conference decided to try to hold another forum to bring juvenile drug courts together in the fall. The game plan is to pull the subcommittee together to get something organized.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman was not present so no update was given.

Marijuana Subcommittee:

Judge Voet had no update.

Veterans Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge MacKenzie had no update.

Vision Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman was not present so no update was given.

VII. Funding Update

Dr. Parks presented an update on drug court funding for FY 2015. She noted that their biggest grant program is the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program. She expects that Michigan courts will be funded at the similar levels as last year. They also expect \$1.5 million in Byrne Jag Grant funding and continued funding for the four urban drug courts pilot programs. She shared that Judge Bowler has been instrumental in helping to develop four regional drug court programs which have been going very well. The Office of Highway Safety Planning has offered an additional \$1 million in FY 2015 to pilot additional regional drug court programs throughout the state. There are three locations that may be applying—one in the 23rd District Court in Taylor, one in Kentwood which is going to take cases in Kent County that are not City of Grand Rapids cases, and a new program for Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm counties.

Judge MacKenzie raised the impact the Cunningham case may have on funding for Michigan courts. He feels strongly that the Committee should be involved in any legislation that is introduced as a result of this case. Mr. Nida suggested the Committee contact Dana Gill from the Michigan Association of Counties to explain the concerns this case raises from a drug court standpoint. The Chair asked the clerk to email Judge Hoffman to request he make the contact with Ms. Gill.

VIII. 2013 Annual Report

The Chair directed the members' attention to the proposed 2013 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report and asked if there were any concerns with the report. **Mr. Nida moved, supported by Judge MacKenzie, to approve the 2013 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report as proposed. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

IX. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

X. Next Meeting Date

The date of the next meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the two remaining 2014 meetings will be canceled and combined into one meeting to be held on **Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.**

XI. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

(Approved at the December 9, 2014 SDTCAC meeting.)