

final minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, April 17, 2018
Legislative Council Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower Building
124 W. Allegan Avenue • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair
Judge Raymond Voet, Vice Chair
Heidi Cannon
Andrew Konwiak (teleconference)
Douglas Lloyd
Sheriff Michael Main (teleconference)
Christina Nicholas (teleconference)
Judge Julia B. Owdziej (teleconference)
Dr. Jessica Parks
Mark Risk (teleconference)
Judge Geno Salomone
Gary Secor (teleconference)

Members Excused:

Judge Louise Alderson
Jesse Billings
Judge Susan L. Dobrich
Judge Mark Latchana
Stacy Salon

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of the Minutes of the January 16, 2018 Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the January 16, 2018 SDTCAC meeting and asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Mr. Risk inquired if there was an error in the attendance of Ms. Salon at that last meeting as he did not recall her being present when the roll was taken. The Chair explained that Ms. Salon was present at the last meeting, however, she had arrived after the roll was taken. There were no other changes. **Ms. Cannon moved, supported by Mr. Lloyd, to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting as presented. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

IV. 2017 SDTCAC Annual Report

The Chair directed attention to the proposed 2017 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Judge Voet moved, supported by Mr. Lloyd, to approve the 2017 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report as presented. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.** The Chair noted that the report will be transmitted to the members of the Michigan Legislature and the members of the Michigan Supreme Court as required by statute.

V. Subcommittee Updates

The Chair called on each subcommittee chair for an update.

Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee: Christina Nicholas explained that she was recently appointed as the Chair of the Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee and has no update to report. However, she is in the process of gathering information and slides from an Opioid summit she recently attended and will have a more formal report at the next meeting. The Chair requested and Ms. Nicholas agreed to forward the slide presentation to the clerk for distribution to the other Committee member.

Best Practices and Certification Subcommittee

Judge Alderson was not present, however, the Chair noted that Judge Alderson had shared that there is no on-going role for the subcommittee at this time and suggested it be dissolved. **Judge Voet moved, supported by Ms. Cannon, to that the Best Practices and Certification Subcommittee be dissolved. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:

Mr. Risk had no update to report. Dr. Parks brought forward a request SCAO received to start a statewide drug court education training program for defense attorneys. She asked members for any ideas. Judge Voet shared that they

recently discussed that issue in Ionia County and they hope, if funding comes through, the Indigent Defense Fund will be used to establish a public defender office and that would be one of its first moves. Mr. Secor noted that the 61st District Court has a similar plan and requiring a 2-hour session on specialty courts would be part of their continuing education. Mr. Risk offered that he believes most attorneys are ready for this and that providing training is a great idea. Judge Salomone noted that the number of scholarships for defense attorneys to attend this year's MADCP conference nearly tripled and speakers dedicated to talking to attorneys and prosecutors were brought in. The Chair suggested Mr. Risk contact Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (CDAM) to see if they can add opportunities for drug court education training to their conferences. Judge Salomone will get his CDAM contact information to Mr. Risk and the Chair will call if necessary.

Family Dependency Court Subcommittee:

Judge Dobrich was not present so there was no update to report.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

Judge Owdziej had nothing new to report except they continue in the 5-year juvenile drug court program with the National Center for State Courts. She noted that a juvenile drug court graduate from Washtenaw County was brought on the stage at the drug court conference and they were happy and proud that he participated in the program.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Judge Voet had nothing to report, but Judge Hoffman reported that House Bill 5372 is another bill that has been introduced that uses the same philosophy of requiring a MAT assessment. He noted that progress is being made between the medical community and drug courts. A discussion of the issue followed.

Marijuana Subcommittee:

Judge Voet reported that petitions have been submitted for the ballot question as it relates to marijuana. He pondered if there has been any policy position or research done on the palliative use of medical marijuana while on probation. A discussion followed.

Program Standardization and Alternative Funding Subcommittee:

Judge Salomone noted that the subcommittee has emphasized program standardization over the last few years. He added that now that it appears certification efforts are being met, the subcommittee will switch and focus its attention on alternative funding. Efforts will be made to explore other potential funding sources including funding from community foundations. Ms. Cannon inquired about Best Practices training opportunities available and Dr. Parks responded that SCAO is aware of the shortage of training opportunities due to high demand.

Veterans Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge Voet had no update to report. The Chair shared that the Bar Foundation is sponsoring a golf outing for the local veterans' court.

Vision Subcommittee:

Prosecutor Lloyd had no update to report.

VI. Funding Update

Dr. Parks reported that they are not anticipating any changes to the State appropriations, however, they are keeping an eye on the federal grants. She noted that Byrne Jag funding (\$1.3 million) is tied up due to a federal lawsuit on an immigration case. She will try to get the specifics of the lawsuit to the Chair and members. She added that highway safety planning funds are also now more restrictive and OHSP funds can only be used on individuals that have a drunk driving charge. She concluded with an update of the certification efforts being made by SCAO and on the grant applications that are open right now.

VII. Oral Swab Marijuana Pilot Program

Mr. Secor provided an update that he has surveyed all six of his drug court judges and there have been no cases yet.

VIII. Committee Member Comments

The Chair asked if there were any comments from Committee members. Mr. Risk had a question about the case that specifies that a defense attorney has an obligation to inform a client of the drug court option. Judge Salomone will get information about this case to Mr. Risk. There were no other comments.

IX. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. There were none.

X. Next Meeting Date

The Chair announced the date of the next SDTCAC meeting is July 17, 2018 and the remaining 2018 meeting date is October 16.

XI. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

(Minutes approved at the July 17, 2018 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting.)