

# final minutes

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## **State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee (SDTCAC) Meeting**

10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, July 23, 2019

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

124 W. Allegan Avenue • Lansing, MI

### **Members Present:**

Judge Raymond Voet, Vice Chair  
Judge Susan L. Dobrich (teleconference)  
Andrew Konwiak (teleconference)  
Douglas Lloyd  
Sheriff Michael Main (teleconference)  
Christina Nicholas (teleconference)  
Judge Julia B. Owdziej (teleconference)  
Mark Risk (teleconference)  
Stacy Salon  
Gary Secor  
Andrew Smith  
Alma Valenzuela

### **Members Excused:**

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair  
Judge Louise Alderson  
Heidi Cannon  
Judge Mark Latchana  
Judge Geno Salomone

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

Chair Ronayne Krause was unable to attend today's meeting so Judge Voet served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **II. Roll Call**

The Chair asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present and absent members were excused. Ms. Valenzuela arrived at 10:04 a.m. and Judge Dobrich joined via teleconference at 10:08 a.m. after roll call was taken.

### **III. Approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2019 SDTCAC Meeting**

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting and asked if there were any errors, corrections, or clarifications. There were none. **Mr. Lloyd moved, supported by Mr. Secor, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting. There was no objection and no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

### **IV. Recommendation of Appointment of Members**

Judge Voet shared an update from Chair Ronayne Krause regarding SDTCAC reappointments and the vacant juvenile drug court graduate position. He noted that after the last meeting, letters were sent to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House recommending the reappointments of Judge Ronayne Krause, Ms. Canon, Judge Dobrich, and Ms. Nicholas and the reappointments have been made. With regard to the juvenile drug court graduate position, Ms. Cannon and Mr. Lloyd were tasked with looking for potential individuals the Committee can forward along to leadership. Ms. Cannon was not at today's meeting and Mr. Lloyd reported that he did not have any success in finding a candidate to bring forward. Judge Owdziej reported that she had reached out to one of her graduates, but she did not receive a commitment from this individual and will continue looking. The Chair suggested the search continue and tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

### **V. Welcome to New Member – Ms. Alma Valenzuela**

The Chair welcomed Ms. Alma Valenzuela to the Committee and noted she will represent the rights of crime victims. Ms. Valenzuela then provided an overview of her background and experience.

### **VI. Subcommittee Updates**

The Chair called on each subcommittee chair for an update.

#### Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee:

Ms. Nicholas reported that she continues to watch the issue on the state and federal level. She also noted the impact on PIP funding and services if the Affordable Health Care Act is repealed or if the state opts out. She will continue to monitor the issues and report any developments back to the full Committee.

#### Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:

Mr. Risk had no update to report.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

Judge Owdziej reported that the Center for State Courts is still in the middle of their 5-year analysis of juvenile courts and that the courts are in the process of implementing all of the changes that have been identified so far.

Family Dependency Court Subcommittee:

Judge Dobrich reported that Supreme Court Justice Beth Clement will visit her family treatment court in August along with Justice Megan Cavanagh. Judge Owdziej added that Justice Clement visited the Washtenaw County juvenile court last month and it was a good visit.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Ms. Cannon was not present for a report, but Judge Hoffman and Ms. Kate Hude from the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) provided an update on some of the legislative activities including their efforts to educate legislative members. Ms. Hude shared that the MATCP Legislative Day is scheduled for October 29 in the Mackinac Room in the House Anderson Building. Mr. Lloyd also reported that the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, Representative Graham Filler, will be visiting the problem-solving court in Eaton County and that Representative Filler mentioned there will be a presentation on problem-solving courts before the House Judiciary Committee on October 29 as well.

Program Standardization and Alternative Funding Subcommittee:

Judge Salomone was not present and no report was given.

Veterans' Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge Voet noted that he currently has six members in his veterans' court which is the most members he has had at any given time. He also shared that Justice Clement attended and provided a few comments at the graduation of one of his veteran members last fall. Mr. Secor then provided information of the veterans' court presence at the national conference.

Vision Subcommittee:

Prosecutor Lloyd had no update to report.

**VII. Funding Update**

**a. Follow-Up to SCAO Medication Assistance Treatment Grant Funding Discussion**

Mr. Smith noted that the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) did find a more resourceful way to utilize medication assistance treatment (MAT) funding and came up with a creative way of tying those into a regular allowable expense for the Michigan drug court program. Mr. Secor inquired if SCAO has seen an impact and Mr. Smith noted that they have. Mr. Secor also commended Mr. Smith and Ms. Lee Ann Gaspar for the excellent job in bringing about this change.

**b. Opportunities for Collaboration with the Mental Health Court Advisory Committee**

Mr. Smith reported that he spoke with Daisy Beckett, the SCAO analyst who oversees the Mental Health Advisory Committee, and he believes there may be room for collaboration. Although that committee does not meet on a regular basis, he can begin to provide updates whenever they meet.

**VIII. Committee Member Comments**

The Chair asked if there were any comments from Committee members. Mr. Secor mentioned that it is rewarding to see several Supreme Court justices recognizing the value of specialty courts. Ms. Valenzuela commented that she is looking forward to working on the Committee and shared that she also attended the national conference with the idea of looking for the best speakers and bringing them in for the Michigan conference next May. There were no other Commissioner comments.

**IX. Public Comment**

The Chair asked for public comment. Dr. Jean Kapinga offered comments regarding the collaborative efforts to create a template that can be used for setting up a good community-based program for integrating drug courts with community providers. Judge Harvey Hoffman provided an update on the recovery community being built in Jackson, Andy's Place, and the efforts to expand to other parts of the state. There were no other public comments.

**X. Next Meeting Date**

The Chair announced that the date of the next SDTCAC meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019.

**XI. Adjournment**

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

*(Minutes approved at the October 15, 2019 SDTCAC meeting.)*