

proposed minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee (SDTCAC) Meeting

10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Legislative Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower Building

124 W. Allegan Street • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge Raymond Voet, Vice Chair
Heidi Cannon
Judge Susan Dobrich
Judge Joshua Farrell
Judge Shannon A. Holmes
Prosecutor Douglas Lloyd
Sheriff Michael Main
Mr. Kyle Sofia
Ms. Ines Straube
Ms. Alma Valenzuela

Members Absent and Excused:

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Chair
Mr. Andrew Konwiak
Judge Mark Latchana
Ms. Christina Nicholas
Judge Julie B. Owdziej
Mr. Mark Risk
Ms. Stacy Salon
Mr. Andrew Smith

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

The Vice Chair asked the clerk to take the roll. A quorum was present and absent members were excused. **Judge Owdziej joined later at 10:17 a.m.**

III. Approval of Proposed January 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Vice Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of January 11, 2022 meeting and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Prosecutor Lloyd moved, supported by Ms. Straube, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting as presented. There was no further discussion and the Vice Chair asked for a roll call vote. The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.**

Yeas: 10

**Vice Chair Voet
Ms. Cannon
Judge Dobrich
Judge Farrell
Judge Holmes**

**Prosecutor Lloyd
Sheriff Main
Mr. Sofia
Ms. Straube
Ms. Valenzuela**

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. Recommendation of Appointment of Members

The Vice Chair noted continued conversation from the January 11 meeting a discussion regarding Judge Dobrich and Ms. Nicholas's ability to continue serving in their current appointment. The Vice Chair called on Judge Dobrich for interest in continuing to serve. Judge Dobrich expressed great interest citing she is currently consulting with SCAL on their strategic plan and problem solving is a large part in that effort. Ms. Nicholas was not present to discuss. Prosecutor Lloyd noted he did confirm with Ms. Nicholas her interest in staying on the committee if permitted based off the committee's by-laws. Mr. Smith was not present to discuss. The Vice Chair suggested to table this item until the next SDTCAC meeting to allow Mr. Smith participation in discussion to rendering an opinion.

V. Approval of the 2021 SDTCAC Annual Report

The Vice Chair directed attention to the proposed 2021 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Prosecutor Lloyd moved, supported by Ms. Cannon, to approve the 2021 State Drive Treatment Court Advisory Committee Annual Report as presented. There was no objection and the Vice Chair called for a roll call vote. The motion prevailed and the 2021 SDTCAC Annual Report was approved.**

Yeas: 10

Vice Chair Voet

Prosecutor Lloyd

Ms. Cannon
Judge Dobrich
Judge Farrell
Judge Holmes

Sheriff Main
Mr. Sofia
Ms. Straube
Ms. Valenzuela

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee:
Ms. Nicholas was not present at today's meeting.
- b. Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:
Mr. Risk was not present at today's meeting.
- c. Family Dependency Court Subcommittee:
Judge Dobrich reported a successful MATCP conference two weeks ago, family and children future presented to the conference on family courts, SCAL is active in developing training with upcoming opportunities for family dependencies court matters. Judge Dobrich expressed it is a successful time in family courts lately, the family court legislation has been proposed and will continue to monitor and alert when reported out of committee.
- d. Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:
Judge Owdziej was present but had no update to report.
- e. Legislative Subcommittee:
Ms. Cannon deferred to Judge Hoffmann for an update. Ms. Cannon noted she and Judge Hoffman have met with several individuals in support of HB-5512. Judge Hoffman reviewed legislation discussed at the January 11th SDTCAC meeting to include HB-5482, HB-5483, HB-5484, HB-5512, and SB-810. Judge Hoffman will continue to monitor and alert when reported out of committee.
- f. Program Standardization and Alternative Funding Subcommittee:
Ms. Valenzuela was present but had no update to report.
- g. Veterans' Treatment Court Subcommittee:
Judge Voet was present but had no update to report.
- h. Vision Subcommittee:
Prosecutor Lloyd referenced the SDTCAC Annual Report suggesting later in the year, as we get through 2022, if we want to have a discussion on treatment courts and their use of zoom, if they are utilizing anymore. Currently juvenile courts are still using zoom which is beneficial with kids and parents. Judge Dobrich referenced a study done by the regional judicial opioid initiative on the use of zoom, the study indicated zoom was very successful especially in a hybrid method and included recommendation. Judge Dobrich will share with committee members citing the report has great recommendations. Judge Dobrich noted Ms. Hude included a link of the report in the chat feature.

IX. Mental Health Services for Incarcerated Individuals Ad Hoc Committee Update

The Vice Chair called on Ms. Nicholas for an update. Ms. Nicholas was not present at today's meeting.

X. Funding Update

The Vice Chair called on Mr. Smith for an update. Mr. Smith was not present at today's meeting.

XI. Committee Member Comment

The Vice Chair asked if there were any additional comments from the Committee members. Ms. Cannon asked to confirm if those attending by zoom to note where they are joining in from. Vice Chair agreed, called on each member present.

Ms. Cannon: participating from Lenawee County, no comments.

Judge Owdziej: participating from Washtenaw County, shared thoughts regarding zoom meetings not helping kids in Juvenile courts.

Prosecutor Lloyd: participating from Eaton County, shared his magistrate is holding in-person court.

Judge Farrell: participating from Gladwin County, expressed appreciation to participate on the SDTCAC and excitement to work with committee members.

Judge Holmes: expressed excitement to continue to work with committee members, shared the current meeting time of 10:00am is difficult for her schedule.

Mr. Sofia: participating from Battle Creek Michigan, no additional comments.

Judge Dobrich: participating from Berrien County, no additional comments.

Sheriff Main: participating from Mount Pleasant Michigan, shared he is experiencing a high influx of incarceration with mental health concerns and expressed great concern over the current practices of locating beds for individuals in need.

Ms. Straube: participating from Barry County, no additional comments.

Ms. Valenzuela: participating from Ottawa County, noted the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals had a successful conference done in a hybrid method between in-person and virtual and noted her term as MATCP president has been completed.

XII. Public Comment:

The Chair asked if there were any comments from the public. Judge Hoffmann commended Ms. Valenzuela on a wonderful job as MATCP president and encouraged SDTCAC members to call their State Representative and urge a yes vote on HB-5512.

XIII. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 10:00am

The Vice Chair announced the next meeting date for Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 10:00am. Discussion was had regarding possible other meeting times. The Vice Chair expressed did not wish to change times without the Chair present. Ms. Cannon suggested a poll be taken on best times; members agreed. The Vice Chair asked Ms. Cannon to conduct a survey; Ms. Cannon agreed. It was later discussed the clerk will conduct a meeting time poll with SDTCAC members.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee the Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m. with unanimously support.