

Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee Minutes
(Unofficial until approved)
Video Network Conferencing
September 19, 2014

Members Present:

Hon. Thomas Merrick
Hon. Todd Cresap
Hon. Steven McCullough
Referee John Grinsteiner
Senator Larry Robinson
Valerie Potter
Brett Anderson
Harlan Johnson
Steve Mottinger

Members Absent:

Hon. Lisa Fair McEvers, Chair
Hon. Donovan Foughty
Deborah Davis
Dawn Deitz
Shawn Peterson
Lisa Nihill

Guests:

Aleesha Ward
Nicole Burkhartsmeier
Terry Styf
Nicole Leitner
Kim Hegvik
Sean Anderson
Jason Anderson
Sara Ellenwood
Jacob Havig
Brian Washburn
Troy LeFevre
Kristi Wieland
Carl Martinek
Mikayla Jablonski Jahner
Jeremy Ward
Scott Hopwood
Carrie Francis

Staff:

Lana Zimmerman (in the absence of Marilyn Moe)

The Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee met through videoconferencing on September 19, 2014. In the absence of Justice Lisa McEvers, John Grinsteiner called the meeting to order. **Senator Larry Robinson moved to approve the minutes of March 28, 2014. Brett Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

New Business:

Team Reports - Judge McCullough reported for the Fargo Juvenile Drug Court team. Fargo currently has six participants in the program with one participant pending. There were three graduations and seven terminations since the last reporting period. The participants were required to complete community service at the Ronald McDonald House, the Midwest Kidfest with the Fargo Police Department Picnic, and the West Fargo Night to Unite. Team members have documented their role description outlining their specific responsibility in the Juvenile Drug Court Program. This will aid in the transition of new team members.

Valerie Potter reported for the Minot Juvenile Drug Court team. Minot currently has three participants in the program. There were two graduations and three terminations during this reporting period. The participants participated in the Veterans Memorial Program honoring Vietnam Veterans. The participants distributed stars from retired U.S. flags to the veterans. The Minot Juvenile Drug Court team was honored at the Minot Public Schools' recognition banquet for their community service and were presented with a plaque in their appreciation. Jolee Feist has been hired as the new family support specialist. Staffing and court has been permanently changed to Wednesday due to conflicts with the judge's schedule.

Brett Anderson reported for the Bismarck Juvenile Drug Court team. Bismarck currently has four participants in the program. There were three terminations and four graduations during this reporting period. Shawn Brink of Century High School and Tausha Pfenning have joined the Bismarck team. The participants completed community service projects with the Dakota Zoo, Carrie's Kids, Applefest, and the Color Splash Run. On behalf of the Bismarck Juvenile Court staff, a donation was made to the Bismarck Juvenile Drug Court for the incentive fund in honor of National Drug Court Month.

Sara Ellenwood reported for the Grand Forks Juvenile Drug Court team. Grand Forks currently has five participants in the program. There were no graduations and four terminations during this reporting period. The participants volunteered with Art Wise working with elementary students from Grand Forks. In May, the participants assisted the local members of the military and their families in removing the American flags from veterans graves the day after Memorial Day. The team members and participants celebrated National Drug Court Month with their annual bowling event. Judge Braaten has resigned as the Juvenile Drug Court judge.

Kristi Wieland reported for the Stutsman-Barnes County Juvenile Drug Court team. Stutsman-Barnes County currently has seven participants in the program. There was one

termination and one suspension during this reporting period. Parents and participants volunteered for the Kids for Hunger and the Bike Rodeo. The participants were required to attend Equip Group with Dennis Mansavage and Curt Brown every Wednesday afternoon during the summer months. The Juvenile Drug Court training team met with the Stutsman-Barnes County Juvenile Drug Court members to review the team survey results and answer questions regarding staffing and the court session. The training team also observed staffing and court and a follow-up report will be sent to the Stutsman/Barnes team.

The Devils Lake Juvenile Drug Court team was not present but a report was sent by email. Devils Lake currently has five participants and one youth pending in the program. There were no terminations, three suspensions, and one graduation during this reporting period. Jessica Moen has resigned as the Juvenile Drug Court coordinator.

Pilot Case Aid Project - Brian Washburn, Juvenile Court Supervisor, reported on the case-aide pilot project for Stutsman/Barnes County Juvenile Drug Court. Three case aides have been hired to provide drug testing and curfew checks for the drug court participants. The pilot project will be reassessed on a monthly basis.

Policy 401 - The Juvenile Policy Board drafted changes to Policy 401 in regards to drug testing, detention, and electronic monitoring. John Grinsteiner stated that the policies are being moved to N.D.R. Juv.P.18. The policy changes will not pertain to Juvenile Drug Court participants as they are governed under Admin. Rule 56. Judge McCullough stated that he sits on the Joint Procedure Committee and the changes to this policy and rule will be presented to the Joint Procedure Committee and invited anyone with comments regarding the changes, to contact him before the meeting.

Old Business:

Statewide One-day Training - John Grinsteiner reminded the committee that a statewide training is scheduled for October 10, 2014, at Cambria Conference Center, West Fargo, ND. Mikayla Jablonski Jahner informed the committee and team members that the training will involve training on the 16 Strategies for Juvenile Drug Court with emphasis on behavior modification through incentives and sanctions.

Treatment Report from the Alternatives to Incarceration Meeting - Senator Robinson briefed the committee on the Alternatives to Incarceration meeting where Judge Foughty presented on the treatment issues that drug courts in North Dakota are facing. Senator Robinson stated that he has not seen any recommendations from the Alternatives to Incarceration Committee. The committee requested that Marilyn Moe send the Schulte Final Report on Behavioral Health Planning prepared for the State of North Dakota to the committee members.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Moe