

March 24, 2023 Problem-Solving Courts Committee Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

1. Call to Order-Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. (Eastern)

Zach Johnson and David Sexton were introduced as new Indiana Office of Court Services Certification Program Coordinators.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve March 2022 minutes made by Magistrate Grayson, seconded by Jennifer. York; voted and approved.

3. Judicial Service Report

Every year by statute IOCS publishes the Judicial Service Report containing all data from trial courts. Jeff Wiese is seeking information from Problem-Solving Courts to include in the reports. The report is distributed to all members of the Indiana General Assembly and to all law libraries in the state. Jeff Wiese put a link to the current report in the chat for members to reference.

Judge Friedman stated she felt including more data from Problem-Solving Courts is a great idea. Chris noted that performance measures will be submitted from programs by March 31.

Jeff Wiese provided his email for any members who have questions or ideas.

4. Education Report

On April 4, 2023 the next PSC staff orientation will be held. There are currently 22 registered. There are eight registered for the August new PSC Judge's Orientation. The link to register for the 2023 JSC is live. It will be held on May 23 & 24 at the Indiana Convention Center with intensive sessions held May 22.

5. Certification Report

22 PSC certified since last PSCC meeting. 124 certified programs with 17 in the planning stages.

6. Other Business

- **DWI Court Foundational Training Program**

There are two certified dedicated OWI courts with other tracks in other PSC

models. Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) has funds to host another foundational training program. Anyone interested in taking the training can reach out to ICJI. ICJI is willing to provide training in counties or to provide centralized training in Indianapolis. IOCS will also be hosting webinars focusing on OWI offenders and OWI programming.

At the September 2022 meeting, Elizabeth Van Nostrand from the University of Pennsylvania addressed the committee. Judge Friedman followed up with her and part of Elizabeth's team observed her and Judge Cleary's court. Elizabeth's team is continuing their public health intervention study. The team has conducted interviews and collected data from various programs across Indiana. They will be concluding their research process in September and will be presenting at the 2023 NADCP conference in Houston.

Jamie Bergacs encouraged PSC judges who are coming to the Spring Judicial Conference to attend the grant writing session that is being offered. State, Local, and Federal grant writing will be covered.

The Committee previously discussed planning for new team members when there is turnover. She noted that she is having trouble with a new prosecutor getting to the table for a new MHC and asked if anyone had any ideas. Judge Certo suggested reaching out to IPAC or asking for a Judge who served as a prosecutor to help with discussion.

Jennifer York raised the issue of PSC cause numbers. Chris will schedule a follow-up with Jennifer to work on the next steps.

7. Adjourn

The next PSCC meeting is scheduled for June 9 at 1:30 pm. Chris will explore rescheduling the September meeting as it conflicts with the fall Judicial Conference.

Judge Diekhoff moved to adjourn. Judge Nugent seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

2023 Meeting Dates (1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. eastern)

- June 9, 2023
- September 15, 2023
- December 8, 2023

Committee Members in attendance:

Judge Greta Friedman
Brad Barnes
Judge Chris Buckley
Judge Julie Cantrell
Judge David Certo
Magistrate John Christ

Magistrate Joni Grayson
Judge Peter Nugent
Tammy O'Neill
Jennifer York

Guests in attendance:

Jamie Bergacs
Chris Biehn
Judge Thomas Felts
Janelle Johnson
Zach Johnson

Kevin Riley
David Sexton
Reilly Sommers
Jeff Wiese

June 9, 2023, Problem-Solving Courts Committee

Meeting held virtually via Zoom

1. **Call to Order**-Meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M (Eastern)
2. **Judge Friedman opened** – March 24, 2023, minutes approved.
3. **Education report** – Alexis Stogdill provided the IOCS Education Division’s update.

Justice Services Conference

The annual Justice Services Conference (JSC) was held May 22-24. Training was offered in all areas of community supervision.

Pre-Conference Intensive Sessions: Twenty different topics divided into five different categories were presented with more in-depth content to the 440 people who registered. This provided 2420 hours of education for the attendees.

Traditional JSC: Forty different topics were presented to 1176 people. Based upon the number of people counted in each session, this provided 7680 hours of education.

Webinars

NADCP has several upcoming webinars scheduled through our Education Webinar Series for those eligible for IOCS education. Terrance Walton, Chief Operating Officer of NADCP, will be presenting “Recovery Management: Helping People Move from Addiction to Recovery” next Thursday, June 15 at 1:30 EST. Visit the IOCS calendar to register for this and other educational sessions.

PSC New Coordinator Orientation

August 8, 2023: We currently have 8 people registered.

PSC New Judges Orientation

August 11, 2023: We currently have 11 people registered.

PSC Orientation

October 3, 2023: We currently have 9 people registered.

Judge Friedman praised the conference and the speakers.

4. **Certification report**- Chris Biehn provided an update. 151 total PSC. 130 certified. Since the last meeting 7 certifications have been issued 6 provisional at this time

5. **Code of Judicial Conduct 2.17** – Diane Mains requested feedback or concerns for the changes and the impacts that the committee foresees. Suggested writing practice guidelines. Allowing media into PSC is voluntary per the new rules, not required.

6. **Best practice standards** – Chris Biehn advised that new Adult Drug Court Best Practices standards will be revealed at the NADCP conference. No significant changes, rules clarified, and things cemented regarding best practices. Chris recommended a subcommittee for reviewing the rules to align with new standards once released. Judge Diekhoff and Judge Petrie are willing to serve.

7. **Other Updates**: Judge Diekhoff and Judge Friedman’s terms with the committee are concluded, Chris thanked them for serving.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2023; however, the Judge’s conference is that week. Judge Certo recommended meeting in person at the conference. He also mentioned veterans treatment training for incentives and sanctions the week after the conference. Chris will send a meeting for September 8, 2023, but will determine if it will be easier to meet in person at the conference on September 15, 2023.

Problem-Solving Courts Committee
September 15, 2023
Meeting Minutes
Frenck Lick Springs Hotel

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Judge Chris Buckley called the meeting to order and greeted members. Persons in attendance were as follows:

Judge Natalie Bokota, Judge Lisa Bowen-Slaven, Judge Chris Buckley, Judge Julie Cantrell, Judge David Certo, Mag. John Christ, Judge Kit Dean Crane, Judge D.J. Davis, Mag. Christopher Doran, Judge Lisa Glickfield, Judge Crystal Kocher, Judge Peter Nugent, Judge Dan Petrie, Judge Angela Sims, and Jennifer York (remote)

Staff: Chris Biehn

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The June 9, 2023, meeting minutes were presented and approved by the Committee.

3. Introductions

Judge Buckley introduced five new members appointed to the Committee by Chief Justice Rush on July 1, 2023; Judge Natalie Bokota, Judge D.J. Davis, Mag. Christopher Doran, Judge N. Lisa Glickfield, and Judge Crystal Kocher

4. Temple Drug Court Study

Chris Biehn reported that the Temple Study was presented at the AllRise Conference. The study spans January 1, 2018, to June 30, 2021. Five hundred and thirty participants from 30 Indiana courts were studied. The study is still not complete and several questions regarding the study remain.

5. 2024 Meeting Time

Committee members discussed the best meeting time for their schedules. It was decided that 12:30 p.m. EST instead of 1:30 p.m. EST was a better time to meet. The new meeting time will commence with the December meeting.

6. 2024 Committee Planning Ideas

The Committee discussed issues and activities to guide the Committee in 2024. The Committee expressed interest in the following: the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Program Assessment Tool; weighted caseload credit; succession training for Problem-Solving Court (PSC) judges, a directory of PSCs based on court type, and a PSC listserv.

7. Other business

8. Next Meeting Date

- December 8, 2023 Via Zoom

9. Adjourn

Problem-Solving Courts Committee
December 8, 2023
Meeting Minutes
Zoom

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Judge Chris Buckley, called the meeting to order and greeted members.

Persons in attendance were as follows:

Committee Members: Brad Barnes, Judge Natalie Bokota, Judge Chris Buckley, Mag. John Christ, Judge D.J. Davis, Mag. Christopher Doran, Judge Lisa Glickfield, Judge Crystal Kocher, Judge Peter Nugent, Tammy O'Neill, Judge Dan Petrie, Judge Angela Sims, and Jennifer York

Guest: Judge Leanna Weissmann

Staff: Jamie Bergacs, Jim Diller, Tom Felts, Zach Johnson, Diane Mains, Lora Moeller, Natasha Phillis, Reilly Sommers, Alexis Stogdill, Nicole Wesling, Nancy Wever, and Jeff Wiese

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The September 15, 2023, meeting minutes were presented and approved by the Committee.

3. Weighted Caseloads

Jeff Wiese, IOCS Legal Support Deputy Director and Jim Diller, IOCS Court Analyst attended the meeting to discuss problem-solving court (PSC) weighted caseload credit. Jeff reported that each case that is admitted into a certified problem-solving court may receive weighted caseload credit in the amount of 423 minutes. It is important to note that PSC cases do not automatically receive credit but must be manually entered in the Quarterly Case Status Report (QCSR). Each new admission earns credit, no matter the length of time the PSC case is open. Committee members are interested in receiving additional information to ensure they are entering the required information on their QCSR. Jeff indicated he will send an email, to all judges with a certified PSC, with instructions on how to complete the report.

4. New Performance Measures Reporting

Jamie Bergacs reported that in 2022 the Committee approved changes to the performance measure in anticipation of moving to line level data. The performance measures were approved in 2022, for 2023 collection and then reporting in the spring of 2024. The Indiana Office of Court Technology (IOCT) has developed the new reporting application and it is in their QA environment. IOCT is waiting on a test file from Quest to ensure there are no further factors to consider.

Jamie will be working with IOCT on communication in the coming weeks to all certified courts. Additionally, IOCT and IOCS are considering training and/or supporting materials that may be needed to assist in the transition to the new reporting process. Based on Committee interest, Jamie will invite IOCT to attend a future meeting to present what was collected and how we can pull data more easily.

5. 2024 Activity Discussion

The Committee had a follow-up discussion on the 2024 activities identified at the September Committee meeting. Jamie Bergacs reported on the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Program Assessment Tool. Jamie will send additional information to Committee members. PSC judge succession training can be addressed with the new PSC judge orientation. The PSC directory cannot be altered as requested. The proposed changes will result in performance issues, such as users will experience a slow loading directory, but more importantly there are ADA accessibility concerns. Finally, the Office of Communication, Education and Outreach does not support ListServs. As an alternative, the Committee could utilize a PSCC Microsoft Teams site.

6. Education Report

Alexis Stogdill notified the Committee that a DEI module will be included with IOCS orientation beginning with the April 2024 orientation. More of the content will be shared with the Committee when it is finalized. Alexis reported new coordinator orientation will take place February 14, 2024, new PSC judge orientation will take place February 16, 2024, and new staff orientation will take place April 2, 2024

Alexis reported the Justice Services Conference (JSC) is scheduled for May 8-10, 2024. Requests for JSC sessions included the following: overview of MAT, incentives and sanctions, collateral assessments, and communication strategies for engaging the community with problem-solving courts.

Volunteers were requested to assist with new PSC judge orientation and to serve on the PSC education subcommittee. Judge Buckley, Magistrate Christ, and Judge Petrie volunteered to assist with orientation and Judge Bokota and Tammy O'Neill agreed to serve on the subcommittee.

7. Certification Report

Zach Johnson reported there are a total of 152 program solving courts, 133 certified problem-solving courts, and 19 in planning stages. Since the last meeting, nine certifications/recertifications have been completed.

8. Emerging Adult Courts

Court of Appeals Judge Leanna Weissmann presented to the Committee on Emerging Adult Courts. Judge Weissmann requested that the Committee consider allowing for an emerging adult court subcommittee, consisting of non-Committee members, to further explore this PSC model for implementation in Indiana. No further action was taken on this request.

9. Other Business

The following proposed 2024 meeting dates were approved:

- March 15 via Zoom
- June 28 via Zoom
- September 20 (Judicial Conference Breakfast Meeting)
- December 6 via Zoom

10. Adjourn