

Problem-Solving Courts Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2021
1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Judge Jonathan Cleary at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Members participating by Microsoft Teams: Judge Lisa Bowen-Slaven, Judge Julie Cantrell, Judge David Certo, Magistrate John Christ, Judge Jonathan Cleary, Judge Mary Ellen Diekhoff, Judge John Feick, , Magistrate Joni Grayson, Ms. Tammy O’Neil, Judge Jose Salinas, Judge Angela Sims, and Judge Zach Winsett.

Staff: Ms. Jamie Bergacs, Mr. Chris Biehn, Ms. Lindsay Carter, Judge Thomas Felts, Ms. Diane Haver, Ms. Michelle Henkle, Ms. Diane Mains, Ms. Rachael McKee, Ms. Lora Moeller and Ms. Jennifer Weaver.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Members approved the September 25, 2020, minutes.

3. Introduction of New Program Coordinator

Judge Jonathan Cleary introduced Brayton Scott, new Program Coordinator at Indiana Office of Court Services.

4. Education Update

Ms. Michelle Henkle reported that the Education Subcommittee did not meet prior to Problem-Solving Court Committee as scheduled. Ms. Henkle provided an update on the upcoming 2021 Court Services Conference and the PSC Coordinator Orientation held in February 2021. The next new PSC Staff Orientation will be held April 2021 and the next PSC Coordinator Orientation will be held in August 2021. The Court Services Conference and all orientations will be conducted virtually.

5. Certification Report

Mr. Chris Biehn reported that IOCS staff has conducted seventeen virtual site visits and granted twelve certifications since September 25, 2020.

6. Problem-Solving Court Rule Revisions

Mr. Chris Biehn and Ms. Diane Mains presented public comments on the Problem-Solving Court Rules Revisions. After some discussion, the committee voted to accept the revisions as written and submit to the Board of Directors.

7. NPC Project

Ms. Jamie Bergacs reviewed the status of the NPC evaluation. Discussions of the NPC Best Practice Standard Research Project are ongoing. The project will assess certified problem-solving courts’ compliance with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Best Practice Standards. Courts will be provided a questionnaire specific to their individual

court model and will then be scored by NPC. Courts will receive an individual report and there will also be a state report.

8. University of Pittsburgh Project Update

Judge Cleary provided a summary and update on the University of Pittsburgh current research project. There will be a webinar on April 9, 2021. Courts identified by Pitt will be invited to take part in the webinar to learn more about the project.

9. Other Business

Judge Felts relayed thanks to IOCS staff Rachael McKee and Chris Biehn from former colleagues in Allen County for the professional way in which they conducted the certification of the first OVWI court. Judge Diekhoff also thanked staff for the way they did their job in the new way of life, indicating they were very professional.

10. 2021 Meeting Dates (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2021.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Judge Cleary at approximately 2:05 p.m.

**Problem-Solving Courts Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2021
1:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Judge Greta Friedman at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Members participating by Microsoft Teams: Brad Barnes, Judge Julie Cantrell, Judge Kit Crane, Judge Mary Ellen Diekhoff, Judge Greta Friedman, Tammy O’Neill, Judge Daniel Petrie, Judge Angela Sims, and Jennifer York.

Guest:

Heather Falks(IOCS Staff Attorney)
Judge Jose Salinas

Staff: Jamie Bergacs, Chris Biehn, Michelle Henkle, Angie Hensley-Langrel, Janelle Johnson, Diane Mains, Rachael McKee, and Lora Moeller.

2. Introduction of new committee members.

Chris Biehn introduced new committee members: Brad Barnes, Judge Daniel Petrie, and Jennifer York.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Members approved the March 19, 2021, minutes. The June 18, 2021 Problem-Solving Courts Committee meeting was cancelled.

4. Education Update

Michelle Henkle reported the Education Subcommittee hasn’t met, is open to new projects. Michelle Henkle reported new Problem-Solving Court Judge Orientation will be November 9, 2021.

5. Certification Report

Chris Biehn reported that IOCS staff has granted twenty-one site visits since March 19, 2021. Chris Biehn further reported 118 certified problem-solving courts with nineteen in the planning stages.

6. Participant Vaccination discussion

In response to questions received regarding courts mandating vaccines, Heather Falks discussed vaccination advice to problem-solving courts. Advice given to the committee was that courts should not mandate vaccinations. Courts may continue to make referrals to treatment and service providers who are allowed to require vaccinations.

7. Problem-Solving Court Performance Measures

Angie Hensley-Langrel provided an overview of the problem-solving court performance measures changes.

8. 2021 Meeting Dates (1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2021 via Zoom.

2022 Meeting Dates (1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)

March 18, 2022 1:30PM (Eastern Time)

June 17, 2022 1:30PM (Eastern Time)

September 16, 2022 1:30PM (Eastern Time)

December 2, 2022 1:30PM (Eastern Time)

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Judge Friedman at approximately 2:38 p.m.