

March 18, 2022 Problem-Solving Courts Committee Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

1. Call to Order

Kevin Riley and Nicole Wesling were introduced to the committee.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Judge Feick Motioned to approve, seconded by Judge Cantrell. Approved without opposition.

3. Problem-Solving Court Case Type

Chris Biehn provided a brief background summary on this item for members. He noted that IOCS staff feel that using the JM cause number does not actually fix the problem and wished to raise the possibility of creating a problem-solving court case type. It is proposed that a workgroup be set up to examine the cause number issue.

Judge Cantrell asked if judicial officers would receive more credit with the new cause number. 22 minutes is based on the weighted caseload study for misdemeanors. Chris Biehn said that he believes for PSC cases the number of 423 minutes and that providing more minutes for PSC cases has been discussed.

Judge Crane asked how Odyssey knows to weigh cases properly. Jamie Bergacs said that the weight assignment is reported by court staff and not done automatically in Odyssey. Judge Cantrell said that she had no problem with setting up a working group to study this issue. Judge Friedman will join her. Any other interested members can contact Chris Biehn.

Jamie delivered an update that noted that a misdemeanor case and felony case have the same weight in problem solving court cases.

4. Education Report

Chris Biehn provided the Education Division Update. The 2022 Justice Services Conference will be held in-person. Registration has not yet opened but will in the coming week. It appears that Marion County COVID rules will allow for a full conference. Judge Cantrell noted that she was unable to attend this conference because it is scheduled immediately after the Spring Judicial Conference, so in future it would be preferable to separate those events on the calendar.

PSC staff orientation will be held on April 6 and October 5.

5. Certification Report

Chris Biehn delivered the update. 142 total PSCs, 119 certified, 23 in the planning stages. The Certification team has granted 21 certifications this quarter. Jamie Bergacs noted that in March alone her staff are doing 5 provisional site visits.

6. NDCI State Infrastructure Technical Assistance

Indiana applied for the NDCI technical assistance program and was selected. We have a training meeting next week and certification staff are excited to get started. Jamie's hope is that with virtual file reviews freeing up on site time that her staff will be able to provide more on-site technical assistance.

7. Other Business

Pitt/Temple Study Update

Jamie Bergacs gave a quick recap on this item for new members. There was a stakeholder meeting last week where Pitt/Temple advised that they have received a no-cost extension. They will be receiving SRS data soon and will be working with 29 programs. There are still unanswered questions. They will be conducting a site visit to Dearborn and Madison counties in the coming months. The next stakeholder meeting is planned for fall.

No other business raised.

8. Adjourn

Judge Friedman adjourned the meeting.

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

- June 17, 2022
- September 16, 2022
- December 2, 2022

Committee Members in attendance:

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

Judge Kit Crane
Magistrate Joni Grayson
Tammy O'Neill
Judge Daniel Petrie
Judge Angela Sims
Jennifer York