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**The Minutes of the Meeting of the
State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee**

May 18, 2022

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SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA

Office of the Executive Secretary

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State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee

The Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee (DTCAC) met in-person at 10:00 a.m. on May 18, 2022 at the Supreme Court of Virginia.

The Honorable Jack S. Hurley, Judge, Tazewell Circuit Court, Chair, presided.

The following members were present:

- Hon. Louise DiMatteo, Judge, Arlington Circuit Court, Arlington Drug Court
- Hon. Charles Sharp, Judge, Stafford Circuit Court
- Hon. Robert Turk, Judge, Pulaski Circuit Court, Pulaski Drug Court
- Charlene Motley, Commission on Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP)
- Sheriff Karl Leonard, Sherriff, Chesterfield County
- Maria Jankowski, Deputy Director, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission
- Julie Truitt, Substance Use Disorder Quality Manager, Office of Adult Behavioral Health Development Services
- Megan Roane, Director, Blue Ridge Court Services, Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association
- Eric Olsen, Commonwealth's Attorney, Stafford County
- Jennifer MacArthur, Manager, Division of Programs and Services Adult Justice Programs at Department of Criminal Justice Services
- Anna Burton, Substance Abuse Program Manager, Virginia Department of Corrections

The following guests were present:

- Hon. Deanna Stone, Judge, Franklin County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court
- Hon. Kimberly Irving, Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit, Prince William County
- Dr. David Hartman, MD., Associate Professor Virginia Tech School of Medicine
- Dr. Cheri Hartman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor Virginia Tech School of Medicine
- Daniel Manza, Prince William County Community Services
- Crystal Fitzgerald, Richmond Supervising Assistant Commonwealth Attorney
- Ashley Harrell, LCSW, ARTS Senior Program Advisor
- Jason Lowe, MSW, SUPPORT Act Grant Manager
- Joyce Moran, Advisory Committee Chair, Franklin County
- Melody Pendleton, DSS Representative, Franklin County
- Quincy Gravely, Drug Court Coordinator, Piedmont Community Services
- William Flory, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Nelson County
- Steve Austin, Prince William County Criminal Justice Services

The following staff members were present:

- Paul DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services, Department of Judicial Services, Supreme Court of Virginia
- Anna Powers, State Specialty Dockets Coordinator, Department of Judicial Services, Supreme Court of Virginia
- Elisa Fulton, Specialty Dockets Training Coordinator, Department of Judicial Services, Supreme Court of Virginia
- Auriel Diggs, Specialty Dockets Grants Management Analyst, Department of Judicial Services, Supreme Court of Virginia
- Marc Leslie, Specialty Dockets Database Analyst, Department of Judicial Services, Supreme Court of Virginia
- Brandon Felton, Specialty Dockets Administrative Assistant, Department of Judicial Services, Supreme Court of Virginia

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Judge Hurley called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members, staff, and guests of Nelson County, Prince William County and Franklin County, very glad to be back in person after three years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The next order of business was approval of the October 21, 2021 meeting minutes. Judge Hurley asked if there were any suggested changes to the meeting minutes. After hearing no reply, he requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2021 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PROGRAM PROGRESS

Judge Hurley extended gratitude to all who continue to go the extra mile to keep the Drug Treatment Court programs operating through the pandemic, looking forward to finally the end.

Judge Hurley turned the floor over to Jason Lowe, DMAS, and Ashley Harrell, LCSW, DMAS, for a presentation of Targeted trainings on Medicaid and the benefit for substance disorders. The topics that were discussed were the myths and reality of substance disorders. What is Medicaid role in treatment? Medicaid which is the largest source of health coverage, and it is the biggest payer for Behavioral Health Services, which is a federal program that is funded by each state. Medicaid plays a critical role in the lives of over two million Virginians.

Dr. David Hartman, MD., and Dr. Cheri Hartman Ph.D. gave a small presentation about Substance use Disorders as Biopsychosocial Chronic Diseases. This was a small discussion about what causes Virginia's overdose epidemic and the drugs and factors that goes into it, such as the relapse rate and the treatment care. There are eleven pathological patterns of behaviors that are related to the use of substance abuse. These patterns can fit into four groupings and labeled as, Impaired Control, Social Impairment, Risky Use, and Pharmacological Criteria. Impaired Control simply means that an individual may take substances in larger amounts and time periods than they originally should. They have a craving for it and are unsuccessful in cutting down their usage. Social Impairment is the recurrence of a substance that results in a failure to meeting your obligations. Risky Use is a continuous use of the substance while in a dangerous situation. And finally Pharmacological Criteria is the tolerance for the substance is needed to obtain the same effect, and withdrawal, decreases in an individual who has been using for a long period of time.

Judge Hurley invited the committee to attend the 2022 Specialty Dockets/DUI Training, which will be held this year on September 19-21, 2021 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke, Virginia. Judge Hurley invited Ms. Anna Powers to provide the statewide updates. Ms. Powers shared that the Specialty Dockets Division team recently updated the Veterans Docket curriculum, and held a training for it in Chesterfield County February 28 – March 2, 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Judge Hurley invited members of the Virginia Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee to participate in the Executive Committee meetings. The Executive Committee meets by phone the last Friday of each month. The Committee aims to ensure that we monitor progress, continue the flow of information especially related to legislative happenings, funding, and sustainability. He encouraged those interested in participating to contact Ms. Powers.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Judge DiMatteo welcomed Franklin County Drug Court, who was represented by Judge Deanna Stone, and her staff to the meeting and thanked them for the feedback that was provided to their application. Judge DiMatteo called for a committee vote to approve Franklin County as a new Drug Court, Judge Hurley called for a motion to vote, and the committee granted the motion without objection.

Judge DiMatteo welcomed Nelson County, who was represented by William Flory, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and he gave feedback of how the courts are going, and they are planning to be up and operational by January 2023. Judge DiMatteo called for a committee vote to approve Nelson County as a new Drug Court, Judge Hurley called for a motion to vote, and the committee granted the motion without objection.

Finally, Judge DiMatteo welcomed Prince William County, which was represented by Judge Kimberly Irving, and her staff to the meeting and thanked them as well for their feedback that was provided to the committee in regards to their application. Judge DiMatteo called for a committee vote to approve Prince William County as a new Drug Court, Judge Hurley called for a motion to vote, and the committee granted the motion without objection.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Judge Hurley welcomed Judge Robert Turk as the new committee chair, and Judge Turk thanked the committee and is looking forward to working together.

NEXT MEETING

Judge Hurley reminded members that the next committee meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022 at 10:00 p.m. The committee is hoping this will still be an in-person meeting here at the Courts Conference Center, 6th floor of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Judge Hurley thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Jack S. Hurley, Judge