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**The Minutes of the Meeting of the
State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee
May 8, 2019
Richmond, Virginia**

**SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA
Office of the Executive Secretary
Richmond, Virginia**

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee

The Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee (DTCAC) met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 in the 6th floor Courts Conference Center Room at the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Honorable Jack S. Hurley, Judge, Tazewell Circuit Court, Chair, presided.

The following members were present:

- Hon. Jack S. Hurley, Judge, Tazewell Circuit Court, Tazewell Drug Court
- Hon. Louise DiMatteo, Judge, Arlington Circuit Court, Arlington Drug Court
- Hon. Charles Sharp, Judge, Stafford Circuit Court
- Hon. Deborah S. Tinsley, Judge, Goochland Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Goochland Family Drug Court
- Charlene Motley, Commission on Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP)
- Cheryl Robinette, Drug Court Coordinator, Tazewell Drug Court
- Susan Morrow, President, Virginia Association of Drug Court Professionals (VADCP)
- Hon. Junius Fulton, Judge, Norfolk Circuit Court, Drug Court Judge
- Hon. Karl Leonard, Sheriff, Chesterfield County Jail, Virginia Sheriff's Association
- Nicki Clarke, Program Manager, Legislation, Regulations & Guidance, Virginia Department of Social Services
- Steven Thomson, Deputy Chief, Prince William County, Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police
- Hon. Eric Olsen, Commonwealth's Attorney, Stafford County
- Hon. LaBravia Jenkins, Commonwealth's Attorney's Association, Commonwealth's Attorney, City of Fredericksburg
- Bettina Coghill, Coordinator, Prince George, Hopewell, Surry Adult Drug Court
- Hon. Llezelle Dugger, Circuit Court Clerk's Association, Clerk, Charlottesville Circuit Court

The following guests were present:

- Dave Johnson. Executive Director, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission

The following staff members were present:

- Anna Powers, State Drug Court Coordinator, Department of Judicial Services, Supreme Court of Virginia
- Bre'Auna Beasley, Drug Court Analyst, Department of Judicial Services, Supreme Court of Virginia
- Lori Hogan, 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. Judge Hurley also recognized and welcomed new committee members, Eric Olsen and Judge Deborah Tinsley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judge Hurley asked for any changes to the meeting minutes. After hearing no reply, he requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2018 State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. The minutes were unanimously approved. It was later brought to the committee's attention that LaBravia Jenkin's attendance at the October 18, 2018 meeting had not been recorded in the minutes. A motion to correct the error was made and approved.

PROGRAM PROCESS

Judge Hurley invited Ms. Anna Powers to provide the statewide update on the progress and growth of the Virginia Drug Treatment Court Dockets. Ms. Powers shared that the Drug Treatment Court Team is growing, in addition to Lori Hogan, Drug Court Administrative Assistant and Bre'Auna Beasley, Drug Court Database Analyst, the Drug Court Training Coordinator Elisa Fulton has been hired, and Courtney Stewart will serve as the Grants Management Coordinator. She is scheduled to begin May 29, 2019. Ms. Powers provided updates regarding federal grant applications and federal grant awards to local drug courts.

Ms. Powers shared information regarding the DUI Specialty Docket Training to be held in Roanoke, VA August 5-6, 2019. This year's theme is: Virginia Specialty Dockets: A Call to

Action. We anticipate about 400 attendees.

The following drug courts completed the Adult Planning Drug Court Planning Initiative training provided by the National Drug Court Institute:

- Alexandria Adult Drug Court
- Dickenson County Adult Drug Court
- Fluvanna County Adult Drug Court
- Loudoun County Adult Drug Court
- Smyth County Adult Drug Court

Hopewell/Prince George Adult Drug Court team was selected to participate in the National Center for DWI Courts training in Billings, MO on June 24-27, 2019. Ms. Beasley will join their team to serve in the evaluator's role.

We anticipate additional applications from the following localities to request permission to establish the designated docket programs:

- Fluvanna County considering an Adult Drug Court
- Culpepper County discussing an adult drug court
- Norfolk considering a Juvenile BHD
- Russell County Juvenile Drug Court
- Virginia Beach Adult Drug Court in GD court

Upcoming Drug Court meetings include, the Virginia Drug Court Circuit Court judges meeting on May 13, 2019 and the District Court Judges meeting on August 25, 2019. Both will take place in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Behavioral Health Docket (BHD) Advisory Committee has approved 11 BHDs, with additional applications pending from Arlington and Norfolk. Newport News BHD has its first graduation scheduled for May 9, 2019. Six participants are expected to graduate. The Chesapeake BHD graduation is scheduled for May 16, 2019, and five participants are expected to graduate. Judge Downer is retiring May 29, 2019, with a BHD docket graduation scheduled this same date. Delegate Rob Bell will serve as the keynote speaker. The Veterans Docket Advisory Committee approved six Veterans Docket, and one application is currently under review. The Specialty Dockets Advisory Committee scheduled a meeting by conference call to review the Reentry Docket.

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM PROCLAMATION

Judge Hurley read the Governor's Proclamation recognizing May 2019 as Drug Court

Month in our Commonwealth of Virginia.

SUSTAINABILITY FORMULA

Judge Hurley reported on the Sustainability Formula. He recognized the hard work and dedication of Judge Fulton and the Planning and Development Committee. In turn, Judge Fulton thanked Eric Olsen and Maria Jankowski for their efforts to speak with Secretary Moran to discuss Drug Treatment Courts and funding issues. Judge Hurley opened the floor for discussion. After hearing no reply, a motion was made to approve the Sustainability Formula. The Sustainability Formula was unanimously approved.

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS

Ms. Susan Morrow provided updates on the activities of Virginia Association for Drug Court Professionals (VADCP). Ms. Morrow spoke about the Governor's Proclamation and VADCP's role in requesting the Proclamation. The VADCP has scheduled a strategic planning meeting on Friday, May 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Indigent Defense Commission and invited members to attend. Judge Hurley encouraged members of the newly approved drug treatment courts to join VADCP. He also suggested Drug Treatment Courts join as a group instead of as individuals.

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 every month. He encouraged those interested in participating to contact Ms. Powers. The Committee aims to ensure that we monitor progress, continue the flow of information especially related to the grant funded 10-year evaluation study and the Drug Courts' 2030 strategic plan.

Judge Hurley opened the floor for any questions, concerns, or ideas. There was a discussion regarding how to share the importance of Drug Treatment Courts with Legislators. The idea of video testimonials from past participants was mentioned. It was suggested members

encourage and invite Legislators to Drug Court Graduations, so they can see how lives are changed for the better.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Judge DiMatteo reported there are 3 applications expected in the near future.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Judge Fulton reported that the primary focus of the Planning and Development Committee has been on the Sustainability Formula.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Judge Sharp shared the Evaluation Committee will be focusing efforts on the Vivitrol Report, Specialty Docket Report, and the Data Evaluation Reports

NEXT MEETING

Judge Hurley reminded members that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 2:00 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Jack S. Hurley, Judge