

**Idaho Treatment Court Committee
February 10th, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting**

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| <p><u>Members in Attendance</u> Justice Gregory Moeller, Chair Commissioner Brent Reinke, IAC Dr. Magni Hamso Hon. Scott Wayman Marilyn Miller Jennifer Romero Hon. Gregory Fitzmaurice Lisa Martin Hon. Davis VanderVelde Ron Christian Judge Steven Hippler Marreen Burton Scott Bandy Hon. Eric Wildman Richard Neu Hon. Robert Naftz Hon. David Hooste Kerry Hong JoAnn Martinez Hon. Darren Simpson Paul Meigio Eric Olson</p> | <p><u>Members Not in Attendance</u> Director David Jeppesen, DHW Director Monty Prow, IDJC Director Josh Tewalt, IDOC Senator Patti Anne Lodge Gabriel McCarthy Jared Larsen</p> <p><u>Guests</u> Ross Edmunds, DHW Keri Portales, IDJC Dr. Radha Sadacharan Alana Minton</p> <p><u>Staff</u> Administrative Director of the Court, Sara Omundson Taunya Jones Scott Ronan Ryan Porter Sandy Jones Jason Dye Lynn Proctor Claire Quade Jim Arnold</p> |
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Meeting Convening and Minutes

The meeting was convened at 1:00 p.m. by the new Chair, Justice Moeller, with an introduction and welcome to the virtual meeting. Justice Moeller led the introductions for each of the Zoom attendees and called for a motion on the draft minutes from the September 25th, 2020 Committee meeting.

Ross Edmunds motioned and Commissioner Reinke seconded approval of the minutes from the September 25th, 2020 Committee meeting. Motion carried with none opposed.

Justice Moeller also called for a motion to approve the minute from the December 15th, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.

Rich Neu motioned and Judge Fitzmaurice seconded the approval of the minutes from the December 15th, 2020 Treatment Court- Executive Committee meeting.

Idaho Behavioral Health Council

The Council has been asked to review the behavioral health system, identify those things that work well and to find ways to improve outcomes for the state of Idaho, and coordinate all the great work. Meetings have been re-scheduled due to COVID-19 and advisory groups and subcommittees have been identified for the months ahead. The Council's report is due July 1st, 2021 and is a strategic plan to provide a strong and coordinated system in Idaho, then implementation over multiple years.

Taunya Jones reported that the Council is receiving information from presentations from various groups. Workgroups will submit to an advisory board, who will present to Council. There will likely be implications for the Treatment Courts depending on the recommendations the Council ultimately adopts.

Sara Omundson emphasizes that Judges should reach out with questions, comments, ideas or feedback for the Idaho Behavioral Health Council.

FY21 Budget Update

Scott Ronan provided an update for the Committee with on FY21 expenditures including information regarding state Substance Use Disorder Funds and the impacts of Medicaid expansion and COVID-19. Generally, spending is less than previous years at this same time which can be primarily attributed to the pandemic. There was a discussion about statewide numbers related to COVID and the impacts to the flow of cases. Several members noted increased Probation Violations related to new crimes, which are being held up waiting for trial. The initial estimates to identify the percentage of Medicaid eligibility continue to be valid. Interestingly, although the numbers of participants in the courts in the last year has decreased, there is still a noticeable increase in the need for residential and recovery support services.

FY22 Budget Concepts and Priorities

Taunya Jones briefed the Committee on the results of the Trial Court Administrator Budget Summit and asked for the Committee to recommend their budget priorities Taunya led the discussion by talking about the need to develop a long term strategic approach toward the funding of Treatment Courts. Taunya also mentioned that there is the potential to enter into a contract grounded in the Treatment Court Standards with a Managed Care Organization for administration, quality assurance, and billing needs in July 2022. Committee members made comments about the difficulty to achieve those standards due to the some jurisdictions barriers in hiring and retaining qualified counselors, especially in rural areas and areas where other states border Idaho and are able to pay higher wages.

Taunya reviewed the budget process with the Committee, briefing them on the Budget Summit, where Trial Court Administrators (TCA) were asked to prioritize statewide needs. Regarding Treatment Courts, the following were identified in order of importance to be addressed:

1. Coordination
2. Drug Testing
3. Treatment
4. Treatment Court District Manager Operations

District Managers (DM) felt strongly about needing to support their TCA's, who have all discussed needs with DM's. Kerry Hong said the Committee has an obligation to make recommendations that reflect the needs of Treatment Courts specifically. Justice Moeller reiterated the role of Committee members and that the expectation is that Committee members will use their voice for the good of the Committee. Generally, the conversation was that there

would be more requests for RRSS services if the services were available. Some counties have no transitional housing, and even residential treatment has significant waitlists right now. There was additional discussion about the need to prioritize treatment and the reimbursement of treatment providers at a higher level. Ultimately the Committee agreed to add a fifth priority, Residential and Recovery Support Services.

Rich Neu motioned to adopt the five priorities in the following order as offered by the TCAs: 1. Coordination, 2. Drug Testing, 3. Treatment, 4. Treatment Court District Manager Operations, and 5. Residential and Recovery Support Services. Seconded by Commissioner Reinke. Discussion was focused on the need to rank treatment higher. Motion passed with a vote of 17 for and four opposed. Motion Carried.

Quality Assurance

Ryan Porter provided an overview of the ISC ordered Quality Assurance (QA) Plan for adult Treatment Courts. Ryan asked the teams to give some feedback about when and how to begin the QA process. He feels it could be done remotely, if need be. Concerns were expressed by about Treatment Courts not being back to “normal” yet and this may be a problem. Sara encouraged the Administrative Court staff to discuss further and if necessary, revise the plan for the next year.

Information and Updates

Scott provided updates on the following topics:

- Navigator Upgrade: Went generally well. Feedback was positive from the Committee members.
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Questions and Answer Sessions: Dr. Hamso and Dr. Sadacharan will provide a basic presentation on MAT services, and mostly take questions from Judges. Initial sessions will be Judges only, with plans to present to other Treatment Court team member roles over time.
- LSI-R Analysis: the plan is for a refresh of the data to tell us if we should be changing anything with admission standards, based on what the outcomes of the study tell us. Waiting on a policy discussion regarding party record merging before finalizing.
- Idaho Treatment Court Conference: Planning for an in-person statewide treatment court conference in 2022 in Boise. Save the dates 3/31/22 and 4/1/22 following the District Judges Conference.
- The Treatment Court Rules Workgroup: The workgroup is almost finished, working with Jason Spillman to finalize a draft that will be circulated for comment.
- Next Treatment Court Committee Meeting: A face to face committee meeting is being planned for fall 2021 at this point, hopefully in September.

District Updates

Chair Justice Moeller called for districts to provide general updates, comments, or questions:
D6- Kerry Hong recommended the committee discuss the future of telehealth post-pandemic. For some court types, it has been an asset to reach participants especially in rural jurisdictions.
D5- Rich Neu echoed Kerry’s comments and emphasized that the conversation needs to factor in court types.
D3- Judge VanderVelde wants to stay on the Committee, but will soon step away from the Treatment Court he is presiding over.

Motion to adjourn at 4:40pm by Judge Simpson, seconded by Judge Naftz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.