

Treatment Oversight Committee Meeting
05/02/2022 Minutes

In person appearances – Judge Patricia Baker, County Executive John Pavelski, District Attorney Louis Molepske Jr., Rob Golla, Zach Bishop, Corporation Counsel David Ray, Attorney Taylor Soule, Andrea Starr

Virtual Appearance - Kasie Borchardt

Judge Baker called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in Branch III Courtroom

1. Approval of the Minutes from February 7, 2022, Meeting

Starr asked for comments or edits related to the 02/07/2022 minutes and hearing not, declared the minutes approved by consensus.

2. Treatment Court Stats for 2022 as of May 2, 2022

Starr provided the following Treatment Court (TC) stats for 2022:

- Active: 8
- Inactive: 2 (warrants issued)
- Pending: 3
- Under Review: 3
- Ineligible: 9
 - Violent Offense: 6
 - Lower Risk: 2
 - Not a Portage County resident: 1
- Declined Participation: 2
- Terminated: 2
- Administrative Discharge: 1

Judge Baker discussed the restriction of not allowing violent offenders into the TC program due to the TAD grant exclusion and the fact at least one applicant was excluded from participation due to a prior violent offense. She further expressed her wish to be allowed to accept into the program participants who may have convictions for low level violent offenses in their past.

3. New Treatment Court Day Starting June 7, 2022:

Judge Baker made statements regarding Branch III intake hearings which she will handle starting on Monday, June 6, 2022. This will cause Treatment Court to move to Tuesdays, starting on June 7, 2022. Treatment Court Hearings will remain at 1:30 p.m.

Starr indicated Treatment Court Meeting will also move to Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

4. Oversight Committee Meetings

Starr indicates the Oversight Committee Meetings will also move to Tuesdays. Next meetings are August 2, 2022, and November 8, 2022.

5. TAD Grant Site Visit:

Starr made statements regarding TAD Grant site visit and audit which will take place on May 23, 2022. The last audit was in 2019.

6. Phase 5 Trial:

Judge Baker discussed the purpose of why the Treatment Team would like different requirements in Phase 5:

- Begin developing a support team for program graduates outside of treatment court
- To focus on participant support system
- Relapse prevention plan

Starr makes additional comments regarding modifying Phase 5.

- Sweat patches to allow for more independence to the participants.
- Alternating probation visits and case management every 2 weeks
- Case management sessions will focus on meeting with participant's support system and discussion relapse prevention.
- Participants must have part- or full-time employment prior to graduation.

Committee approves the Phase 5 trial period

7. Addition of Nutrition Curriculum:

Starr commented that adding a Nutrition Curriculum to help participants eat healthy and establish the healthy mindset. Judge Baker made comments on the benefits have healthy life habits.

Committee approves the addition of the nutrition curriculum

8. Addition of Victim Rights Language:

Starr updated the Committee on victim rights and Marsy's law changes for TC. Victims can attend and make statements at all treatment court hearings if they wish.

Committee approves the addition of the victim rights language.

9. Addition of Due Process and Termination Language:

Starr stated that the TAD grant put out a Best Practices Manual and it provides best practices for Due Process Rights. Policy is also provided for participants who have absconded.

Committee approves the addition of the due process and termination language.

10. Ex Parte Procedure for Public Defender/Defense Attorney and Judges:

Starr makes statements regarding adding an Ex Parte Notice to the Judge's speech during the plea and sentencing hearing when admitting into treatment Court.

Committee approves the change of the ex parte procedure.

11. Add Public Defender/Defense Attorney to Referral Form

Starr stated there was not a line indicating a copy of the referral form was provided to the public defender/defense attorney. This will now be added.

12 Future Considerations:

Job Center / Employment Services

Potential for County funded spots (2) for violent offenders

13. Next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2022.

14. Adjourn.