

Treatment Oversight Committee Meeting
08/02/2022 Minutes

In-person Appearances – Judge Patricia Baker, County Executive John Pavelski, Rob Golla, Zach Bishop, Corporation Counsel David Ray, Josh Ostrowski, Andrea Starr

Virtual Appearances - Kasie Borchardt, Kim Vagueiro, Jessica Hilgers, Erica Wojcik, Joan Honl

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

1. Approval of the Minutes from May 2, 2022, Meeting

Baker asked for comments or edits related to the 05/02/2022 minutes and hearing none, declared the minutes approved by consensus.

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

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

- Active: 9
- Pending: 5
- Under Review: 2
- Ineligible: 11
 - Violent Offense: 7
 - Lower Risk: 3
 - Not a Portage County resident: 1
- Declined Participation: 2
- Terminated: 4
- Pending Termination: 1
- Administrative Discharge: 1

3. TAD Grant Site Visit Report:

Starr went through the site visit report and discussed the recommendations of changes/considerations by the Department of Justice Grant staff. Starr will put together an excel sheet indicating recommended changes and what TC is doing to address those recommendations.

4. TAD Grant Pre-Application Process:

Starr indicated that the TAD grant has a new application process. Starr is required to fill out a pre-application prior to the application indicating the amount of money Portage County is going to be requesting as there is an increase in funding available. Starr is considering applying for an additional \$20,000 for a part-time peer support specialist position.

Additionally, the pre-application requires the Oversight Committee to approve that Portage County apply for the TAD grant in 2023. Per consensus vote, the committee approved that the application be submitted.

5. Phase 5 Trial - Update:

Starr indicated that three participants have the patch on and reports by the participants are that they like the additional “freedom” of not having to call in and come in for testing. Baker stated that this additional freedom allows participants to work additional hours and they are able to

focus on paying restitution. Bishop recommended that the Treatment Team consider putting the patch on when participants are in Phase 4 or halfway through Phase 4. Starr will ask the Treatment Team their thoughts on this after TC has had more time using the patches.

6. Narcan Distribution to Participants:

Starr is looking into distributing Narcan to participants in the program, especially early in the program as they are at high risk of overdoses. Starr is also considering distributing Narcan to individuals being referred to TC regardless of if they qualify. The committee was in favor of distributing Narcan but would want individuals trained on how to use it. Vagueiro indicated that she has a half hour and a one-hour video on the administration of Narcan if Starr was interested.

Borchardt stated that agents have access to Narcan, a Nalox-Zone box is in the DOC waiting room, and agents have Narcan to distribute to clients if necessary.

7. TAD Statute 165.98(3)(a):

Starr briefly reviewed the TAD statute with the committee and indicated that Portage County TC was operating as if individuals needed to be sentenced in Portage County to qualify for PCTC. Starr stated that the Criminal Justice Coordinator in Wood County reached out to DOJ TAD and asked for their interpretation of the statute, and it was determined that is up to the individual counties' Corporation Counsel on how to interpret the statute. Ray indicated that he has read the statute and has read the Wood County Corporation Counsel's interpretation of the statute and agrees that "if any background procedural facts exist in the case of a person who now resides in Portage County, that person could participate in Portage County's TAD program under statute 165.98(3)(a)."

8. Future Considerations:

None.

9. Next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2022.

10. Adjourn.