



Illinois Association of Drug Court Professionals

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Meeting Minutes
Utica, IL
October 19, 2011

Attendees: Rebecca Bernard, Jan Leone, John Bell, Jeff Ford, Jim Wojtas, Mike Roseberry, Sarah Carlson, Lyn Pedigo, Tom Panichi, Shannon Reeves-Rich, Michelle Rock, Scott Block, Marilyn Stromborg, Lawrence Fox, Sue Stanger, Carolyn Desplinter.

Meeting called to order at 4:11 PM by Jan Leone.

Tom Panichi entered motion to accept two previous meeting minutes, second by Sarah Carlson.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Roseberry

Anticipated profit from 2011 conference is roughly \$8,000. Current checkbook balance is \$17,349. Conference expenses were higher this year due to rate increases at conference center (room rental, food and gratuity, sales tax, etc). We also have a few people from past conferences who have not yet paid. We will send them an invoice and attempt to collect.

Tom Panichi requested approval to pay a nominal fee to the 2011 Retreat presenters. Approved.

Website Committee Report – Becky Bernard

We have had difficulty logging in with our user accounts after our website was hacked – suspect the hackers removed our other accounts to lessen our ability to easily restore our website) which means we have been unable to login and update the website. Our web host agents are not timely in returning our calls (Becky, Craig or Jan) to help reset passwords so that we can login. Craig was unable to attend this meeting, but he was working with the webhost to attempt to resolve these matters. One downside of our current website is that it is not very easy for the average person to update their portion of the website which defeats our original purpose of going with a CMS type system. Michelle Rock suggested touching base with the gal who currently maintains the Mental Health Court Association website.

Discussion about features we would like on our website:

- Webinars
- Graduate testimonies
- Family members of graduates commenting on how the graduate's sobriety has impacted the family unit.
- More access for IADCP members
- Improved CMS system for more board members being able to update the website.

Conference Committee Report - Shannon Reeves-Rich

Due to higher costs at Tinley Park and limited available two-day slots in August / Sept, we will explore other locations for the 2012 conference with emphasis in moving the location to a more central location in the state.

Discussion about merging the IADCP conference with the Mental Health Court Association conference: The MH Association approved this at their last meeting. Consideration will be given to other specialty areas such as Veteran Courts.

Discussion regarding hosting a one or two-day conference: With an anticipated increase in attendance due to including topics for other specialty areas such as Mental Health Court (the Mental Health Court Association gets 200-250 attendees for their conference), Veteran's Court, etc. as well as providing MCLE training for attorneys, a two-day conference is necessary to fit in all sessions. It was agreed that the date of the 2012 drug court / mental health conference be left to the IADCP and the Mental Health Court Association conference planning committees, that the conference will be 2 days long, and that the conference will happen in the Springfield / Bloomington area.

Conference Committee membership: Shannon Reeves-Rich (chair), Marilyn Stromborg, Sue Stanger, Carolyn Desplinter and Scott Block (Scott is also a member of the Mental Health Association conference committee).

Legislative Committee Report – John Bell

Revitalization of this committee is underway. Discussion about the purpose and goals of this committee resulted in the committee being renamed to *Government Committee*.

Government Committee membership: John Bell (chair), Jeff Ford, Mike Roseberry, Lawrence Fox

Nominating Committee – Jan Leone for Joe Ewers

This committee was formed to explore and nominate award recipients. The Mental Health Association has a written form to be used for people to submit formal nominations. IADCP should begin that practice. This committee shall be consolidated with the Membership and Training Committee and named the *Membership Committee*.

Membership and Training Committee Report – Jan Leone

Judge Simpson was the chairperson for this committee but he has had a change of assignment pulling him away from IADCP. Committee membership reaffirmed: Sarah Carlson, Jan Leone, Jim Wojtas, Joe Ewers. Additionally, this committee shall be consolidated with the Nominating Committee and renamed *Membership Committee*.

Officer Elections

Scott Block had agreed to work as our new Treasurer, however he has had an increase in job duties and additional involvement in the Mental Health Court Association and rescinded his acceptance of the IADCP Treasurer position. Michelle Block suggested that because IADCP and the Mental Health Court Association are consolidating their conferences, perhaps the MHCA Treasurer can do the consolidated financials for the conference which is the bulk of the work for our treasurer. Mike Roseberry indicated that if he could be relieved from the conference financials (which is a considerable task to oversee), he would agree to stay on as Treasurer for one more year (he plans to retire in December 2012 and would need a replacement by then).

Scott Block hopes that he will be able to streamline his duties in the upcoming year and is hopeful that he will be able to take on the Treasurer responsibilities for IADCP in 2012.

New Drug Courts in Illinois?

Macon County received a grant and is currently exploring the possibility.

McHenry's drug court should get rolling in December.

Lake County started a Veteran's Court recently.

We will send new drug courts in Illinois a letter offering our help.

Data Collection

Tom Ambrose compiled a spreadsheet of the counties who are not submitting statistics as requested. Discussion about how to get those counties on board. It's a voluntary activity at this point. There are some counties that don't collect any data. We will reach out to those counties, see if we can help.

We will have a booth at our annual conference to show people how to enter the data, etc.

Statistics are imperative for drug courts in that funding is often granted for evidence-based programs. The Congress of Drug Courts wants to know how Illinois is doing. Also, if Illinois does get a state-wide coordinator, that person will likely be asking for statistics from all the courts. We need to increase our priority to get state-wide statistics collected. One incentive suggested is that IADCP pay the conference fee for one person from counties not currently entering statistical data and that we train that person.

2012 IADCP dates:

01-19-12	11 AM	Champaign County
03-15-12	11 AM	Rock Island County
05-17-12	1 PM	Phone conference
07-20-12	TBA	Cook County
September	TBA	To take place at the annual training conference
October	TBA	To take place at the retreat once scheduled
11-17-11	1 PM	Phone conference

NADCP Conference is May 30 – June 2, 2012 in Nashville, TN

The Mental Health Court Association meets the second Tuesday of each Quarter in Elgin.

Current Board Members:

Joe Ewers, Sue Stanger, Judge Lawrence Fox, Tom Ambrose, Craig Cooper, Jan Leone, Judge Mike Roseberry, Rebecca Bernard, Lyn Pedigo, Marilyn Stromborg, Sarah Carlson, Judge White, Judge Tom Panichi, James Wjotas, Carolyn Desplinter, Scott Drazewski, Scott Block, Judge John Bell, Shannon Reeves-Rich, Judge Jeff Ford, Michelle Rock

Officers:

Jan Leone – President

Shannon Reeves-Rich – Secretary

Jeff Ford – Vice President

Mike Roseberry - Treasurer

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Our next meeting will be 01-19-12 at 11 AM in Urbana, IL (Champaign County). The specific meeting location and driving directions will be posted on our website (www.iadcp.org) once we get closer to the meeting date.

Minutes completed by Rebecca Bernard.