

## **ILAPSC Board Meeting Minutes January 10, 2013**

**Attendees:** Hon. John Bell, Mark Raskie, Jan Leone, Carolyn DeSplinter – Rock Island County; Craig Cooper, Alicia Kusiak – TASC; Lauri Remsen - Winnebago County; Michelle Rock - Center of Excellence; Scott Block - McHenry County; Carrie Thomas, Leigh Bell - Cook County; Hugh Brady- NAMI Illinois; Hon Lawrence Fox - Cook County; Kathleen McNee; Hon. Tom Panichi - Board Corp Counsel.  
On Phone: Hon Jeff Ford – Champaign County Lisa Salvador; Nancy Cooper, Al Pizza – TASC; Hon. Scott Drazewski – McClean County.

**MHCAI/IADCP** had discussions before the formal ILAPSC meeting to dissolve their associations and transfer the remaining monies into the ILAPSC account. Scott Block and Lauri Remsen agreed to open a new account by the following week. They agreed to get all outstanding bill issues taken care of before next meeting.

ILAPSC Bylaws were also reviewed

Meeting called to order by Judge Ford. Motion to accept the Starved Rock Meeting Minutes was made by Judge Fox, seconded by Craig Cooper.

### **Treasurer's Report – Lauri Remsen**

All finances from both associations will be transferred to ILAPSC account. Laurie and Scott briefly discussed the current situation with the accounts. Judge Roseberry closed out the IADCP account and signed over the remaining balance. There are about \$900 in outstanding checks from the conference and a \$2000 check that was written out of the MHCA account. The MHCA account will stay open to cover those expenses. Will continue to remind those who owe for the conference.

### **New Business**

#### **IADCP/MHCAI Retreat Review**

Discussed the Pros and Cons of combining both associations:

##### **Some of the Pros:**

- Same professionals
- High Percentage of co-occurring
- Similar philosophy of problem-solving courts

##### **Some of the Cons:**

- Different target populations
- Losing consumer voice
- The new association needs to recognize the consumers in the future and what different success measures need to be taken.

#### **Goals of ILAPSC**

- Education
- Sustainability
- Collaboration
- Standard/Outcome measures

**Mission Statement:** To promote problem-solving Courts in Illinois by providing education, assistance, training and development through collaboration of behavioral health and justice systems. Everyone was on board. Michelle reported that it was a good 2 days of moving forward in the right direction. Action steps included summarizing the retreat, creating by-laws, developing a website, conference and developing committees and coming up with a Logo. We will reach out to Lyn Pedigo to discuss a possibility of (Jason, the Logo designer) to possibly join the board. It was also discussed that we have an even number of board members, it was suggested that we may need to have an odd number.

Motion was made to approve the new Board of Directions by Michelle Rock and seconded by Jan Leone. Board of Directors approved.

President Judge Jeffrey Ford  
Vice President Scott Block  
Secretary Carolyn DeSplinter  
Treasurer Lauri Remsen

Talked about VA and DUI Courts and are they being reached to join?. Some examples are Peoria, Cook and other counties? Michelle has the list of Courts and will get them to Judge Ford. Discussed the impact of VA issues and ILAPSC needs to keep that in mind. When we formally adopt a Logo, Scott and Judge Ford need to draft a letter to get those Courts available. Devise a Letter/Press Release also regarding our association to all Problem Solving Courts in Illinois. Executive committee will take care of that and get approval. There were great comments in regards of the retreat being a huge success.

Bylaws are a work in progress. A logo was selected by the board and Executive committee. Motion was made to adopt the new Logo by Judge Fox and seconded by Michelle Rock. ILADCP address will be Rockford, where Lauri Remsen, Treasurer is located. All Logo and Letterhead will have the Rockford address. Discussed new officers: Proposed Judge Jeffrey Ford as President, Scott Block as Vice President, Lauri Remsen as Treasurer and Carolyn DeSplinter as Secretary. Motion approved.

#### **Conference:**

A deposit check of \$2000 was given to the Crown Plaza in Springfield for September 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. The contract has been settled. It is proposed that the first day will be 8 to 4:30 with a possibility of meet and greet the legislators in the afternoon. Day two will only go until 12pm. Need to send out SAVE THE DATE soon. Proposed Keynote speakers: Judge Hirsh through SAMHSA on trauma. Requests have been made to NDCI for trainers. Mark Saunders, trainer for slipping through the cracks offenders with multiple issues. Judge Bell will follow up with sending out letters to the Chief Justices and Legislators. Scott emailed Judges on contacting their legislators in regards to the upcoming conference. Sara Holtz, Heather Stens, and John Cullerton? Day one of conference having a meet and greet with legislators from 5:30 to 6:30 with cash bar and snacks? Hugh Brady volunteered to help with getting in touch with legislators. The board was asked to reach out to their perspective legislators in their area and try to get them to attend the conference. It was assumed that they aren't in session at that time of the conference. September is National Recovery month, so we need to touch base on that also. Need to limit the amount of breakout sessions and to have cross trainings geared toward disciplines (Judges, Probation, Treatment, Attorneys). Justice Zenoff would like to have a few minutes in the morning and has some ideas as who could speak. We need to include graduates from MH/DC/VA Courts at the end of sessions and the conference? Need to try to provide statistic information, regarding graduates from different specialty courts all over the states. The committee will continue to put together ideas.

**Technology Committee:** Agreed to dissolve the MH website. Sue Adams with Rock Island County will continue to service the new website. We will be working off the IADCP website. We will have to do design changes and a new domain name to include both MH/DC. Will need quote or estimated costs of that project. Craig will speak with Sue and get the feedback on what we should do. Need to devise a new contract.

**All Rise America.** It's a motorcycle group that will be riding through the states to promote specialty courts worldwide. This year they will be riding through Bloomington on May 20<sup>th</sup> and Chicago on May 21<sup>st</sup>. McClean County will be hosting this in Bloomington. These riders will then be going through Chicago and onto Gary Indiana. Judge Ford and Judge Drazewski will be getting more information to pass on to everyone.

**State Drug Court Coordinator's symposium in Washington DC** – Proposal was made to send Judge Ford and Michelle Rock. Motion made by Scott Block and seconded by Alicia Kuziak.

**CEU's and Database issues:** Both Drug Court and Mental Health Courts have databases. Michelle talked about how we need to incorporate and combine both databases. There are secured funds available to help with the combining of the two. Lisa Salvadore and Michelle Rock agreed to help in this area. Kathy indicated that Dr. Freeman is willing to take the lead on this issue. Judge Ford agreed that Mike Carey should help with this also. All ideas need to be brought to Michelle and Kathy. Craig also agreed to help. Peter Wetzal is in charge now and Jan Leone reminded everyone that National Performance measures need to be incorporated and it needs to be user friendly. This will help in benefiting the state. Kathy agreed to draft a chart and will have more information at the next meeting.

**Congratulations to Judge Ford for the 2012 National Achievement Award Winner, Public Citizen of the Year. He will be traveling to DC April 11<sup>th</sup> to receive this award.**

Judge Fox brought up the issues of VA Courts and other Courts that are not represented in our Problem Solving Courts Board. We need to consider adding VA Court Board member to represent the VA Courts in Illinois. Agreed that we need to be reaching out and get them involved.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Alicia and seconded by Judge Drazewski.  
Next meeting will be Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in Urbana.