

Starved Rock Retreat Minutes
Utica Illinois
November 14th & 15th 2013

Attendees: Hon Jeff Ford, Sarah Carlson– Champaign County; Janet Leone, Mark Raskie, Carolyn DeSplinter – Rock Island County; Lyn Pedigo – Mason County; Marilyn Stromberg - Dekalb County; Hon Janet Holmgren,– Winnebago County; Hon. Darron Bowden– Cook County; Hon. Scott Drazewski, Hon. Becky Foley – McLean County; Al Pizza and Craig Cooper – TASC; Michael Roman, Leigh Bell – Kane County; Scott Block – McHenry County; Michelle Rock – Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice; Joe Ewers -- Kankakee County; Hon Ericka Sanders – Marion County; James Carpenter – McHenry County; Hugh Brady - NAMI; Nancy Cooper - Madison County; Jason Steele - AOIC

Meeting called to order by Hon. Jeff Ford.

Introductions

Minutes - No additions or corrections

Treasurers Report - Scott Block reported that there is \$60,338.74 in the account after conference. Judge Ford made motion to approve Minutes/Treasurers Report, Motion approved

Bylaw issues:

Discussed each role of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Agreed that the Secretary will send out notice to everyone 25 days before Board Meeting

Treasurer will provide an Annual Report for the Secretary of State.

Nominating Committee:

Discussed the need for diversity on the Board.

Data Collection Committee:

Margie Groot of AOIC indicated they are interested in Problem Solving Courts Stats and how we define our statistics. Discussed the importance of standards for Problem Solving Courts.

Department of Mental Health coming up with data elements that would apply to all speciality courts.

Need a main database and hopefully the Speciality Courts Coordinator can help develop what is needed to be reported. Coordinator is needed to help with performance standards, develop the data recording system.

Goals of AOIC is to Evaluate the Speciality Courts, go after the block grants and provide stats that show outcomes that will help with funding and enhancements of Specialty Courts.

Standards hopefully to be done by March of 2014.

Technology Committee:

Craig Cooper indicated that the Website was combined into one. Sue Adams out of Rock Island County has been the contracted Webmaster. Reports that she has been very responsive.

Suggestions were made to add a Tool kit on the Website for new Courts. Utilizing other forms of technology (smart phone, video conferencing and skype) Resource category to allow for a more useful website. Links to other resources, data collection.

Scott Block recommended that since paypal was such an issue that the Center of Excellence take over that task, so Sue can just focus on the Website. Board agreed to have Sue stay on as Webmaster.

Government - Judge Bell advised that there is new legislation on the Veterans Treatment Act. Bill was passed dealing with the Mental Health Courts that a person is ineligible if the crime is non probationable.

Brady Hugh discussed the Smart Act (Medicaid Bill) on how this will affect our Speciality Courts.

Conference Committee:

Mary Lee from Center of Excellence did an awesome job!

See attached report by Scott Block

Deposit was already put down for the Crown Plaza for October 1-3rd for the next conference

Motion to approve made by Judge Holmgren followed by a 2nd from Judge Bowden.

Motion to approve to have Center of Excellence handle the Conference in October 1-3, 2013 by Craig Cooper and 2nd by Sara Carlson. Michelle Rock and Judge Holmgren abstained

Discussed the issue of the merger between both associations and what paperwork needs to get filed with the State and Feds. Scott Block agreed to take on this role. Need to make sure that there are no violations in regards to each of the prior associations. Scott was referred to the Beginning Group (CPA firm) out of Rockford. Discussed the issue of becoming a 501 C6.

Motion to approve an Audit made by Judge Holmgren and 2nd by Judge Foley.

Motion to approve the Executive Committee to seek out a CPA firm for such Audit made by Judge Holmgren and 2nd by Janet Leone.

Principle address of ILAPSC needs to be decided

Election of Officers

Carolyn DeSplinter stepped down as Secretary

Motion made by Judge Ford for Michael Roman to become Treasurer 2nd made by Carolyn DeSplinter

Judge Ford will stay on as President for another year.

Scott Block will stay on as Vice President

Discussion with Jason Steele of AOIC jsteele@illinoiscourts.gov

AOIC should have a State Wide Specialty Courts Coordinator within a couple of weeks.

DATA: The main intent is to see what is going on with each Court. To come up with standards and making sure Specialty Courts are all on the same page. AOIC will be working closely with all important stakeholders. Margie Groot Ast Director of Probation and Director Tardy will be involved. Discussed

how AOIC will be looking at Specialty Courts and how they will be funded. How statistics will be gathered. There will be 8 focus groups throughout the state, however it's not sure whether it will be invite only. Advised Jason of the MH and DC data base for collecting statistics and how not to reinvent the wheel when deciding on statistic gathering. However the downfall is there is a lot of diversity throughout the state with vendors throughout Probation departments.

Standards will be another process. The Coordinator will be looking at standards.

Having a centralized data and statistic collection process throughout the state.

AOIC needing to consider looking at the National Standards for Speciality Courts and what are the required elements.

Part of the job requirements of the Coordinator will be writing grants, which will need data and standards to be able to apply for such grants.

Coordinator help with the conference and what our members need. What will work best being a diverse State.

Having the Coordinator help with new Courts (over 100 different problem solving Courts throughout the State)

Having a definition for Recidivism

Goals

Education

Sustain ability - Having a part-time employee to designate newsletter/membership information

Collaboration

Standards and Outcome measurements

Benefits of Membership

Website

Reduced conference fee for early registration

Notice of Meetings and Minutes

Legislative Updates

Technical Assistance and Training

Peer Discussion Forum

Conference: Chair Scott Block, Carolyn DeSplinter, Sara Carlson, Marilyn Stromberg and Michael Roman

Map of Illinois at registration

Doug Marlow as a speaker

Consumers over lunch

Different breakouts in afternoon

Behavioral Health Breakouts

Cocktail Hour Reception

Offer Support group meetings

Peter Early 2nd day Speaker Author of the book "Crazy"

Possible Speakers:

Amy Watson Speaker WI toxicologist; Dr. Cardwell Knuckles; Theodora Binion DASA/Mental Health Director; Gail Sullivan (Gender Issues/Substance Abuse);
Veterans Courts - Federal VA system, Veterans 101
CIT training; Trauma and PTSD
Keep the fee at \$150 for early registration and then up to \$175. Having the cutoff one week before conference.

Technology - Craig Cooper, Alicia Kusiak, Janet Leone

Scott Block from Executive Board will handle website approval materials
Continue to keep the Website updated with conference materials, resource link, discipline forum, suggested articles.
Press Release for conference
Payment issues needing to be addressed
Contract with Sue for a member portal

Government - Judge Bell, Hugh Brady and Judge Drawezski

Statutory and Case law Updates
Pending bills
NDCI - Meyer
Legislative Updates; Legislative advocacy/outreach
503 C6
Sending out letters of support

Executive Committee -Judge Ford

Documentation of ILAPSC, (records)
Audit
Meet filing requirements and fees
Organization designation
Point of Contact for all communities
Contact with appropriate agencies
review by laws
Develop necessary Board Policies

Develop a Nominating Committee - Judge Holmgren, Nancy Cooper and Lyn Pedigo

Public Awareness - Judge Bowden, Judge Foley, Lyn Pedigo, Judge Sawyer, Judge Sanders, Leigh Bell, Mark Raskie and Joe Ewers

ILAPSC clothing, organized activities, develop a fact sheet, investigate the feasibility of media campaign

Upcoming Meetings

January 9, 2013	12pm Urbana/Champaign
April 10, 2013	12pm Rockford Center of Excellence
July	12pm Chicago
Oct 2, 2013	Conference Springfield