**Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts**

**Annual Board Retreat**

**November 16-17, 2023**

**Starved Rock Lodge**

The board members of the Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts met in person on November 16-17, 2023, at the Starved Rock Lodge. The following board members were in attendance:

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| Name | Present | Absent |
| Judge Janet Holmgren, President | X |  |
| Judge Mark Shaner, Vice President | X |  |
| Michael Roman, Treasurer | X |  |
| Darrell Hite, Secretary | X |  |
| Judge Carmen Aguilar |  | X |
| Juanita Archuleta | X |  |
| Hugh Brady | X |  |
| Frederick Chinn | X |  |
| Lyndsay Doehring |  | X |
| Judge Jeff Ford | X |  |
| Anthony Foster | X |  |
| Wayne Gilliland | X |  |
| Baron Heintz | X |  |
| Bernadine Howard | X |  |
| Kelly Gallivan-Ilarraza | X |  |
| Deena Kuranda |  | X |
| James Lane | X |  |
| Chantelle Leachman | X |  |
| Alicia Osborne | X |  |
| Judge Ben Roe |  | X |
| Anne Stevens | X |  |
| Brian Straub |  | X |
| Liesl Wingert |  | X |
| Also in attendance |  |  |
| Michelle O’Brien (NCSC MOU) | X |  |
| Matthew Kindler | X |  |
| Meredith Stewart | X |  |
| Mary Lee | Day 1 |  |

Day 1, November 16, 2023

1. Lunch was served and introductions were made as new board members were present.
2. 2023 Conference Wrap-Up
   1. Great turnout this year. A 75-page summary was emailed to all members. Matt went through the stats, expenses, and income.
   2. Mary went through the general summary of comments and recommendations:
      1. Add to general announcements that 30 minutes are needed to move air walls.
      2. More mental health illness and court sessions
      3. Drug testing and drugs
      4. ROSC
      5. David T Jones - governor’s office - Mary recommend - places all over the state that are registered treatment facilities.
      6. Legislative
      7. Handle problems with PSC teams
      8. Lawyer Assistance program
      9. Expungement of records
   3. Mary briefly discussed each session’s numbers and comments.
   4. Members heard the state general session should have been a breakout and should have had a PowerPoint. Excellent information but delivery was dry. Ask Scott to do a PowerPoint or visual behind them as to who they are for the session. Need different format. Perhaps give a prompt template of what to touch. Stand up at their designated time to present their information. Have 2 presenters one day and 2 the next. Also, no handouts so no information.
   5. The lights on the panel were too hot. Overhead spotlights.
   6. Need more LGBTQ+
   7. Donna DBT, art therapist, schizophrenia - could hold attention in general session
   8. Encourage attendees to keep open minds for learning from other states
   9. Give advice to speakers coming in - please preface giving examples from our state. Think out of the box. Talk to your legislature that there’s a great program working in another state.
   10. Beginning of conference - ILAPSC mission, purpose, think outside of the box. It’s said in the president's letter but may need to be said. Personal or professional. EBPs.
   11. Theresa Glaze - can speak on a variety of issues.
   12. Gambling breakout
   13. MAR - General - Nicole Gastala
   14. Pre-Trial release if still a hot topic.
   15. Mark Heyrman - would like to do session with Hugh again
   16. Christa Marshall - great topic and session - bring back for sure
   17. Alumni Support is needed session but needs to be more organized. Need PowerPoint. There is a national alumni support organization. - David Pellitier had talked to Mary and Matt. Wayne saw booth of national at All Rise.
   18. Make sure all courts are covered in the graduate panel. Not get too recent graduates. Ask that they all stay 30 minutes after to debrief. Alicia offered to have the Public Awareness Committee do this as she is a licensed therapist. Have a board member check in with graduates before and after the conference.
   19. Send out email asking graduates how it went and survey or questionnaire
   20. Marijuana - national marijuana initiative speaker bureau - Jennifer Sefaldi - Adams county - speaks on marijuana.
   21. National Interdisciplinary Cannabis symposium - Portland - check with Michelle about possible speakers from there in a couple of weeks.
   22. Amy Miles on marijuana
   23. Mary had a conversation with Bill Blundell - agreed with not enough mental health - anxiety, personality disorder, etc. not enough on veterans. McLean county wants mentor bootcamp at conference. Amy Miles. DBT. Borderline Personality. Comments on his panel - needed visual stuff, should be a breakout b/c too long, didn’t like that no Q&A, Scott had written a list of what to talk about but no time frame. Popular to do an update.
3. 2024 Conference Planning
   1. Embassy Suites, East Peoria
   2. Significantly larger
   3. More space for bigger or more breakouts
   4. Upwards of 50 vendor slots
   5. Potential for significantly more vendors
   6. Attendee cost - do not raise. Keep at $395. Check last years to see # of years set.
   7. Vendor costs - sponsorship costs - $10,000 (Corporate) Conference sponsor - page in the booklet, QR code page, their information running throughout lunch, premier table, banner on stage. Each item costs x number of dollars. Look at All Rise and see who they had. Speaker - if approved by us. Don’t be afraid to ask for money. Social Media presence needed. Show us your team pride. Poster session.
   8. Conference committee meeting before the end of year - menu of items - pay for what you want.
   9. Networking event - have it on the second night of the conference. Promote prior to and the first day. Let vendors give away their prize. Add to the menu of sponsor options. 5 pm – 630 pm
   10. Speaker and Topic recommendations –
       1. some discussed in 2023 wrap-up.
       2. General Session - about the model - Dual diagnosis and how it looks in treatment courts.
       3. All Rise new standards but nothing new yet. Hopefully out soon.
       4. More information of what others doing,
       5. Breakout speakers from NAMI - State so they can talk about the regions. All NAMI programs are free.
       6. State association of mental health boards - Ass of Community MH. and here is how to get one.
       7. PFA and treatment courts.
       8. Jerry Moe - closed out All Rise.
       9. Anjeli Nandi - general session.
       10. Friday - all general sessions.
       11. AOIC database for probation and PSC’s - talk about rollout and what they are finding and the grants available. Committee on Probation or Judicial Sessions.
       12. CRSS CPRS certification and standards being amended and have to get 40-hour credits.
       13. Spanish speaking services - resources being looked for. Bilingual structured living and halfway houses.
       14. Incentives to go into social work - workforce enhancement out of u of I. basics PSC session - new or refresher.
       15. Do more enhanced instead b/c basic online.
       16. Know your role - judicial college. One breakout where you have each role go to a different room for one hour.
       17. What does the board want to learn about?
           1. Ask the harder questions.
           2. The managing of complex issues in PSC
           3. Dual disorder
           4. DUIs and veterans
           5. DV and MH or DV and DC
           6. how to prevent recidivism.
           7. Survey to this group to ask teams what they are struggling with
           8. Veteran speaker - VJO of Veterans Assistance Commission - how to utilize in your treatment courts. 3 prongs of Veterans and how they can work with each other. Have national but add local too.
           9. Expungement. Office of the State Appellate Defender - has someone on staff to answer questions. ARI - see who used for expungement - had several people there. State senator does second chance summit. Pending legislation on expungement and PSCs.
           10. Lawyer Assistance Program - MH and SA has to be specifically about attorneys.
           11. Steve Baylo - atty in 17th and former Vet Court Judge.
           12. Burnout.
           13. Cannabis
           14. MAR in the jails correlation with law enforcement and reentry.
           15. Crisis co-response team working with PSC.
           16. County that has LE on its team, what they do. 2 years someone talked about attracting LE to PSC team.
           17. Community policing divisions tying in with PSC without being on team but building relationships.
           18. LGBTQ+ - build on gender unicorn session. Transgender clients presenter focus on. Be more accepting of them in courtroom, assist with practical issues, treatment issues. Raise this to general session level. What happens in custody. How keep safe.
           19. Doug Marlowe
           20. 988 crisis response reform
           21. Crisis stabilization centers
           22. Scott Block for AOIC/Statewide update - 988, Cessa
           23. Sobriety focused vendor booth - all the anonymous.
           24. MESA. Open twelve step meeting.
           25. Steps. Wayne friend - Melissa lumber Milliken Cransen - Colorado conference - 12 step facilitation.
           26. Marijuana general session related to treatment courts - harm reduction, federal grants, bill.
           27. Will county head of MH services - Joe Toriani.
           28. Aaron Arnold - medical marijuana in treatment courts and then have someone from IL - ask Bill Blundell b/c he did one for coordinators. Have him be prepared for IL questions. Could offer repeats if a popular breakout.
           29. Poster sessions.
   11. Agenda - Timing of Conference - 1.5 hours for general sessions. 1.25-hour breakouts.
   12. Thursday: 9 am start. End at 445. Networking at 5.
   13. Friday: Panel and then general session
   14. Evaluations and Sign Ins - change verbiage to must sign in or no credit. We would like you to complete an evaluation. HIGHLIGHT along with other issues. Confirmation will say which session.
   15. Eval completion time - Monday at 5 pm
   16. Michelle - Name tag with all scan codes on back. Opens for agenda. Virginia MH Summit. Michelle has contact information. Some opposition to getting rid of printed program. Could be told to print before coming.
   17. Cancellation fee and timeline - keep current cancellation fee and timeline. Judge Holmgren makes motion to allow cancellations without penalty up to October 1. After that substitute or lose money. Baron second. All in favor. Motion carries.
   18. Additional Vendor Rep - Baron makes motion to vendor policy limiting to one additional person at $100. Judge Holmgren second. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.
4. Adjourn until tomorrow

Day 2, November 17, 2023

1. Secretary’s Report
   1. Minutes from September meeting – Anne motion and James second.
2. Treasurer Report - Michael submitted a report last week. The conference’s net income was $39,783.93 - difference from conference budget numbers as conference budget only includes current conference and some pay following year which is part of the treasurer report.
   1. 34 attendees still owe
   2. Michael will submit an updated report
   3. Motion to approve Judge Holmgren and Second Judge Shaner. All in Favor. Motion carried.
3. Association insurance - Exec board reviewed documents. 2 policies were offered. Exec board decided to take the 2nd policy which will now cover the board members for an extra $135. Paperwork has been submitted
4. Rainy Day Fund – Judge Holmgren and Michael plan to meet with a bank for options. Baron suggested a bank he is familiar with that offers a good option that would work for a Rainy-Day Fund.
5. 2023-2024 Proposals
   1. Wrap-up contract for one month was signed with Mary Gubbe Lee. Mary had hoped for another full year. However, the timeline Mary had originally wanted was three years. Exec board voted to provide a final contract and move forward with Matt and Meredith as the coordinators.
6. Discussion was held on proposals by Matt and Meredith. Proposals were accepted.
7. Committee reports
   1. Executive Committee - ongoing business and contracts and insurance as previously discussed.
   2. Public Awareness Committee - have discussed the items on the agenda within the last 6 months. Art items have been displayed in the past. Alumni table. Networking space available for graduates, participants to pop in speak and connect. General session room - have one or two current participants represented to assist moderators. Additionally, the social media piece would align with the committee’s purpose and could draft a survey for the panelists and welcome squad and follow up with after the conference. Discussion held. In conjunction with social media, target a technology company that might like to help us with that program to help with subject matter expertise and take some burden off Matt as a sensor. They provide service, we provide publicity and advertisement (in-kind service). Suggestion having FB or insta dedicated to ILAPSC - Public Awareness explore and make recommendation. Suggestion was that one of the committee members take on that role as start out. LinkedIn suggested as it is professional. Alicia and Juanita will research options. Chantelle offered to monitor a FB page. Discussion of having graduate team members assisting as co-moderators in general to recognize voice and presence. Suggestion to have graduates stand and applaud. Suggestion of ribbon on badge. Reach out to national alumni to see if have an alumni table. Committee to research options and bring proposal of art items.
   3. Board Membership Committee - By laws were changed. Website board nominations have not been changed. Judge Ford has made notes for changes to be made and will rewrite and send out. Need to be stricter and make sure what is needed is specific. Continue requiring something from the nominee and nominator. Add By-Law criteria. Discussion held on being specific of posting for specific area or position, but this could lead to missing out on good candidate. Matt will take page down until it is updated. Judge Ford will send a new page to Exec to be approved.

Do not currently have anything formal for new members to orient. Judge Holmgren asked new members what they would like to see or what would have helped them. Several suggestions: by-laws, welcome pack. meeting dates, conference date, retreat date, committee descriptions, board contact, welcome letter from judge, new member orientation prior to meeting to answer questions, mission statement, policy. Meredith will be sending out once it is designed.

No specific process of asking members to step down. Do have some members not meeting attendance requirement and currently just don’t invite to rerun. There is discussion in the by-laws.

1. Reports
   1. Government report - various trade associations - healthy minds coalition. Working to get things into session. Expungement discussion. There is a bill that has been introduced. MH graduate - 60 days to apply and 60 days to be granted. This bill SB2626 says expungement begins 60 days prior so expunged on day of graduation. NGRI and USTs out of state hospitals sooner to free up beds to get out of jails. Hugh will email the bill #. 988 system is overhauling the system across the state. Trying to integrate CESSAs and 988. Right now paying with COVID relief money and running out. Needs to be sustainable and people coverage. Crisis stabilization center. The General Assembly passed legislation to form a taskforce to work on integration and how to pay for. Insurance companies restrict networks for mental health services b/c don’t want to pay so make it difficult for providers to get into the network. Discussion of legislation to make a set process. Additional legislation for uniform form and procedures for authorizations. Legislation being introduced to start a 708 board. Issues in Chicago due to wording has legislation that will fix. PD association conference Baron contacted by ACLU director of criminal justice policy - trying to get low level CS cases to be misdemeanor - Does ILAPSC want to communicate with them formally about what legislation to address what should say.
   2. AOIC/Education report - EdCon - 3-hour session focusing on treatment courts this year. New Judge’s school is now having a session on mental health and courts. Scott block and Judge Holmgren did a session to IL Psychiatrist Association in October. Scott has been instrumental with building a relationship with IPA.
2. Election of Officers
   1. President - Baron nominate Judge, Chantelle second. All in favor.
   2. VP - Mark Shaner Judge, Hugh second. All in favor.
   3. Secretary - Darrell Hite nominated Jim, second Chantelle. All in favor.
   4. Treasurer - Hugh nominated Michael, second Judge Holmgren. All in favor.
3. 2024 Meeting Dates
   1. January 23, 2024
   2. April 23, 2024
   3. July 23, 2024
   4. September 17, 2024
   5. October 22 at conference
   6. November 14-15 Retreat
4. Old Business - None
5. New Business
   1. Discussion of posting job openings on the website. - not our position, do not post. Continue to post ARI funding announcements.
   2. Marriott email regarding reserving 2026 and 2027 - email was read to the board. Difficult to have a position without seeing Peoria. We certainly had a better experience in 2023, but we are not ready to set dates that far out. Holding dates is at Marriott discretion.
6. Adjourn at 11:11

Submitted by: Meredith Stewart

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary