

2019 Minnesota State Treatment Court Conference Program

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Day 1

Tuesday- June 4, 2019

10:30 – 12:00	Attendee Check-in	Bloomington Foyer
12:00 – 12:15	Welcome <i>Jeff Shorba, State Court Administrator, Minnesota Judicial Branch</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
12:15 – 1:45	Paradigm Developmental Model of Treatment: A Motivational, Cognitive, Behavioral Approach, Utilizing the Collective Wisdom of Recovery <i>L. Georgi DiStefano, LCSW, High Conflict Institute</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
1:45 – 2:00	Break	
2:00 – 3:30	Effectively Administering Incentives and Sanctions <i>Helen Harberts, National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) Consultant</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
3:30 – 3:45	Refreshment Break	Grand Ballroom Foyer
3:45 – 5:15	Managing High Conflict Personalities with the CARS Method <i>L. Georgi DiStefano, LCSW, High Conflict Institute</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
5:15	Adjourn	

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Day 2

Wednesday – June 5, 2019

7:15 – 8:00	Attendee Check-in and Continental Breakfast	Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:00 – 8:15	Welcome <i>Hon. Shaun Floerke, District Court Judge, Sixth Judicial District, Co-Chair Treatment Court Initiative (TCI) Advisory Committee</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
8:15 – 9:45	Mistakes Treatment Courts Make and How to Fix Them <i>Brian Meyer, Ph.D., McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 11:30	Breakout Session 1 (repeated in the afternoon Session 2) SEE PAGES 4-9 FOR ROOM ASSIGNMENTS, COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, AND FACULTY NAMES	
11:30 – 11:45	Break	
11:45 – 1:15	Lunch	Grand Ballroom Foyer
12:00 – 1:15	Innovative Ways to Combat the Opioid Crisis <i>Tara Kunkel, Principal Court Consultant, National Center for State Courts Hon. Duane Slone, Circuit Court Judge, Tennessee State Courts Hon. Shaun Floerke, District Court Judge, Minnesota Judicial Branch</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
1:15 – 1:30	Break	
1:30 – 3:00	Breakout Session 2 SEE PAGES 4-9 FOR ROOM ASSIGNMENTS, COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, AND FACULTY NAMES	
3:00–3:15	Refreshment Break	Grand Ballroom Foyer
3:15 – 4:45	Medication Assisted Treatment <i>Dr. Petros Levounis, National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) Consultant</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
4:45	Adjourn	

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Day 3

Thursday – June 6, 2019

7:15 – 8:00	Attendee Check-in and Continental Breakfast	Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:00 – 8:15	Welcome <i>Jim Backstrom, Dakota County Attorney, Co-Chair Treatment Court Initiative (TCI) Advisory Committee</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
8:15 – 9:45	Breakout Session 3 SEE PAGES 4-14 FOR ROOM ASSIGNMENTS, COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, AND FACULTY NAMES	
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 11:30	High in Plain Sight: Current Drug, Addiction, and Impairment Trends <i>Jermaine Galloway, Tall Cop Says Stop</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
11:30 – 11:45	Closing Remarks <i>Ralph Campbell, III, Treatment Court Initiative (TCI) Advisory Committee, Community Representative</i>	Grand Ballroom – West & Center Corridor
11:45	Conference Adjourns	

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Day 2 Breakout Tracks and Rooms

Session 1

Time	Session	Room
10:00 – 11:30	High on our Highways	Bloomington
10:00 – 11:30	Team Roles	Plaza 4
10:00 – 11:30	Becoming a Trauma Informed Court: What Treatment Court Staff Need to Know	Atrium 4
10:00 – 11:30	Ethics and Confidentiality	Atrium 6

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High on our Highways

Mark Stodala, American Probation and Parole Association

Team Roles

Tara Kunkel, Principal Court Consultant, National Center for State Courts

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8:15 – 9:45	Minnesota State Treatment Court Standards	Bloomington
8:15 – 9:45	Minnesota Substance Use Disorder Reform	Plaza 4
8:15 – 9:45	The New Trend of Dabbing and the Use of E-Cigarettes in the Drug World	Atrium 4
8:15 – 9:45	The Ins and Outs of Challenge Incarceration: Should it Impact Treatment Court Referrals?	Atrium 6

Overview of Minnesota State Treatment Court Standards

*Abby Kuschel, State Treatment Court Coordinator
Minnesota Judicial Branch*

Minnesota Substance Use Disorder Reform

*Amelia Fink, LPCC, LADC,
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The New Trend of Dabbing and Use of E-Cigarettes in the Drug World

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The Ins and Outs of Challenge Incarceration: Should it Impact Treatment Court Referrals?

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Paul Peterson, Program Director, MCF-Willow River
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Plenary Presentation Descriptions

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Paradigm Developmental Model of Treatment: A Motivational, Cognitive, Behavioral Approach, Utilizing the Collective Wisdom of Recovery

L. Georgi DiStefano, LCSW, High Conflict Institute

The Paradigm Developmental Model of Treatment (PDMT) incorporates themes from the twelve-steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. These themes provide clinical goals for the counselor to guide clients in the treatment process. For those clients that attend AA/NA, this model will strengthen their program. For those clients that cannot relate to the spiritual aspects of the Twelve-Steps it provides an alternative perspective that is cognitive-behavioral in nature. This model utilizes motivational interviewing techniques and cognitive-behavioral interventions. This model is very useful for supervisors to collaborate and provide guidance to their counseling staff.

As a therapist for over forty years, in the field of substance abuse/addiction treatment, I have met many remarkable people and have been privileged to assist them in their journey of recovery, utilizing the twelve PDMT themes. Over the years, I have gained an assortment of insights, tips, and practical advice, shared by my clients, that many have found useful in their own recovery. I have come to call this knowledge “Collective Wisdom.” Together with the twelve cognitive-behavioral themes, this information provides an effective framework for creating a sustainable quality sobriety.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will:

1. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the Paradigm Developmental Model of Treatment in regard to Substance Abuse education and treatment.
2. Identify and facilitate interventions that match a client’s state of readiness.
3. Discern the cognitive-behavioral and motivational aspects of the model with an aim toward enhanced client engagement.
4. Utilize collective wisdom examples to advance client’s understanding of their relationship with alcohol/drugs.

Effectively Administering Incentives and Sanctions

Helen Harberts – NDCI Consultant

Incentives and sanctions, also known as contingency management, are essential to treatment court success. When properly used, they are a powerful tool for improving client behavior and program outcomes. Treatment courts achieve better outcomes when practitioners understand the science behind behavior management and apply the principles. The research is clear--impacting reliably participant behavior requires both consistent reinforcement of positive behaviors and reliable responses to undesirable behaviors. Nonetheless, despite our best intentions (and perhaps the best intentions of the participants,) sometimes it doesn’t work. For some participants, our responses to behavior seem to have no impact. This session will describe the essential elements of effective behavior modification in a drug court and reveal what actions a program should consider when their efforts appear futile.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will:

1. Understand the science underlying incentives, sanctions, and other responses in treatment courts.

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2. Discover the four reasons contingency management doesn't work and actions a program can take to address those causes of failures.
3. Understand the essential elements of effective behavior modification in treatment courts.

Managing High-Conflict Personalities with the CARS Method

L. Georgi DiStefano, LCSW, High Conflict Institute

It's All YOUR Fault! – A High-Conflict Person (HCP) exhibits unmanaged emotions, all-or-nothing thinking, extreme behaviors and a preoccupation with blaming others. Treatment Professionals and others are in a unique position to assist clients with these counter-productive behavioral patterns.

This presentation will introduce attendees to the CARS MethodSM of effectively handling high-conflict personalities with techniques that include "EAR StatementsSM," and the "BIFF Response[®]" Method. Participants will learn techniques for guiding problem-solving under stress and setting limits on high-conflict behavior. This presentation includes strategies that work and strategies to avoid in high-conflict situations.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will:

1. Describe high-conflict behavior patterns and the methods to recognize and manage them.
2. Teach participants an innovative four-step method to engage in resolving high-conflict situations.
3. Discuss effective strategies and "Do's and Don'ts" in managing high-conflict personalities.
4. Discuss the challenges of substance abuse treatment with high-conflict personalities.

Morning Breakout Presentation Descriptions

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

High on our Highways

Mark Stodala, Probation Fellow, American Probation and Parole Association

In 2015, 43% of fatally injured drivers with a known test result tested positive for drugs, more frequently than alcohol was present. The growing number of states having legalizing recreational marijuana and the increased abuse of prescription drugs have created an increased threat to our roadways. Given that over two thirds of our probation population is drug and/or alcohol involved, probation officers need to understand the challenge we face with drugged drivers. This interactive presentation will provide the audience information on the scope of our drugged driving problem, the use of assessment tools to determine risk and practical evidence based supervision strategies to address these behaviors.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify drugged driving trends and their challenges.
2. Identify how assessment tools can determine risk for drugged drivers.
3. Identify three supervision counter measures and research based practices that jurisdictions should be using to reduce the possibility of re-offense by drugged drivers.

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Team Roles

Tara Kunkel, Principal Court Consultant, National Center for State Courts

This interactive session will help participants better understand how successful teams operate and the importance of understanding how to manage differences in perspective. Participants will be given the opportunity to explore the different roles on their treatment court team, learn about behavioral patterns of teams, assess their own team's functioning, and learn concrete ways to address challenges their teams face.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify the roles and responsibilities of different team members and how these differences impact team decision-making.
2. Understand the stages of team development.
3. Recognize common challenges teams encounter and how to overcome them.

Becoming a Trauma Informed Court: What Treatment Court Staff Need to Know

Brian Meyer, Ph.D., PTSD-SUD Psychologist, McGuire VA Medical Center

We often use the term "trauma-informed", including when we refer to courts, but what does that mean? First we need to understand what we mean by "trauma". Then we need to go deeper, to understand the neurobiology of trauma and how it affects a person's behaviors. Further examination requires an understanding of the primary diagnoses that can result from traumatic experiences, including both PTSD and the new diagnosis Complex PTSD. Then we need to understand how and why so many of the people in our courtrooms have been affected by trauma and how it leads them to us. Finally, we need to understand how to assess and treat the damaging effects of traumatic experiences so that court participants don't return, and what is the court's role in those processes. This presentation will discuss all of those areas: Welcome to Trauma 101 for the Courts.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify at least six mistakes treatment courts often make.
2. Identify at least two specific actions their treatment courts can take to improve their functioning.
3. Identify at least two specific actions their treatment courts can take to improve their outcomes.

Ethics and Confidentiality

Helen Harberts, NDCI Consultant

The *NADCP Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards* Multidisciplinary Team Standard stipulates that all team members contribute relevant insights, observations, and recommendations based on their professional knowledge, training, and experience. While the judge makes final decisions on matters that affect a participant's welfare or liberty interests, the *Standard* clarifies that such decisions are to be made only after the judge considers the perspectives of all team members. This presentation will outline a set of communication practices that team members can employ to help ensure that their unique perspective is heard and valued. The presentation will discuss when ethical considerations require certain team members to remain silent during team discussions, even when they have relevant information to share.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Learn the role of each team member and how they complement program outcomes.
2. Analyze common ethical issues faced by the treatment court team in the treatment court setting.

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3. Learn the common confidentiality issues faced by treatment providers in the treatment court setting and how they apply to program participants.

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Luncheon Program Description

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Innovative Ways to Combat the Opioid Crisis

Tara Kunkel, Principal Court Consultant, National Center for State Courts

Hon. Duane Slone, Circuit Court Judge, Tennessee State Courts

Hon. Shaun Floerke, District Court Judge, Minnesota Judicial Branch

This session will explore examples of innovative court interventions and community-based approaches from around the country designed to address persons involved with the justice system due to their opioid use disorder. This session will highlight a court-based intervention in a rural community known as the Tennessee Recovery Oriented Compliance Strategy (TN ROCS).

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify models of innovation interventions being used in a variety of settings around the country.
2. Understand the components of a comprehensive response to the opioid epidemic.
3. Identify funding opportunities to support these creative approaches.

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Afternoon Breakout Presentation Descriptions

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Medication Assisted Treatment

Dr. Petros Levounis, NDCI Consultant

There are several challenges when identifying what works across populations as professionals work to address substance use disorder. Understanding Medication Assisted Treatment as a viable response allows local teams to operate in a manner that is inclusive of the different sub-cultures within the drug culture. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is an evidence-based treatment that combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance use disorders. With the widening incidence of harmful heroin and other opiate use, it is more important than ever that treatment courts acknowledge and overcome all obstacles to the use of MAT in conjunction with psychosocial interventions for all participants assessed to need MAT. The NADCP Board of Directors issued a position statement in 2012 supporting the use of MAT, and the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards includes support for MAT as an adjunct to treatment. As of 2015, grant solicitations from SAMHSA and BJA have included language addressing the administration of MAT, along with funding availability for MAT. This session will outline the research on MAT, a brief description of the most common medications used in MAT.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Learn the basis for MAT use as an adjunct to treatment.
2. Identify the medications most commonly used in MAT.
3. Learn the medications currently FDA-approved for the treatment of Opioid Use Disorders.
4. Learn the key indications and contradictions for medications used to treatment Opioid Use Disorders.
5. Learn how physicians decide on treatment changes and reduce the risk of diversion.

Morning Breakout Presentation Descriptions

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Overview of Minnesota Treatment Court Standards

Abby Kuschel, State Treatment Court Coordinator, Minnesota Judicial Branch

If you are a new team member or you are experienced and would like a refresher on the Minnesota State Treatment Court Standards, this session is for you! The original Minnesota Treatment Court Standards were approved by Judicial Council in July 2007 and are minimum requirements for the approval and operation of all treatment courts in Minnesota. The standards seek to create a minimum level of uniform practices for treatment courts but allows room for innovation and for local treatment courts to tailor their courts to meet the needs of their community. The National Center for State Courts assisted in the current revision which was implemented in January 2019 to incorporate language for mental health courts and veterans courts into the standards and to align Minnesota's treatment court standards with the Adult Best Practice Standards published by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) in 2013 (Volume I) and 2015 (Volume II). The treatment court standards are applicable to all Minnesota Judicial Branch DWI, drug, mental health, juvenile drug, veterans, and hybrid treatment courts. Family Dependency Treatment Courts are unique and have their own set of standards.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Gain an understanding of the Minnesota State Treatment Court Standards.
2. Learn ways their treatment court team can adhere to the standards.

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3. Understand how the Minnesota Judicial Branch will assess treatment courts adherence to the standards through an online self-assessment.

Minnesota Substance Use Disorder Reform

Amelia Fink, LPCC, LADC

The Department of Human Services, along with many partners and providers of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services have completed a multi-year planning and legislative process. This reform package passed, which will allow individuals to go directly to providers to receive an assessment, allows qualified alcohol and drug counselors to be directly reimbursed for services and provide services outside of site-based treatment programs, and created three new services – treatment coordination, peer recovery support, and comprehensive assessment, as well as residential withdrawal management, to the continuum of care. This presentation will provide an overview of how individuals will access services, what these new services look like, and highlight how they may intersect with the work of treatment courts.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Gain an understanding of current and future services and access to services for people affected by substance use disorders.
2. Gain an understanding of the intersection between SUD services and treatment courts.

The New Trend of “Dabbing” and the Use of E-Cigarettes in the Drug World

Jermaine Galloway, Tall Cop Says Stop, J. Chad Professional Consulting

The session will cover the sweeping trends of marijuana concentrates also known as "Dabbing". Marijuana concentrates are sweeping the country and quickly becoming one of the most popular trends in the Marijuana world. The high THC content and the different looks of Marijuana concentrates are the major contributors to this rapidly evolving trend. The session will cover the evolving look of marijuana edibles and a behind the scenes look inside of the dispensaries and events where these items are sold and promoted. Finally, attendees will learn new drug logos, terms and identifiers and their relevance is in the world of marijuana concentrates. This presentation will provide over 50 visual aids and detailed photos of the various types of waxes, edibles, e-devices and paraphernalia.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Learn how to identify concentrates/wax including the different forms of concentrates including wax, butter, shatter, and oil.
2. Identify the reasons behind the increasing popularity of these concentrates/waxes and new paraphernalia, including e-cigs.
3. Identify the signs and symptoms of use.

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The Ins and Outs of Challenge Incarceration: Should it Impact Treatment Court Referrals?

Hon. Allison Krehbiel, District Court Judge, Minnesota Judicial Branch

Paul Peterson, Program Director, CIP Program Director, Minnesota Correctional Facility – Willow River

Paul Gunderson, Assistant County Attorney, Brown County

Kezia Killion Smith, Defense Attorney

Richard P. Molitor, Director of Probation, Nicollet County

The session will provide an overview of the Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP) – Willow River which is a minimum security boot camp program mandated by the Legislature in 1992 that allows non-violent offenders who qualify to earn early release. The program is operated by the Minnesota Department of Corrections. It is an intensive program for up to 180 non-violent drug and property male offenders. Programming components include education, critical thinking skill development, substance use disorder programming, and rigorous physical exercise. When defendant's have significant criminal histories the recommendation is often commitment to the Commissioner of Corrections due to public safety issues, but Treatment Court is often an alternative option. Understanding the CIP standards for acceptance play an important role in plea negotiations. Fast forward to the future, perhaps a dynamic partnership of CIP coupled with successfully entering and completing a treatment court may be just what a defendant needs to continue in recovery. Join us for an open discussion with a District Court Judge, CIP Program Director, Prosecutor, Director of Probation, and Defense Attorney on this unique partnership.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Understand the eligibility requirements for the Challenge Incarceration Program.
2. Learn the similarities and differences of CIP and Treatment Courts.
3. Explore the opportunity for a unique partnership of completing both CIP and a Treatment Court.

Plenary Presentation Description

Thursday, June 6, 2019

High in Plain Sight: You Can't Stop What You Don't Know

Jermaine Galloway, Tall Cop Says Stop, J. Chad Professional Consulting

This workshop will provide attendees with the ability, knowledge and confidence to help prevent and identify individuals who are abusing drugs and / or alcohol. Attendees will also be taught the strategies and different terms that are consistent with alcohol & drug abuse. There are several identifiers, logos and terms that are commonly related to alcohol abuse, marijuana abuse, over-the-counter drug abuse and drug concealment on school, home, work and vehicle property. These items, along with much more, will be discussed. Also, over 85 visual aids will be provided during the training.

Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Learn quick identification of alcohol and drug indicators of possible at-risk individuals.
2. Understand the current drug culture.
3. Learn how alcohol and drugs are concealed in and on different locations.
4. Learn tools for prevention including: improving policy and procedures in regards to current alcohol and drug abuse
5. Understand area specific alcohol and drug abuse information and content.

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Learn More About Your Presenters

(In alphabetical order)

L. Georgi DiStefano, LISW, High Conflict Institute

L. Georgi DiStefano is a licensed clinical social worker with extensive experience in the clinical management of substance abuse/chemical dependency treatment programs and employee assistance services. She is a popular speaker both nationally and internationally on the Paradigm Developmental Model of Treatment and Managing High Conflict Personalities and has written extensively on each topic. She also provides management consultation and executive coaching, in addition to her private practice and seminar work.

Ms. DiStefano retired, after 14 years, as the Executive/Clinical Director of the San Diego State University Center for Alcohol and Drug Studies and Services, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Program, where she managed a multi-million-dollar program with over 3,000 active weekly clients. She previously managed the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for Kaiser Permanente Hospital System in San Diego, California. In the 1980s and 1990s, she was the Director of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program at Mesa Vista Hospital and the Founder and Executive Director of the Counseling and Recovery Institute in San Diego, California. She has been an adjunct assistant professor at San Diego State University in the School of Social Work, College of Health and Human Services for over 15 years.

L. Georgi DiStefano is the lead author of the book and method, *Paradigm Developmental Model of Treatment: A Clinical Guide for Counselors Working with Substance Abusers and the Chemically Dependent*, which has been translated into several languages. She also wrote *The Paradigm Developmental Model of Treatment: Group Topics*, which has been utilized widely in substance abuse treatment and DUI programs. She is co-author of the 2015 Axiom award-winning book, *It's All Your Fault at Work* with William Eddy, LCSW, Esq. They also wrote, *New Ways for Work*, a manual and workbook for interpersonal skill development.

Ms. DiStefano's most recent book, *Paradigm Change: The Collective Wisdom of Recovery* has won two national awards ("First Place for Best Book" in the "Recovery" category of the 2018 Summer NABE Pinnacle Book Achievement Awards, and "Award Winner" in the "Health: Addiction & Recovery" category of the 2018 Best Book Awards by American Book Fest). In addition the book was recognized as a "Finalist" in the "Health: Addiction & Recovery" category of the 2018 International Book Awards.

Ms. DiStefano was previously honored as the Clinical Social Worker of the Year from the Clinical Society of Social Work and National Association of Social Workers (NASW), California Chapter. In 2011, she received the National Association of Social Workers Lifetime Achievement Award, California Chapter, and was most recently recognized in 2014, for her significant contributions to the social work profession by being inducted into the California Social Work Hall of Distinction.

Amelia Fink, LPCC, LADC, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Amelia Fink is a Human Services Program Consultant with the State Of Minnesota's Behavioral Health Division. Amelia has worked tirelessly at serving individuals living with mental health and substance use disorders for more than ten years. She has experience working with individuals in justice involved populations, women, chronic homeless populations, culturally diverse communities and adolescents. Amelia received her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and sociology from Drake University and her Master's degree in integrated behavioral health at the University of Minnesota. Amelia's interest and experience led her to pursue her licensure in alcohol and drug counseling, as well as her professional clinical license. Amelia has a willingness to learn about the impact of services on the needs of individuals that may not mirror familiar practices. Amelia is

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dedicated to creating a system that improves access and availability of services that people can feel comfortable with, that also empowers individuals to have choice regarding their needs.

Honorable Shaun Floerke, District Court Judge, Minnesota Judicial Branch

Judge Floerke is a district court judge of the 6th Judicial District of Minnesota, chambered in Duluth. He was appointed to the bench July 2004. Before taking the bench he served as a lead prosecutor, litigation attorney in a private law firm, and as a senior attorney in government civil litigation.

Judge Floerke founded and presides over the South St. Louis County DWI Court, one of four National Center for DWI Courts [Academy Courts](#) in the nation. He and his team recently won the National Association of Drug Court Professionals DWI Court Leadership Award in 2018. He is a member of the National Judicial Opioid Task Force and serves on the Judicial Advisory Board for the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility. He is the founding and presiding judge of the [Duluth Domestic Violence Restorative Circles Intervention](#). He serves as Co-Chair of the Minnesota Treatment Court Initiative and is a past member of the Minnesota Judicial Council, the governing body for the judiciary in Minnesota. He trains judges and other professionals on domestic violence responses, drug courts and resiliency practice nationally and internationally. He is a faculty member and trainer for the National Center for DWI Courts and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He was awarded a judicial leadership award by Minnesota Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in 2011 and again in 2017 for his work to effectively address impaired driving.

Judge Floerke is husband to Sara and father to five children who are not impressed by what he does for a living, but are much more interested in who he is and whether he is present.

Jermaine Galloway, The Tall Cop, Law Enforcement Officer

Officer Jermaine Galloway, known as the “Tall Cop”, is a nationally and internationally recognized presenter, national award winner and resource for those involved with prevention, education, treatment and enforcement. Officer Galloway began his law enforcement career in Idaho in 1997 and has more than 16 years experience in alcohol and drug education, enforcement and prevention. As a full time trainer, Officer Galloway currently dedicates thousands of hours to community scans, research and substance abuse identification in large and rural communities across the country. While in law enforcement, Officer Galloway was a member of the DUI task force, a CSI, and a field-training officer.

Officer Galloway provides nationwide training to coalition members, law enforcement, educators, counselors, probation, treatment, health professionals, judges, university officials, and community members. Over the last three years, Officer Galloway has trained more than 150,000 people and over 400,000 class attendees nationally and internationally. Once in a specific community, Officer Galloway frequently conducts a community scan – working his way through several of the local alcohol & drug promotion retail locations. The Tall Cop has scanned thousands of retail locations in almost every state and several provinces in Canada. Officer Galloway frequently conducts interviews and has interviewed hundreds of individuals at various stores, festivals, events and retail locations.

The Tall Cop trains on several different alcohol and drug trends including: drug clothing, stash compartments, underage drinking, e-cigarettes & vaping, synthetic drugs, marijuana concentrates / dabbing, marijuana extraction labs, electronic dance music (EDM) events, inhalants, fake ID's, party drugs, over-the-counter drugs, cough medicines, drug potentiators/friends of opioids herbal drugs, designer drugs, physical signs and symptoms, the influence of drug legalization, marijuana edibles, drug concealment methods and concealment products, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, logos, and identifiers.

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Officer Galloway created his own alcohol and substance abuse prevention and identification program called the “You Can’t Stop What You Don’t Know™” program. Officer Galloway displays over 50-100 visual aids for attendees to view, hold and become familiar with throughout each presentation.

In addition to creating and starting two non-profit organizations, Officer Galloway was a past Vice President of an alcohol and drug free prevention coalition in Idaho and was a member of the Idaho statewide-impaired driving task force. Officer Galloway is also a past board member of the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA).

In 2007, Officer Galloway created the Northwest Alcohol & Substance Abuse Conference. This now biennial, nationally recognized, substance abuse prevention conference has quickly grown, drawing attendees from over 30 different states and multiple countries.

Officer Galloway has had articles published in print and online in American Police Beat Magazine, Campus Safety Magazine and many local area newspapers, during on-site presentations. In addition to other media stories, webinars and interviews, in 2011, Officer Galloway was highlighted in a national video, produced by Human Relations Media, about the harms of “Spice - the Synthetic Marijuana.”

Officer Galloway is also an Idaho POST certified instructor and holds a BA from the University of San Francisco.

Paul Gunderson, Assistant County Attorney, Brown County – Bio will be forthcoming

Helen Harberts, M.A., J.D., Consultant, National Drug Court Institute

Helen Harberts, M.A., J.D. has been working in criminal justice since 1983. As a prosecutor, Ms. Harberts rose to become the Chief Deputy District Attorney in Butte County, CA. As a Chief Probation Officer (1995-2002) over 5 years she implemented multiple problem-solving courts. After the stint in probation, she returned to her roots as a prosecuting attorney where she practiced law exclusively in problem solving courts for over 5 years. She retired in 2011. She popped out of retirement for 5 months in 2012-13, she served as the Interim Director of the Harris County (Texas) Community Supervision and Corrections Department in Houston.

She has published a Life Skills Workbook for Hazelden Community Corrections Series, as well as chapters in “Drug Courts”, Springer Publications (2007) and the NDCI Judicial Bench book. Ms. Harberts continues to train probation and justice professionals across the United States. Chief Harberts was California’s Chief Probation Officer of the Year in 2000 and was honored as the 2009 Prosecutor of the Year by Region 8 of the California Narcotics Officers Association. In 2013, Ms. Harberts was inducted into the Stanley Goldstein Drug Court Hall of Fame. It was the achievement of a professional lifetime.

Honorable Allison Krehbiel, District Court Judge, Minnesota Judicial Branch

Judge Allison Krehbiel was appointed to the bench by Governor Ventura in 2002. Currently chambered in Nicollet County, she presides over the treatment courts in both Brown and Nicollet Counties. Prior to her appointment, Judge Krehbiel a public defender in the Fifth Judicial District after leaving her position as legal advisor to the Minneapolis Police Department and an assistant city attorney in the Minneapolis City Attorney’s office.

Tara Kunkel, MSW, National Center for State Courts

Tara Kunkel, MSW, is presently on detail to the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance through an interagency agreement serving as a Senior Drug Policy Advisor. In her work at BJA, Ms. Kunkel is responsible for implementing the opioid-related grants distributed through the Department of Justice. Ms. Kunkel has spent

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the last seven years as a court consultant providing leadership on the implementation of evidence-based practices in the justice system and evaluating problem solving courts throughout the nation. She also spent fourteen years as a drug court administrator, probation officer and criminal justice planner. Ms. Kunkel graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Master's in Social Work and received her BA in Psychology from the University of Virginia.

Abby Kuschel, State Treatment Court Coordinator, Minnesota Judicial Branch

Abby Kuschel is the State Treatment Court Coordinator for the Minnesota Judicial Branch. She provides statewide program support, technical assistance and information to district courts and State Court Administration. This includes formulating and implementing Minnesota Judicial Branch strategic initiatives, integrating a judicial treatment court approach into court operations for cases involving alcohol and other drug addicted offenders, offenders with mental health issues, and offenders who are veterans. She previously worked with drug/DWI Courts in rural, Northern Minnesota for 10 years as the Treatment Courts Supervisor for the Ninth Judicial District and coordinated the Itasca County Wellness Court and the Beltrami County DWI Court. The Cass/Itasca County/Leech Lake Wellness Court was the first tribal-state joint jurisdictional court in the United States, and has served as a national model for intergovernmental cooperation. The Court, which has been in operation since 2007, serves both tribal members and non-Indians residing in Itasca County, Minnesota, and the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. Prior to working in the criminal justice system, Ms. Kuschel worked in the areas of community health, social service, and employee wellness. Ms. Kuschel is an experienced grant writer and has been successful in obtaining over \$3 million in state, local, and federal funds since working in the community health/criminal justice fields. Ms. Kuschel received a B.S. in Community Health Education from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Abby and her husband David have three teenage children and enjoy attending all of their activities.

Dr. Petros Levounis, Consultant, National Drug Court Institute

Dr. Petros Levounis is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Stanford University where he studied chemistry and biophysics before receiving his medical education at Stanford University School of Medicine and the Medical College of Pennsylvania. During medical school, he received an MA degree in sociology from Stanford before moving to New York City where he trained in psychiatry at Columbia University. He graduated from Columbia receiving the National Institute of Mental Health Outstanding Resident Award and went on to complete his fellowship in addiction psychiatry at New York University. From 2002 to 2013, he served as director of the Addiction Institute of New York.

Dr. Levounis has written numerous articles and monographs; has lectured extensively on addiction topics throughout the United States and abroad; and has been interviewed by all major television networks. Dr. Levounis serves on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and from 2005 to 2009 chaired the national Committee on Addiction Treatment of the American Psychiatric Association (APA). Dr. Levounis is a Betty Ford Scholar, a recipient of a U.S. State Department Speaker and Specialist Award, a distinguished fellow of the APA and ASAM, and an honorary member of the World Psychiatric Association.

Brian L. Meyer, Ph.D., LCP, McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center

Brian L. Meyer, Ph.D., LCP, is a Clinical Psychologist and the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder/Substance Use Disorders Specialist at the H.H. McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and an Affiliate Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. He obtained his A.B. from Harvard University and his Ph.D. in clinical psychology with a specialization in adolescents and families from Duke University. Dr. Meyer has worked in the child welfare and the child and adult mental health fields as a clinician, administrator, teacher, policy maker, program developer, expert witness, researcher, and trainer. He has been the Deputy Clinical Director of the New Mexico

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CYFD Protective Services Division, the Executive Director of the Albuquerque Child and Family Guidance Center, the Executive Director of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children, and the Interim Associate Chief of Mental Health Clinical Services and the Workplace Violence Prevention Coordinator at the McGuire VA Medical Center. In his current roles, Dr. Meyer provides evidence-based treatments for Veterans who have problems with PTSD, substance abuse, depression, TBI, and other co-occurring conditions; works with Veterans and their families to address post-combat adaptations; supervises psychology trainees; and develops and conducts research on treatments for PTSD, substance abuse, and co-morbid conditions. Dr. Meyer is also a nationally-known speaker on a wide range of content areas including the treatment of trauma and co-morbid conditions, substance abuse, complex trauma, the effects of trauma and substance abuse on families, Veterans' mental health, mindfulness meditation, secondary traumatization and self-care, and collaborative courts. He has been happily married to his wife Sharla for 31 years and has three adult children whom he adores.

Richard P. Molitor, Director of Probation, Nicollet County – Bio will be forthcoming

Paul Peterson, Program Director, Minnesota Correctional Facility – Willow River – Bio will be forthcoming

Honorable Duane Slone, Circuit Court Judge, Tennessee State Courts

Judge Slone, a former drug trafficking prosecutor, was first elected to the 4th Judicial District Circuit Court in 1998 and in 2009 he co-founded his judicial district's Drug Recovery Court. He is widely recognized as an effective collaborator and innovator for his efforts to address the Opioid Driven Addiction Crisis. Currently, Judge Slone serves as Chairman of the 8 State Appalachian-Midwest Regional Judicial Opioid Initiative, the Tennessee Judicial Opioid Initiative and the Tennessee Judicial Conference Problem Solving Committee. He is a member of the National Judicial Opioid Task Force and has been nominated to serve on the SAMHSA Advisory Committee for Women's Services. Judge Slone and his wife Gretchen have three children, Oakland, Joseph and Estella.

Kezia Killion Smith, Defense Attorney – Bio will be forthcoming

Mark Stodala, Probation Fellow, American Probation and Parole Association

As NHTSA's Probation Fellow, Mark Stodala brings over 30 years of experience working in the field of court management and adult probation in Arizona. Mark worked at the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department for 18 years serving in a number of capacities including field supervisor and division director overseeing drug and alcohol treatment programs, problem solving courts and services for the mentally ill. Mark later became the Court Administrator of the Tempe Municipal Court where he served for eight years managing the day to day activities of the court including budget, case processing, program development (including the establishment of Arizona's first municipal mental health court) and managing personnel. Most recently Mark served as Program Services Manager in the Adult Probation Services Division of the Arizona Supreme Court where he had oversight of treatment programs for Arizona's Adult Probation Departments. Mark has presented training on topics surrounding high risk drunk drivers at national, regional and state conferences throughout the country.

Mark received his undergraduate degree in History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his Master's Degree in Education from Northern Arizona University. Mark became a Graduate Fellow through the National Council of State Courts Institute of Court Management.

In his spare time Mark serves on a number of boards and is actively involved in community activities with his wife Susan.

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