Minnesota Statewide Webinar Series
April 12, 2023 & May 17, 2023

Session Title: Engaging Participants in a Virtual Setting
Presenter: Judge Mary Jane Knisely – NDCI Consultant
Date: April 12, 2023
Time: 8:30 AM-10:00 AM CST
Virtual Treatment Courts have been in demand, but how can treatment courts implement them? The session will introduce different strategies to address virtual probation, court sessions, treatment sessions, and so much more. The session will address how to meet National Standards best and uphold fidelity to the treatment court model in a virtual setting.

Learning Objectives:
- Develop efficient team strategies for educating and engaging the teleservice participant from entry to graduation.
- Deliver an impactful teleservices docket through the use of Motivational Interviewing at all participant touch points.
- Change behavior in the Virtual Treatment Court Environment by effectively delivering sanctions, incentives and therapeutic adjustments.
- Measure and adapt teleservice docket to improve programmatic and participant prosocial outcomes.

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Session Title: Harm Reduction Practices in Treatment Court: What Works and What Doesn't
Presenter: Terrence Walton – NADCP Chief Operating Officer
Date: April 12, 2023
Time: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM CST
This thought-provoking session will examine the origins and contemporary applications of harm reduction and explore harm reduction strategies for the treatment court population. National experts, practitioners, and program graduates will offer perspectives on the implications of specific harm reduction practices on treatment, supervision, and recovery.

Learning Objectives:
- Develop a fuller understanding of the historical context of harm reduction and its present-day applications.
- Understand which harm reduction practices align with best practice standards for treatment courts.
- Identify harm reduction strategies that apply specifically to the high-risk/high-need treatment court population.

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Session Title: Where Did All Our Clients Go? Using Data To Exploring Barriers To Participation
Presenter: Dr. Jacqueline van Wormer – NDCI Director of Research
Date: May 17, 2023
Time: 1:00 PM-2:30 PM CST
The evidence is clear that the treatment court model should serve a specific clientele. Due to various reasons, including COVID-19, many programs now serve a smaller amount of clients. This places pressure on teams to accept clients outside of the therapeutic scope of the court. This session teaches participants how to collect and use data to explore what might be impacting referral to and admission into the treatment court. Participants will explore both quantitative and qualitative examples, and will be provided with tools to use upon return to their jurisdiction.

Learning Objectives:
- Understand the sources of data that can and should be used to gain an understanding of your potential referral pool.
- Filter data understand the total number of eligible participants.
- Explore "artificial barriers" that impact entry into the treatment court.
- Develop action plans to implement changes after completion of a data analysis exercise.

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Session Title: Sequential Intercept Mapping for Mental Health Courts
Presenter: Dr. Kevin Baldwin – NDCI Consultant
Date: May 17, 2023
Time: 3:00 PM-4:30 PM CST
The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM), developed by Policy Research Associates in the early 2000s, was initially designed to serve as a conceptual model to help communities understand and respond to the involvement of persons with behavioral health disorders in the criminal justice system. Having been used in hundreds of communities since its inception, the SIM now serves as a community strategic planning tool to better understand the ways in which communities can identify issues and solutions and thereby decrease the involvement of and further penetration of persons with behavioral health disorders into the criminal justice system. This session will introduce the SIM, identify issues, key activities, and best practices at each intercept, and describe how behavioral health courts can incorporate the SIM into their courts and communities.

Learning Objectives:
- Understand the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) and how it relates to your work.
- Learn about the different intercepts and how your community addresses behavioral health issues at each intercept.
- Begin to understand how you can use the SIM to better address behavioral health issues in your court and community.

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Presenters

Judge Mary Jane Knisely, a native Montanan, graduated from Texas Christian University with a B.S. in psychology. Receiving her J.D. from the University of Montana School of Law, she clerked for the district court before becoming a Billings deputy city prosecutor. In 1997, Judge Knisely was elected as Billings municipal court judge, and in 2010 she was elected to the General Jurisdiction District Court bench, becoming the presiding chief judge in 2014. Judge Knisely pioneered drug, DUI, veterans, and mental health courts in Montana. She currently presides over STEER (Sobriety, Treatment, Education, Excellence, and Rehabilitation), a felony impaired driving court, and CAMO (Courts Assisting Military Offenders), a veterans treatment court. In May 2017, STEER and CAMO were selected as NADCP Academy/Mentor Courts. Judge Knisely is the Region 10 judicial outreach liaison, in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the American Bar Association Judicial Division. She serves on the faculty of the National Judicial College, NADCP, NCDC, NDCI, and Justice for Vets. Appointed to the Montana Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, Judge Knisely has a mission to reduce the number of juveniles detained, diverting them to community-based programs. She recently received the State Bar of Montana's Karla M. Gray Equal Justice Award.

Terrence D. Walton, chief operating officer (COO) for NADCP, is among the nation's leading experts in providing training and technical assistance to treatment courts and other providers of substance use disorder treatment. Prior to being named COO in 2015, he was NADCP's chief of standards. Before coming to NADCP, Mr. Walton was director of treatment for the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia. He also previously excelled as the director of what was then the District of Columbia's leading adolescent outpatient substance use treatment center. Mr. Walton is an internationally certified alcohol and other drug abuse counselor with over 25 years of experience helping individuals and organizations champion positive change. He holds a B.A. degree in psychology and a master's degree in social work with specializations in program administration and substance abuse. He is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT). A gifted and entertaining speaker, Mr. Walton travels extensively, informing and inspiring audiences across the globe.

Jacqueline Van Wormer, Ph.D. is the director of research for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). Before this appointment, she was an assistant professor at Whitworth University and Washington State University. She has held various positions in the criminal justice field, including serving as the Spokane regional criminal justice administrator and as the coordinator for both the adult and juvenile drug programs in Benton and Franklin counties. Dr. Van Wormer has trained and lectured extensively on issues related to drug courts and pretrial reform. She has worked with hundreds of planning and operational therapeutic court teams to offer technical assistance, facilitation, and training. She has taught courses in program evaluation; criminal courts; juvenile justice; drugs, alcohol, and crime; ethics; corrections; and violence against women. She has also written extensively on juvenile drug courts, risk/need tool development, detention alternatives, effective treatment options for offenders, and collaboration among social service agencies. She has successfully secured and served as principal or co-principal investigator for over $9.8 million in grants and contracts, all focused on criminal justice system improvements. Dr. Van Wormer received her Ph.D. in 2010 from Washington State University. She was named a WSU Woman of Distinction (alumna category) in 2017 for her work in juvenile justice reform.

Dr. Kevin Baldwin is a clinical psychologist with a dual emphasis on research and forensics. He serves as a senior researcher for Applied Research Services in Atlanta, Georgia, providing criminal justice research and policy analysis nationally. He has directed federally funded research projects, authored over a dozen articles in peer-reviewed journals, and designed and evaluated substance use treatment programs. Dr. Baldwin authored a publication entitled "Sex Offender Risk Assessment" for the U.S. DOJ's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking. He is director of forensic services at the Highland Institute, an Atlanta outpatient clinic specializing in the assessment and treatment of persons with sexual behavior problems. He performs forensic examinations, serves as an expert witness in state and federal courts, and has worked in both inpatient and community-based mental health settings. Dr. Baldwin is a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences and has provided training to treatment court staff. He also serves as faculty at the National Judicial College and NDCI. Dr. Baldwin earned his Ph.D. at Georgia State University after completing an adult forensic internship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.