

Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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October 17, 2024, MEETING SUMMARY

Name of Organization: JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
SPECIALTY COURT FUNDING AND POLICY COMMITTEE
"To unite and promote Nevada's judiciary as an equal, independent and effective branch of government."

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting: The Nugget Hotel & Conference Area

MEMBERS PRESENT

Justice Lidia Stiglich, Chair
Justice Linda Bell, Chair
Judge Tom Armstrong
Chief Judge Lynne Jones
Judge Jessica Longley
Judge Michael Montero
Judge Deborah Schumacher
Judge Ryan Toone

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Judge Stephen Bishop
Judge Jim Loveless
Judge Cynthia Cruz
Judge Steven Dobrescu
Judge Thomas Stockard
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese
Judge Bitia Yeager

MEMBERS UNEXCUSED

**REGIONAL SPECIALTY COURT
COORDINATORS PRESENT**

Julia Dendary, Rural Region
EJ Maldonado, Rural Region
Jeremy Wilson, Washoe Region

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
STAFF PRESENT**

John McCormick, Assistant Court Administrator
Stephanie Gouveia, Specialty Courts Statewide
Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Justice Lidia Stiglich called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Call of the Roll and Determination of Quorum Status

Ms. Stephanie Gouveia called the roll. A quorum was established.

Public Comment

Chair Justice Stiglich asked for any public comment. There were none and public comment was closed.

Approval of Meeting Summary from the July 22, 2024, meeting

Vice Chair Judge Michael Montero made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 22, 2024, meeting. Judge Schumacher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Funding Caps

Ms. Gouveia shared that funding caps were being revised due to inflation. It was recommending raising the Housing with Case Manager and Housing budget lines to a maximum 40% of the total allocation; team training was recommended to be increased to a maximum of 20% of the total allocation. After discussion, the committee suggested changing the wording from “funding caps” to “funding guidelines.” It was recommended the conversation continue at the next meeting so more of the committee could be present to review the changes before a decision is made. Justice Stiglich asked if there were further questions or comments; there were none and this section was closed.

Absconding and Reactivation Guidelines

Ms. Gouveia shared information on how coordinators across the state were entering participants into DCCM regarding absconding and reactivating cases. It was recommended the committee adopt guidelines to establish a statewide procedure and uniform case processing. A motion was made and seconded, and the procedure was approved.

Financial Quarterly Report

Ms. Gouveia shared that the financial quarterly report had been updated and was available on the state specialty court website. She reminded courts to please try to complete the report in excel and submit as a PDF. She also asked that courts discard any prior quarterly reports and use the updated form in their place.

Clark Region Coordinator Appointment

Ms. Gouveia shared that DeNeese Parker was no longer able to be the Clark Region representative. She shared she spoke with the Clark region judges, as well as the committee chairs and Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, and it was decided that Steve Grierson would be appointed as the Clark Region representative. Mr. Grierson is the Court Administrator of the 8th Judicial District Court. Justice Stiglich welcomed him, and this section was closed.

Upcoming Committee Elections

Ms. Gouveia shared that three committee seats would expire their term, and one judge would be retiring, on December 31, 2024. The slots to fill will be the two general jurisdiction seats in the Clark region, one limited jurisdiction seat in the Sierra region, and the limited jurisdiction seat in the North central region. Currently, Chief Judge Jerry Wiese and Judge Bita Yeager occupy the Clark seats. Judge Thomas Armstrong sits for the Sierra region and Judge Jim Loveless for the North central. She stated all currently sitting would be eligible for another term, if they so choose. She reported she would send out forms for nominations soon, followed by voting forms.

ASAM & Evaluation Training for Judges, Court Staff

Ms. Gouveia shared that Judge Scott Pearson of the Reno Justice Court is going to conduct a training regarding ASAM and evaluations to better assist judges and court staff in understanding therapeutic

evaluations and recommendations. There is no date yet set but Ms. Gouveia stated she would share information as it became available.

Recidivism Study Update

Ms. Gouveia shared the recidivism study is ongoing and will be shared as soon as we can confirm the data is as accurate as possible. She thanked everyone for the patience and reminded them to please utilize DCCM as much as possible as we pull all data from that system.

Recent Successes & Challenges

Chair Stiglich asked for any successes and challenges to share. Courts shared success stories and challenges and received feedback from other courts.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meetings are scheduled for:

Friday, January 24th, 2025, at 12:00pm

Monday, April 14th, 2025, at 12:00pm

Public Comment

Justice Stiglich asked if there was any public comment. There was none and public comment was closed.

Adjournment

With there being no further discussion, Chair Stiglich adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.