

**DRUG COURT AND MENTAL HEALTH COURT COORDINATING COMMITTEE -  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CONFERENCE CALL**

**New Courts Under ICAR 55**

**Minutes**

**12/19/2017**

4:00pm (MST)

The Drug Court and Mental Health Court Coordinating Committee-Executive Committee (Executive Committee) conference call was convened by Chair Justice Bevan. Justice Bevan called for introductions for those joining in the call and welcomed the Executive Committee members and guest.

**Members Present:** Chair Justice Bevan, Judge Stegner, Ron Christian, Marreen Burton, Richard Neu, Judge Naftz, Burt Butler, and Sara Thomas.

**Members Unable to Attend:** Judge Wayman

**Guests in Attendance:** Administrative District Judge Moody

The Executive Committee was called upon to review information relating to the proposed formation of three new problem-solving courts.

**Ada Felony Drug Court III**

Administrative District Judge Melissa Moody from the Fourth Judicial District presented the Letter of Intent for what would be the third felony drug court in Ada County. Judge Moody explained that the Fourth Judicial District is not asking for any additional funding for drug testing, treatment, or coordination. The proposed court would be established by utilizing existing funds and therein reducing the capacity of the existing two felony drug courts. If approved, the result would be three courts with more manageable caseload sizes. Further, Judge Moody adjusted the proposed start date from February 1, 2018 (as identified in the provided materials) to March 1, 2018.

The Committee reviewed the Letter of Intent from the Fourth Judicial District Felony Drug Court III, and offered no additional questions or comments. No actions need to be taken at this time by the Executive Committee.

**Mini-Cassia DUI Court**

The Committee was asked to review the Operations Application of the Mini-Cassia DUI Court in the Fifth Judicial District and to approve or disapprove the application.

**A motion was made by Rich Neu to approve the Operations Application for the Mini-Cassia DUI Court, Sara Thomas seconded. Motion carried.**

Mini-Cassia DUI Court

<b><u>Executive Committee Members</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
Chair Justice Bevan	aye
Judge Wayman	Not in attendance
Judge Stegner	aye
Ron Christian	aye
Marreen Burton	aye
Rich Neu	aye
Judge Naftz	aye
Burt Butler	aye
Sara Thomas	aye

Discussion:

Burt Butler noted that there are several Idaho Supreme Court funded slots available in the Fifth Judicial District (based on a recent statewide utilization report) that the proposed court(s) could utilize. Rich Neu indicated that while that is true, the Fifth Judicial District has plans to address the use of any underutilized slots and believes that utilization has and will continue to increase. Rich also reiterated that the proposal for both the Mini-Cassia DUI Court and the Jerome DUI Court will both utilize existing slots currently utilized by the Twin Falls DUI Court. Further, these two new proposed courts are currently utilizing these slots as “extensions” of the Twin Falls DUI Court and if the Executive Committee approves these two new courts, current practices will be aligned with the official record.

Proposed Start Date: 1/1/2018

**Jerome DUI Court**

The Committee was also asked to review the Letter of Intent and Operations Application of the Jerome DUI Court in the Fifth Judicial District.

The Executive Committee was also asked to approve or disapprove the Operations Application and may adjust the proposed starting date, consistent with available resources.

***A motion was made by Judge Stegner to approve the Operations Application for the Jerome DUI Court, Burt Butler seconded. Motion carried.***

Jerome DUI Court

<b><u>Executive Committee Members</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
Chair Justice Bevan	aye
Judge Wayman	Not in attendance
Judge Stegner	aye
Ron Christian	aye
Marreen Burton	aye
Rich Neu	aye
Judge Naftz	aye
Burt Butler	aye
Sara Thomas	aye

Discussion:

Proposed start date: 1/1/2018

5:00 pm - Justice Bevan - Adjourn Conference Call

**Next DCMHCCC Meeting - February 9, 2018**