

**GOVERNMENT BODY: AD-HOC SPECIAL DRUG COURT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016

**TIME:** 12:00 Noon

**PLACE:** Room 1068, Waupaca County Courthouse  
811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981

In attendance: Judge Jim Morrison, Judge Vicki Clussman, Judge Ray Huber, Veronica Isherwood, Chuck Price, Fred Zaug, Mary Kay Poehlman, Nicole Schueppert, Nicole Zacharias, Amanda Ayala, Robin Madson, Troy Nielson, Bill Lipschultz, Brian Hoelzel, Sherrie Nichols, Mary Robbins, Kaye Thompson

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order. Open meeting statement: This meeting and all other meetings of this committee are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes so that the citizenry may be aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting

2. Roll call

3. Approve minutes

1<sup>st</sup> – Kaye Thompson

2<sup>nd</sup> – Mary Kay Poehlman

4. Public Comment

None

5. Approve and Review Agenda (move item 8 to 6)

1<sup>st</sup> – Mary Kay Poehlman

2<sup>nd</sup> – Judge Vicki Clussman

6. Special Guest – Chief Judge Jim Morrison of Marinette County

See notes below

7. Funding and Resolution Discussions

- o Will need approximately \$135,000 for full year of drug court
- o Finance committee approved \$33,100 with the idea of starting drug court in Sept. 2017
- o Must now seek additional money from outside sources to be able to hire a coordinator and get ready to begin by fall 2017.
- o Special county board meeting on October 18, 2016, 9 AM
- o Will attempt to have Judge Jim Morrison speak to board
- o Resolution has been changed as requested
- o Judge Vicki Clussman and Kaye Thompson are completing grant request for Adult Drug Court Planning Initiative Training.

8. Start Date

Realize that it will take 6 to 9 months to prepare for a drug court start

Adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> – Mary Kay Poehlman, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fred Zaug

**Note:** Special County Board session on October 18, 2016, 9 AM.

**Judge Jim Morrison speaking on behalf of Marinette County and Drug Court:**

- Marinette County has a severe drug issue
- At first drug court was viewed with skepticism – is now highly regarded and supported
- There are different models of drug court – it is important to tailor to county needs
- At present Marinette County has 21 felons in drug court and they are all sober
- Drug court offers 3-5 years of extensive supervision
- Recidivism w/o drug court is 90%, with drug court 50%
- There are trainings and webinars available
- Marinette County Drug Court values
  - Do what works
  - Treat the addiction, not the use
  - Don't punish people for addict behavior
  - Discipline for non-compliance
- Marinette County Drug Court treats high risk-high need
- Most offenders would normally spend 120-150 days in jail before prison
- Anthony House stabilizes clients for 7-10 days
- Clients are required to put in 40 hours per week in a combination of treatment, work and volunteering
- Drug tests are done on a 24 hour, seven day random schedule
- Local hospital does the urinalysis. The client pays if it is positive, drug court pays if it is positive
- Most clients can get treatment through third party insurance