

# 2015 MINNESOTA DRUG COURT CONFERENCE AGENDA

Minneapolis Airport Marriott

June 2 - 4, 2015

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**      **Registration**

Grand Foyer

**1:00-1:30 pm**              **Welcome**

Grand Ballroom

Presenters: Honorable Shaun Floerke, Chief Judge 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Chair of Drug Court Initiative Advisory Committee

Michelle Cern, State Drug Court Coordinator, Minnesota Judicial Branch

**1:30-3:00 pm**              **Drug Court Best Practice Standards**

Grand Ballroom

Presenter: Dr. Douglas Marlowe, Chief of Science, Law, and Policy, National Association of Drug Court Professionals

*The National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) convened a national committee of expert researchers and practitioners to develop objective and measurable best practice standards for Adult Drug Courts. The standards are derived from scientific evidence proving which practices improve outcomes, reduce harmful effects, and make optimum use of scarce resources. This presentation will review the standards and the scientific evidence supporting the practice recommendations.*

**3:00-3:15 pm**              **Break**

Grand Foyer

**3:15-4:30 pm**              **Drug Court Best Practice Standards (Continued)**

Grand Ballroom

Presenter: Dr. Douglas Marlowe, Chief of Science, Law, and Policy, National Association of Drug Court

Professionals

**4:30-5:00 pm**      **Wrap Up and Questions**  
Grand Ballroom

**5:00 pm**              Adjourn

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:00 am – 8:00 am**      **Registration**  
Grand Foyer

**7:30 am**                  **Continental Breakfast**  
Grand Ballroom

**8:00-8:15 am**          **Welcome and Housekeeping**  
Grand Ballroom

**8:15-9:30 am**          **Current Trends in Drug Abuse: Minnesota and Nationally**  
Grand Ballroom  
Presenter: Carol Falkowski, CEO, Drug Abuse Dialogues  
*This presentation covers the recent developments in drug abuse: emerging trends, patterns of use, the steps being taken to address them, and the corresponding challenges they present. What are the historic tipping points that distinguish drug abuse today from that of the past? What is the role of the Internet and social media? What are the key challenges for public health, prevention and treatment?*

**9:30-9:45 am**          **Break**  
Grand Ballroom

**9:45-11:00 am**        **Peer Review**  
Grand Ballroom  
Presenters: Dr. Shannon Carey, Co-President, Director of Development, & Senior Research Associate,

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NPC Research

Honorable Shaun Floerke, Chief Judge 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Chair of Drug Court Initiative Advisory Committee

Michelle Cern, State Drug Court Coordinator, Minnesota Judicial Branch

*This presentation introduces the peer review process to drug court teams in Minnesota. Peer review is intended to create a learning community among problem solving court teams. The idea is for peers to help each other identify ideas for program improvements and share successes and challenges. This will allow Minnesota's problem solving court community access to information and support while building relationships between programs. It will also provide important information to the State Court Administrator's Office about areas of needed technical assistance and training, and how to focus those resources most effectively.*

**Assessing and Addressing Family Needs in Adult Drug Court**

**11:00 am -12:15 pm**  
Grand Ballroom

Presenter: Jane Pfeifer, Children and Family Futures

*Adult drug court participants bring with them a myriad of family concerns as well as strengths. New research shows that assessing and addressing family needs and cultivating family strengths promotes engagement in adult drug court, recovery and positive drug court outcomes. The Family Strengths and Needs Survey was developed to identify intra-familial resources, service needs and areas in which additional screening and assessment are needed. Learn about the Family Strengths and Needs Survey, its capability to be automated, data checked and integrated into databases with useful reporting and evaluation functions. Results of administration of the Family Strengths and Needs Survey in pilot projects in Montana and elsewhere will be described, and the effects of providing family focused resources to adult drug court participants explained.*

**Lunch**

**12:15-1:15 pm**  
Grand Ballroom

**IA: Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health and Cognitive Challenges**

**1:15-2:30 pm**  
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Presenters: Rick Krueger, Clinical Services Manager, Vinland Center

*The presentation will cover an overview of Chemical Dependency and Disability, and discuss the adaptations, treatment methods, and materials that increase effectiveness in working with people with disabilities. An integrated treatment model provides conventional treatment services along with a wide variety of complementary care services. There are many barriers to achieving independence from substance abuse, mental illness, and cognitive challenges. Complementary care services play an important role in the long-term success of individuals recovering from substance abuse and mental illness.*

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**IIA: Motivational Interviewing**

Presenters: Elizabeth Miller,

Michelle Meyer, Probation Officer, Hennepin County Community Corrections

*This presentation will be a brief overview of what Motivational Interviewing is, and how it fits into the work we do in corrections.*

*We will also discuss the current model of implementation and training used within Hennepin County.*

*This presentation is designed for those who have no or limited exposure to Motivational Interviewing and are seeking general knowledge of the concepts.*

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**IIIA: Implementing Best Practices: A Look at Family Drug Court Guidelines**

Presenter: Jane Pfeifer, Children and Family Futures

*An interactive session to provide participants the opportunity to exchange information and share ideas about challenges and lessons learned regarding the elements of serving families involved in family drug court. Jane Pfeifer will provide information to inform courts of best practices and identify ongoing resources to assist in enhancing operations.*

**2:30-2:45 pm**

**Break**

Grand Ballroom

**2:45-4:00 pm**

**IB: Medication Assisted Treatment**

Presenter: Charles Hilger, Executive Director, Valhalla Place, Inc.

*This session will provide an overview of the goals of medication assisted treatment (MAT) including a discussion about the research and opportunities and challenges of MAT. The presenter will discuss the effectiveness of MAT as part of a Drug Court program. Attendees will have an opportunity to address specific concerns through a question and answer period.*

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**IIB: Judicial Integration of Ignition Interlock**

Presenters: Jody Oscarson, Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, Department of Public Safety

Miranda Rosa, Le Sueur County Drug Court Coordinator, Le Sueur County

Heather Kussatz, Arrowhead Ignition Interlock Program Coordinator,

*Ms. Oscarson will present information on the basics of the ignition interlock program. Ms. Rosa and Ms. Kussatz will share key elements of the Arrowhead's and Fifth Judicial District's Ignition Interlock Programs. These programs implemented a number of aspects of drug courts to help offenders drive legally without endangering the public and hold offenders accountable for their behavior, ensuring they get the help they need quickly and get back on track on their path towards becoming productive members of society.*

Belfast	<b>IIIB: Implementing Best Practices: A Look at Family Drug Court Guidelines (Continued)</b> Presenter: Jane Pfeifer, Children and Family Futures <i>An interactive session to provide participants the opportunity to exchange information and share ideas about challenges and lessons learned regarding the elements of serving families involved in family drug court. Jane Pfeifer will provide information to inform courts of best practices and identify ongoing resources to assist in enhancing operations.</i>
<b>4:00-4:15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>4:15-5:00 pm</b>	<b>Breakout by Drug Court Role</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

**Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

<b>7:30 am</b> Grand Ballroom	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>8:00-8:15 am</b> Grand Ballroom	<b>Welcome and Housekeeping</b>
<b>8:15-9:30 am</b> Grand Ballroom	<b>Performance Management: What It Can do for Your Drug Court</b> Presenter: Dr. Fred Cheesman, Principal Court Research Consultant, National Center for State Courts <i>The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) has long been a leader in the development of performance measures for trial and problem-solving courts. In the case of problem-solving courts, NCSC has assisted more than 15 states to develop measures for their adult, juvenile, and family drug courts as well as developing such measures for Veterans and Mental Health Courts. However, development of problem-solving court performance measures is only the first step in a process that NCSC has developed to assist jurisdictions that have adopted performance measures to use them for the purposes of performance management. Two additional critical steps in this process are (1) the development of performance targets for each performance measure and (2) the provision of training to problem-solving court staff in the art and science of performance management.</i>

**9:30-9:45 am**  
Grand Ballroom

**Break**

**9:45-11:00 am**  
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**IC: Peer Support**

Presenter: Ralph Campbell, Hennepin County DWI Court Volunteer

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**IIC: How to Make Evaluation a Key Component in Drug Court**

Presenters: Dr. William Wagner, Borderland Substance Abuse Court

Dr. Matthew Johnson, Research Analyst II, Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota

Tracy Loynachan, Research Analyst II, Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota

Grant Hoheisel, Research Analyst, Research and Evaluation Unit, Minnesota Judicial  
Branch

*This session will provide drug court teams with information about why evaluation is important, what to look for in an evaluator, what data to collect and how it can impact the sustainability of a drug court program. Professionals on this panel will provide the audience with their experiences and advice about how best to conduct process and outcome evaluations on their drug courts.*

Calhoun

**IIIC: Use of Prescription Medication in Drug Courts**

Presenter: Dr. Shane Wernsing

Belfast

**IVC: National Perspectives – How Family Drug Courts are Changing the Futures of Children and Families**

Presenter: Jane Pfeifer, Children and Family Futures

*The accountable, time-limited mandate for achieving permanency for children set forth in the 1997 Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) is driving the demand for better system responses to meet the needs of families affected by substance use disorders. Over the last 15 years, Family Drug Courts (FDCs) have enhanced the ability of the family dependency court, child welfare and drug treatment systems to provide a coordinated response. This session will explore the history of the FDC movement and its emergence as a model of meaningful collaboration. The presentation will draw from direct experience working with over 300 FDC sites nationwide, outcome data from studies showing the impact that FDCs and collaborative models have had in improving treatment and family reunification outcomes. Discussion will also include an overview of the publication *Guidance to States: Recommendations for Developing Family Drug Court Guidelines (FDC Guidelines)*, variations in practice models and the challenges of expansion that lie ahead, including the need for training and technical assistance to assist local jurisdictions to develop and improve FDC*

*models and approaches.*

**11:00-11:15 am**

Break

**11:15-12:30 pm**

Grand Ballroom

**Compassion Fatigue**

Presenter: Deena McMahon, McMahon Counseling and Consultation Services

*Early on, helpers learn how to give: We care for those around us and put others first while delaying our own needs and minimizing our own discomfort. This workshop will challenge the professional helper to be mindful of their own self-care and understand the many barriers to proper self-care. The presentation encourages the participant to think about resiliency and what that means on both personal and professional levels. While this topic is serious in nature, the subject matter is presented through story-telling and humor.*

**12:30 pm**

Grand Ballroom

**Closing Remarks and Adjourn**