

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
ADM-05-8002

**AMENDED ORDER ESTABLISHING THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TASK FORCE**

On March 16, 2005 this Court issued an Order establishing the Minnesota Supreme Court Chemical Dependency Task Force to:

1. Conduct background research on specific issues concerning Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD)-dependent persons, and particularly AOD-related offenders, including:
 - a. The current extent of the problem of AOD-dependent persons, and particularly AOD offenders, in the Minnesota judicial branch;
 - b. The cost(s) of the problem and benefit(s) of proposed solutions;
 - c. Identification and assessment of current judicial strategies to address the problem of AOD-dependent persons, and particularly AOD offenders, both in Minnesota and other states;
 - d. Determination of the current and potential effectiveness of drug courts and other alternative approaches in Minnesota.

2. Conduct an inventory of current multi-agency, state-level AOD efforts in Minnesota as well as in other states, including:
 - a. Identification of promising practices;
 - b. Identification of gaps and redundancies.

3. Identify and recommend approaches, solutions, and opportunities for collaboration.

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NOW, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The membership of the Chemical Dependency Task Force is amended to include Wes Kooistra, Assistant Commissioner for Chemical and Mental Health Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services.
2. The membership of the Chemical Dependency Task Force is amended to provide that Lynda Boudreau continue on the Task Force in her new capacity as Deputy Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health.
3. The membership of the Chemical Dependency Task Force is amended to remove Fred LaFleur, Director of Hennepin County Community Corrections, pursuant to his request to withdraw from the Task Force.
4. The Task Force reporting schedule and reporting structure are amended to provide that the Task Force shall submit two (2) reports to both the Supreme Court and the Judicial Council, which will include the results of its research and its recommendations for optimal development of alternative judicial approaches for dealing with AOD-dependent persons who come in to the Minnesota judicial branch. An initial report focusing specifically on AOD-related criminal and juvenile offenders shall be submitted by February 3, 2006; and a Final Report focusing on the overall impact of AOD dependency across all case types shall be submitted by September 30, 2006.

DATED: December 13, 2005

BY THE COURT:



Kathleen A. Blatz

Chief Justice