

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE) Administrative Order
MENTAL HEALTH COURT) No. 2014 - 43
ADVISORY COMMITTEE)
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House Bill 2310 (Laws 2013, Chapter 140) requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (“AOC”) by December 2014 to submit a report to the Arizona Legislative and Executive Departments concerning the AOC’s findings and recommendations on mental health courts and specialized probation caseloads in Arizona. Those findings and recommendations must include, among other things, standards for the design of mental health courts, for the training of judges and court staff, and for procedures to establish and implement efficient, effective, and accountable mental health courts in Arizona.

House Bill 2310 permits the AOC to contract with professional consultants for the development of these standards. The AOC has done so, and the consultants have submitted a draft of proposed standards. HB 2310 requires the AOC to obtain input from court administration, probation departments, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and mental health stakeholders concerning the proposed standards.

After consideration, and pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED establishing the Mental Health Court Standards Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”), as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The Advisory Committee shall review the consultant’s draft of proposed standards for Arizona’s mental health court and provide its comments to the AOC.
2. **Membership.** The membership is attached as Appendix A. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as needed or desired. Terms of Advisory Committee members shall expire on December 31, 2014.
3. **Meetings.** The Advisory Committee shall meet as necessary, and meetings may be scheduled, cancelled, or moved at the discretion of the Committee chair. All meetings shall comply with the public meeting policy of the Arizona Judicial Branch, Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202.
4. **Timing.** The Advisory Committee shall submit its recommendations to the AOC by October 1, 2014.

5. Administrative Support. The AOC shall provide administrative support and staff for the Committee, who may conduct or coordinate research as requested by the Committee.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2014.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice

Attachment: Appendix A

Appendix A
Mental Health Court Standards Advisory Committee

Chair

Marcus Reinkensmeyer
Director, Court Services Division

Members

Kent Batty

Court Administrator
Superior Court in Pima County

Penelope Pestle

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Cathy Dryer

Mental Health Court Coordinator
Superior Court in Yuma County

Deborah Schaefer

Court Administrator
Tempe Municipal Court

Jim Dunn

Executive Director
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Vicki Staples

Associate Director for Clinical Initiatives
Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy
Arizona State University

Ed Gilligan

Chief Probation Officer, Cochise County
Committee on Probation Representative

Fanny Steinlage

Deputy Public Defender
Coconino County Legal Defender's Office
Arizona Public Defender Association Representative

Howard Grodman

Justice of the Peace
Flagstaff Justice Court

Nanette Warner

Judge (ret.)
Superior Court in Pima County

Carey Hyatt

Judge
Superior Court in Maricopa County