

State of Illinois Supreme Court

At a Term of the Supreme Court, begun and held in Springfield, on Monday, the 8th day of September, 2014.

Present: Rita B. Garman, Chief Justice
Justice Charles E. Freeman
Justice Thomas L. Kilbride
Justice Anne M. Burke
Justice Robert R. Thomas
Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier
Justice Mary Jane Theis

M.R. 23859

In re: Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee for
Justice and Mental Health Planning

Order

General Charge. The Advisory Committee shall study, review and collaborate on issues and matters related to mental illness and the justice system in order to make recommendations to the Supreme Court. The Committee will report to the Supreme Court regarding the following:

1. The statewide strategic planning process initiated by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health in 2008 and continuing in spring 2010.

A subcommittee of the Special Advisory Committee may be formed for the purpose of participating in the strategic planning dialogue and reporting of information to the full Committee, whose function it shall be to formulate and prioritize recommendations for changes in the justice system, court operations and administration, including, but not limited to the following:

* Improved communication and collaboration between the mental health and criminal justice systems in such matters as data gathering and information sharing;

* Identification and consideration of appropriate diversion models for persons with mental illnesses;

* Examine and report on best practices in mental health courts in Illinois (including such areas as continuity of care for persons with mental illness as they transition from criminal justice to mental health services).

2. Education/training for judges involved in mental health courts/specialized dockets and/or diversion programs.

Recommendations to the Court regarding enhancements/additions to the judicial education curriculum, including development of new training opportunities and programs and print materials.

3. Consideration of Rule Amendments.

Consideration of proposed rule amendments/changes in the Code of Judicial Conduct necessitated by the operation of problem-solving courts, such as Supreme Court Rule 63 regarding *ex parte* communications.

4. Efficient Use of Available Resources.

Consideration of innovative ways to improve collaboration, cooperation, communication, and resource sharing among the state's mental health courts, drug courts, veterans' courts, and other therapeutic jurisprudence initiatives.

5. Procedures for compliance with Chapter III, Article VIII of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.

Consideration of recommendation of rules to the Court establishing trial court procedures to facilitate compliance with statutory requirements including, but not limited to, the requirements contained in sections 3-800(b) and 3-816(a) of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code (405 ILCS 5/3-800(b), 816(a)) governing court hearings under the Code.

Order entered by the Court.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court this 25th day of September, 2014.

Carolyn T. Guskell

Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois.

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