

The Fundamentals of Problem-Solving Courts
Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Exhibit Hall C
Wednesday, March 27, 2019

This special session presented by MATCP is intended to provide a succinct analysis of the essential components of a problem-solving court. It is essential that new teams and new team members have a fundamental understanding of the underlying philosophy and processes that are key to developing and maintaining a successful problem-solving court. The session will offer the basic elements of each subject matter by an experienced faculty member, with the most up-to-date information on how to operate your problem-solving court and a platform for understanding the more thorough substantive educational sessions presented at the Thursday and Friday sessions of the MATCP 20th Annual Conference, March 28-29, 2019. For experienced problem-solving court members, it offers an opportunity to hear about new research and strategies in key subject-matter areas.

AGENDA

(subject to change)

- 11:30 am – 12pm** Check-in (Registration table in Concourse, between Exhibit Hall A & B);
Pick up boxed Lunch (Exhibit Hall C)
- 12:00 – 12:15** Introductions
- 12:15 – 12:45** **Working as a “team”** – Hon. Patrick Bowler (ret.)
- 12:45 – 1:15** **Choosing the right participants/eligibility/assessments** – Barb Hankey
- 1:15 – 1:30** Break
- 1:30 – 2:00** **Addiction** – Carol Smith
- 2:00 – 2:30** **Treatment and Therapy** – Mark Witte
- 2:30 – 3:00** **Sanctions and Incentives** – Hon. Geno Salomone

3:00 – 4:00 **Work Groups** – monitored by subject-matter experts; answering individual questions re: topics presented above and those below:

- 1.-5. The five presentations above monitored by each presenter.
6. Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Group – Hon. Linda Davis
7. Veterans Court – Hon. Karen Khalil
8. Family Dependency Court – Hon. Sue Dobrich
9. Mental Health Court – Hon. Laura Mack
10. Drug Testing – Barb Hankey
11. Managing the Problem-Solving Court (coordinators) – Alma Valenzuela
12. Certification – Thomas Myers
13. Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services – Jared Welehodsky

Presenters:

- **Hon. Patrick Bowler (ret.)**, State Court Administrative Office Judicial Liaison, retired Kent County District Court Judge
- **Hon. Linda Davis**, Macomb County 41B District Drug Court Presiding Judge
- **Hon. Sue Dobrich**, Cass County Probate Court Judge
- **Hon. Karen Khalil**, Wayne County 17th District Veterans Court Presiding Judge
- **Barb Hankey**, Manager Community Corrections, Oakland County
- **Hon. Laura Mack**, Wayne County 29th District Mental Health Court Presiding Judge
- **Thomas Myers**, Management Analyst, Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office, Trial Court Services
- **Hon. Geno Salomone**, Wayne County 23rd District Sobriety Court Presiding Judge
- **Carol Smith**, Behavioral Health Director, Catholic Human Services
- **Alma Valenzuela**, MPA, LMSW, CCM, CCJP, Director of Probation & Community Corrections, Ottawa County
- **Jared Welehodsky**, Analyst, Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Planning Administration, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- **Mark Witte**, Executive Director, Allegan County Community Mental Health Services