

Minutes
Louisiana Sentencing Commission Workgroup II
Team 2 Substance Abuse Treatment
November 17, 2011

Participants:

Dr. Susan Tucker
Kerry Lentini
Virginia Williams
James Cazelot
Rob Reardon
Judge Calvin Johnson
Judge Peter Garcia (by phone)
Judge Knight
John Di Giulio
Dr. Sue Austin

Judge Calvin Johnson agreed to chair the Team.

The group discussed assessment instruments for screening substance abuse. Examples include: GAIN, PROXY, CRAI, DINS, and a free instrument TCUDS (Texas Christina University Drug Screen) used by DOC.

Rob Reardon from Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office agreed to provide information on their substance abuse program.

Team would like to get copy of Judge Garcia's grant application

The issue of resources was discussed. Secretary Gibbs maintains a resource catalogue. The Drug Reduction Demand Task Force through the US Attorney's office in New Orleans is putting together a list of resources.

Kerry Lentini will send drug court information.

Dr. Susan Tucker will send information on cost effective ways to provide substance abuse treatment to those inmates needing services who are housed in local jail facilities without substance abuse programming.

Dr. Susan Tucker will send information on best practices relative to substance abuse treatment both in institutional and supervision settings, as well as the transition from one to the other and how they might be applied in Louisiana.

Next meeting scheduled for December 13 at 9:00 am via conference call. Judge Johnson will set up conference call number.