**Montana Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee**

August 2, 2016 – meeting summary

Attendees: Judge Kurt Krueger (Chairman), Judge Greg Pinski, Judge Jim Manley, Judge John Brown, Judge John Larson, Judge Mary Jane Knisely (via phone) and Judge Katherine Bidegaray (via phone)

Staff and Guests: Judge Ingrid Gustafson (via video), Beth McLaughlin, Jeff Kushner, John Monson and Kevin Cook

*These notes summarize decisions made during the meeting. Full audio record of the meeting is available upon request.*

**Action Item 1:** Strategic Plan Update

The strategic plan was reviewed and updated extensively. Staff will make necessary changes and distribute update plan.

**Action Item 2:** Recidivism Measurement (draft)

* Will be measured in three year increments from the date of entry into the drug court.
* Any conviction\* for a felony or a misdemeanor subject to a penalty of six months or more in jail will count as recidivism
* For the 2016 report we will measure:
* All participants entering a court in 2010 – 2014 using three years from the date of entry into the court for each participant

The group agreed programming staff would develop the Full Court query for review by the subcommittee. \*IT staff will also develop a query that looks at all charges to assess whether there is a significant different between charges and convictions. The subcommittee will recommend a final recidivism calculation in time for the drug court report to be produced.

**Action Item 3:** Legislative Issues

The group approved the draft legislation clarifying the eligibility for violent or sexual offenders to entry a drug court with the understanding the Judicial Branch would be the primary party on the legislation. Judge Gustafson agreed to update the Sentencing Commission about the decision.

The Advisory Committee will meet again on October 25th at 4 p.m. in Billings (prior to the drug court conference).