

Research Committee Notes
Problem Solving Courts
February 13, 2006
Meeting in Conjunction with full
Citizen's Commission Meeting

Present: Nina Gardner, Chair (note taker)
Rep. Gilman Shattuck
Rod Tenney
John Tobin
Rep. Cady (excused)
Stephen Monier (excused, unable to attend)

Members discussed their viewing (and attempts to view) the DVD entitled "County of Cheshire Mental Health Court-presented April 15, 2004." Rod Tenney commented that he had been in touch with folks at the Mental Health Court and had been invited to attend their annual meeting.

Two position papers entitled, "Position Paper on Therapeutic Courts," and "Position Paper on Effective Management of Family Law Cases," provided to us by Mr. Donald Goodnow, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts has been distributed prior to the meeting. These position papers came from the Conference of State Court Administrators.

It was determined that much of the data provided in these documents could serve as a template for the committee's recommendations. A review of the key concepts was undertaken.

John Tobin offered to draft the Committee recommendations and he will send out the draft(s) no later than February 22, 2006. Unless we cannot agree on revisions to the draft by e mail, it was determined that we would not meet again.

This process will enable us to get our recommendations submitted in accordance with the schedule that had been set for full Citizen's Commission review of all the research committees' recommendations.