



**Chief Justice Charge**  
**Continuing**  
**Problem Solving Court Advisory**  
**Committee**

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**COMMITTEE OVERVIEW:**

The Colorado Supreme Court reappoints a Colorado Judicial Department Problem Solving Court Advisory Committee. This Committee shall be chaired by the honorable Chief Judge Boyd, and it shall be staffed by the State Court Administrator’s Office. The Committee shall be reappointed and charged every two years with new projects as deemed appropriate by the Chief Justice. The Charge shall run concurrent with the calendar year. For this current order, the charge shall span the time period to begin January 1, 2019 and to end December 31, 2020. Nothing shall preclude this order and charge from being amended as the Chief Justice deems appropriate.

The committee shall meet regularly to study, develop and recommend policies and procedures to enhance the implementation of evidence-based practices. The PSC Advisory Committee has the authority to design and implement innovative projects for Colorado Problem Solving Courts and to make recommendations to the Colorado Supreme Court.

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**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:**

The Problem Solving Court Advisory Committee was established by the Supreme Court on April 9, 2008 and charged with the task of developing effective procedures and strategies for implementing evidence-based practices in Colorado Problem Solving Courts. Since its inception, committee members have met on a quarterly basis under the direction of the Committee Chair.

The PSC Advisory Committee has made significant progress in working through the items assigned in the previous charge. However, the development of these programs and support to the local courts by nature is an ongoing process; therefore, the Problem Solving Court Advisory Committee is charged and assigned to:

- I. Promote the implementation and sustained use of evidence-based and best practices recognized for problem solving courts**
  - Expand problem solving court standards
  - Continue the support, development, and implementation of fidelity strategies for evidence-based and best practices in all problem solving courts
  - Provide training and technical assistance for Colorado Problem Solving Courts
  
- II. Support the sustainability of Problem Solving Courts and, in concert with other agencies, promote developing similar models for those agencies to support the effective operation of Problem Solving Courts.**
  - Develop a staffing model for Colorado problem solving courts
  - Engage and expand partnerships for state and local planning to increase efficacy of services provided by problem solving courts

- Expand Advisory Committee Subcommittees
- Develop a funding model for Colorado Problem Solving Courts

**III. Continue the development of an evaluation strategy for Problem Solving Courts**

- Develop a statewide continuous quality improvement protocol utilizing the management information system PSC3D and COGNOS reports or other successor information systems
- Expand the capacity of the Colorado Problem Solving Court management information systems

**MEMBERSHIP:**

The following individuals are appointed to serve as members of the Problem Solving Court Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years with the option of extending appointment.

	<u>District/Agency</u>
Gail Pickarts, Court Executive	1
Leslie Schaefer, Chief Probation Officer	1
Shawn Cohn, Denver Juvenile Chief Probation Officer	2
Honorable Marla Garrett, Magistrate	2
Melinda Taylor, Denver Juvenile Clerk of Court	2
Bridget Collins, Deputy Court Executive	4
Sheilagh McAteer, Deputy Public Defender (ret.)	4
Michael Pisciotta, Court Executive	5
Doug Hanshaw, PSC Coordinator	7
Honorable Mary Deganhart, District Judge	7
Honorable James Boyd, Chief Judge (committee chair)	9
Tobin Wright, Chief Probation Officer	16
Honorable Bonnie McLean, District Judge	18
Marci Hoffman, Court Executive	19
Steven Wrenn, 19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	Colorado District Attorney’s Council
Caithlin Sandler, Lead Deputy State Public Defender	Office of the State Public Defender
Joel Miller, Manager of Criminal Justice SUD Services	CDHS - Office of Behavioral Health
Dana Wilks, Manager	Department of Probation Services
Joyce Smith	Treatment Provider
Valarie MacDonald, 9 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Dist.	Rural PSC Coordinator
<i>To Be Determined</i>	Law Enforcement

Additional people may be asked to serve as sub-committee members when deemed appropriate by this advisory committee in order to further the goals and objectives assigned in this charge.

**Signature of the establishing authority:**

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**Nathan B. Coats**  
**Chief Justice, Colorado Supreme Court**

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**Date**