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## The President's Message by Judge Tomar Mason

By all measures, CADCP's second statewide symposium, held December 9-11, 1998, in Sacramento at the Doubletree Hotel, was a booming success. Like our 1997 symposium in Los Angeles, it was a collaboration with the California Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). This time we also partnered with the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), reflecting CADCP's continuing effort to reach broader portions of the treatment community.

The collaboration facilitated our outreach to many more Californians than attended our previous conference. By identifying additional professionals with potential interests in drug courts, we increased the planned conference attendance almost twofold: although we originally planned for 200-250 participants, nearly 400 were in actual attendance, making this to date, the largest state drug court conference in the nation. (New York's fall 1998 conference holds second place.)

Our Annual Membership and Board of Directors' meetings were held in conjunction with the conference during which elections for new board members and officers were conducted. For the first time, our members were able to cast their votes for new members to the Board either by mail or at the conference. New members elected to our Board include **Judge Harlan Grossman** (Contra Costa Superior Court), **Helen Harberts** (Chief Probation Officer, Butte County Probation Department), **Jane**

**Pfeifer** (Drug Court Coordinator, Butte County Superior Court) and

**Patrick A. Thornburg** (Treatment Coordinator, Mid-Valley Recovery Services, Inc., El Monte). Each were elected for 3-year terms and assumed their new duties at a joint Board meeting of outgoing and incoming Board members on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Also, in accordance with our bylaws, the Board elected officers for new terms. I was extremely honored to be re-elected President, and I am most fortunate to be serving with a very able and distinguished Executive Committee. Our officers are: Vice President **Robert Mimura** (Executive Director, Los Angeles Countywide Criminal Justice Committee); Secretary **Ralph G. Rodgers** (Assistant Director, Criminal Administration, Orange County Superior Court); Treasurer **Gordon Park-Li** (Assistant Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Superior Court) and Immediate Past President, **Judge Stephen A. Marcus** (Los Angeles Municipal Court).

Continuing as committee chairs will be **Judge Peggy Hora** (Alameda County Superior Court) for *Education and Training*; **Judge Rudy Diaz** (Rio Hondo Municipal Court) for *Legislation*; **Ralph G. Rodgers** (Orange County Superior Court) for *Membership*; **Judge David Ryan** (San Diego County Superior Court) for *Newsletter*; Judge Stephen A. Marcus (Los Angeles Municipal Court) for *Nominating*; and **Maureen F. Bauman** (Program Coordinator, Placer County Drug Court) for *Treatment Liaison*. In addition, **William Edelman**, Director, Alcohol & Drug Programs, Orange County, will continue to serve with me as our representatives to the *Congress of*

*State Drug Court Associations*. If you are interested in serving on any committees, please notify me of your

preference.

And finally, the Board, in response to members' suggestions, is considering whether to establish optional forms of membership in addition to individual memberships. To this end, you will find a questionnaire enclosed with this newsletter. I encourage you to give us your thoughts on this subject by returning this questionnaire or contacting any member of the Board. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time:

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## FUNDING ISSUES FOR 1999 FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS

This year, the Drug Courts Program Office (DCPO), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Dept. of Justice, offers planning, enhancement and continuation grants to the drug court communities. The 105<sup>th</sup> Congress appropriated \$40 million for drug treatment courts in FY1999, which represents a \$10 million increase over last year.

The DCPO distributed a 167 page booklet outlining available monies and grant applications on Jan.4, 1999, and they are due back to DCPO on or before March 1, 1999. The materials state no extensions will be granted, but faxed transmissions will be accepted if received by the due date.

There are page limits and an original and two unbound copies must be sent. There are more than 520 drug treatment courts operating in the U.S. now (California has 80 with 14 in the planning state) so the competition for these funds can be considered to be keen.

However, planning grants of up to \$30,000, continuation/supplemental grants of up to \$200,000 and enhancement grants of \$100,000/\$300,000 are available for single/multijurisdictional applicants. There are no implementation grants. In a change from prior years, eligible applicants are states, state courts, local courts, counties and other units of local government, but sub-units of government may qualify if authorized as representing an eligible applicant. An individual court may apply for only one type of grant through this FY 1999 application kit and guidelines.

In all areas of grants, i.e., planning, continuation or enhancement, DCPO has a special interest in encouraging communities to develop drug treatment courts that give special attention to alcohol problems, for example, driving under the influence or driving while intoxicated. For information, contact DCPO at (202) 616-5100 or visit their website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/dcpo>.

#### **OTHER FEDERAL GRANT NEWS**

Now is the time to seriously consider the Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG). In the Byrne grant, numerous programs to demonstrate innovative approaches to law enforcement and adjudication are available for qualifying applicants. While many ongoing local law enforcement efforts may be funded by these funds, there is no impediment to drug treatment courts being considered as a legitimate use of them too. In the LLEBG program, \$523 million exists to provide funds for local governments to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety. Establishing or supporting drug treatment courts is a

specific authorized use of these funds, although your local mayor or chief of police may not be aware of this feature of sharing; sometimes all it takes is to ask for a piece of this pie. For more information about the Byrne or LLEBG grants, there is a California contact point:

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Or, you can contact the Bureau of Justice Assistance on the web at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA>.

One other federal grant program to be aware of is the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants Program (JAIBG) which is targeted toward the juvenile justice system and is administered by the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This provides monies for a whole host of purposes relating to substance abuse and the law, as it affects minors. California's share is \$22.5 million. For more information, call the OHHDP's State Relations and Assistance Div. at (202) 307-5924.

#### **STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRANT FUNDS**

There is a list of grants currently available to the judiciary and law enforcement communities which has been compiled from various sources. The contact person is:

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The AOC asks that if you apply for any grant or federal assistance, that you notify the grants coordinator of your application and the outcome of the request. AOC is gathering a comprehensive list of all outside sources of assistance received by California courts. The biggest news for California was the passage of the Drug Court Partnership Act of 1998,

consisting of a collaboration between the State Judicial Council and the California Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Programs. Enacted during the waning months of 1998, this bill provides \$4 million for the purpose of demonstrating the effectiveness of drug treatment courts. As of this writing, the amount is likely to be increased in the upcoming Governor's budget.

The real import of the Partnership Act is the recognition that drug treatment courts have proven their durability, mostly using federal start-up funds, but now the State of California is providing funds for these uses. Accepting the assumption that drug treatment courts will continue to show effectiveness in rehabilitating drug using offenders, this represents the first step on what could become a significant contribution in future years. However, as Superior Court Judge Steven Manley advised at the 1998 Drug Court Symposium, applicants for these funds should be cautious to not appear greedy in competing for the first state funded program of this type. Contact persons regarding information about the Partnership Act are:

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*\*FYI: AOC Offices will begin moving, Feb. 11 to 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. Phone (415) 865-4200*

#### **OTHER GRANT FUNDS**

Pursuant to the State Justice Institute Act of 1984, the Institute is authorized to award grants for the purpose of improving the quality of state courts in the United States. These grants are available for a number of categories, including substance abuse and the courts. Although limited in the

amount that can be awarded, grants can go as high as \$200,000, although it does not include providing support for planning, establishing, operating or enhancing a local drug court. If, however, you have an interest in technical assistance, research, evaluation or education, this may be an overlooked resource. For more information, contact State Justice Institute, 1650 King Street, Suite 600, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Also, the Justice Research and Statistics Association reports that the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is soliciting applications to determine the effectiveness of drug treatment courts by memo dated January 5, 1999. The deadline is March 29 for letters of intent and April 29 for applications. There is \$1.5 million for up to six research grants and both public and private organizations are eligible. Under this solicitation, researchers will investigate certain designated components of drug treatment courts. Contact:

**Peter Delaney**  
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**<http://www.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>**

#### **METH STUDY BEGINS** **by Judge David Ryan**

**T**he first study to be funded by the Federal Center for Substance Abuse on methamphetamine abuse treatment exclusively, will begin April 1, 1999. The multi-state study will be overseen by the Methamphetamine Treatment Coordinating Center, a joint venture of the UCLA Drug Abuse Treatment Center and the Matrix Institute on Addictions. Five California drug treatment centers including one drug court, and a center in Hawaii and Montana were selected to collect data on the effectiveness of methamphetamine abuse treatment. Each site will treat approximately 150 clients over the three-year period. The study will compare treatment outcomes of an 8 week, 16 week and the usual treatment given at each center. The Matrix model is a three

times per week outpatient treatment experience that combines behavioral, education and 12-step counseling techniques.

A good deal is known about the chemistry of meth, its methods of manufacture and its acute effects; however, the literature on the clinical course of meth addiction and the outcome of various treatments is very sparse. Out of this research is expected to come the best practice recommendations to treat this drug of choice for many addicts.

#### **FROM THE EDITOR'S KEYPAD**

This is the first issue of the CADCP Newsletter for 1999, and there are many exciting things to report in the field of drug treatment courts. If you missed the 1998 CADCP Symposium in Sacramento on December 9-11, you lost a good opportunity for continuing education of the movement into different areas, but also the chance to share opinions about what the incoming Democratic administration would do differently than the outgoing Republican one. A summary of the Symposium is included in this issue. This issue emphasizes funding matters, a continuing problem for all of us, but seems to be getting just a little bit easier at both local, state and federal levels as key government decision-makers realize the traditional revolving door of the justice system is expensive and does not work alone.

For a sober examination of how bad things are going, we refer you to Eric Schollosser's piece, entitled "The Prison Industrial Complex," in the December issue of *The Atlantic Monthly* which forecasts the complete crowding of our detention facilities in 18 months at the rate we are going. The drug treatment court model is a viable alternative for many offenders. As reported in the section dealing with new federal grant programs, it's wonderful that the greatest destroyer of all, alcohol, is being given special attention in both new and enhancing projects.

Finally, many of our members are e-mailing items of interest to me for

upcoming newsletters, and I am happy to report we have reached the point where I really have to substantially edit some material submitted and reject others. With this funding issue, a number of things were submitted which just did not fit, but I hope you will continue to forward items of interest that you would like to share and we will do our best to get it in the newsletter. *Remember, submissions are due by the third week of the month preceding our publication date of the first of every other month. And for time-sensitive matters, we may not be able to accommodate the submission.*

#### **CALENDAR PLANNING**

**National Drug Court Week - June 1-7, 1999.** Drug treatment courts nationwide are planning events surrounding the national drug court week with graduation ceremonies, proclamations, community service activities and media coverage. **START YOUR PLANNING NOW!!!**

**National Drug Court Institute Second Comprehensive Drug Court Judicial Training, March 27-31, 1999.** To be held at Georgetown University School of Law, Washington, D.C. This week long course focuses on comprehensive training for both the adult and juvenile drug court judges. Applications are due by January 31, 1999, but there may be space available. Contact West Huddleson at NDCI (703) 705-0576.

**National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCAP) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, June 3-5, 1999** at Miami Beach, FL. Contact Dean Schultheis at (703) 706-0576. Note: The next CADCP general membership meeting will be held in concert with the NADCAP Training Conference.