

TASK FORCE ON SPECIALTY COURTS

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RECOMMENDATION PROPOSAL

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What problem are you trying to solve?
CJC and treatment court partners highly value accurate, timely data, which is able to be leveraged to improve outcomes for both treatment court participants and the systems that serve them. The current method for inputting data into SCMS is a heavily-manualized, staff-intensive process that does not leverage modern protocols for efficiently sharing data. This severely impairs the availability of near-real time data access and increases the likelihood for incorrect or missing data.
Title of proposal (25 words or less):
SCMS Integration
Task Force Study Topic (eligibility, accountability, administration, funding):
Funding
<u>Detailed</u> description of proposal (50 words or more):



Each treatment court partner (i.e. OJD, treatment providers, attorneys, UA providers, and service providers) already records participant data into platforms that are specifically designed for their fields (i.e. justice system, electronic health records, parole and probation correctional systems, and case management systems). Some of this same data is then manually entered into SCMS. We are proposing to move away from this burdensome, antiquated process for inputting data and leverage technological solutions that provide for the secure transfer and ingestion of data into SCMS.

CJC is in the process of updating SCMS, and we believe this proposal can be aligned with those activities. We also understand that part of the discussion would involve significant upfront investment to support file exchange; however, we believe that a reduced need for individuals manually performing this duplicative data entry will lead to cost savings over time. Additionally, we believe this proposal will yield improved data accuracy and completeness, as well as timely access to data in near real-time to support quality improvement and decision-making.

We recommend the including the following items in a plan of action:

- Engage with a technology consultant who can help evaluate system capabilities and guide activities
- Survey treatment court partners to determine what primary data platforms are being used for their work (including, but not limited to various platforms for court operations, managing individuals on parole or probation, electronic health records, and case management)
- Determine how data from these primary systems can be ingested by SCMS (through secure file transfer or other method/s)
- Select a pilot project that would minimally include ingestion of EHR data from a treatment provider/s and ingestion of data from parole/probation platform





Enforcement:

How will the legislature make sure the policy is followed, if applicable?

Report back from CJC

Reporting mechanisms:

What information will be collected so the legislature knows if the policy is working as intended?

Hire/contract period for proposed consultant, findings relative to the viability of file transfers; post-implementation outcomes could include reduction of administrative time, increased accuracy and completeness of data, and increased timeliness of access to data

Agency responsible for implementation:

OJD and/or CJC

