

## **16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Recovery Courts Report**

### **September 22, 2014**

- Unfortunately we had to let go of one of our staff members. This has been difficult on the remaining staff and the participants. However, everyone has been chipping in to make sure the clients are taken care of. I personally am leading one group a week. Marcus with our DUI Court has picked up two groups a week. Anthony Yannis is now a full-time case manager and has a full case load. He is also being trained on the two groups that Marcus is teaching so that he can take them over.
- I would like to say that Sonya Stephenson was very professional during the entire process we were investigating this employee. She was also very thorough. I appreciated her so much because this was a very difficult process for me and she was extremely supportive.
- We had our first official planning meeting for a Veteran's Court today. We hope to have a pilot program going by January and then implement the program the following year using a federal grant. There is quite a bit of support for this program in this community and Jeff Davidson has done a wonderful job of finding resources and information for us.
- We have a Criminal Justice intern this semester who is doing a great job. He specifically wanted to be involved in starting a drug court, so the Veterans Court is a great opportunity for him.
- The Support Foundation held its annual fundraiser last Saturday. The Breakthrough 5K/10K was held at MMC and the course went through Stones River Battlefield. I was unable to attend, as I was sick, but by all reports it was a good race and everyone really enjoyed it. We hired a management team this year and they really took care of business for us! The final numbers aren't in yet, but we hope it was successful!

Respectfully submitted,

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Director