Journal of Law in Society & Levin Center at Wayne Law 2021 Symposium

Opioid Paradigms: How Crisis Can Inform Change
Panel 3 - Policy and Public Health

Panelists: Chief Judge Patrick Shannon, Professor Robin Wilson, Rebecca Valek, Elsa Zawedde, Professor Courtney Anderson
Moderator: Veronica Walrad
Opening Remarks: Ben Van Barr
A Tribal Court’s Response to the Opioid Crisis During a Pandemic

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan
Tribal Court
Patrick Shannon, Chief Judge
A TRIBAL COURT’S RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

• An introduction to the Tribal Courts and their jurisdiction
• A description of the effects of the opioid crisis in Indian Country
• The creation and development of the Saginaw Chippewa Treatment Court Healing to Wellness Program
• How the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe implements the three components for the integration of public health principles into the justice system.
• Masking, Spacing, Cleaning, and Meeting
Prevention

• Education
• Training
• Community involvement
• Law enforcement
• Tribal Action Plan (TAP)
• Maternal, Juvenile and Adolescent Intervention
Intervention

- Social services
- Medical/Nursing
- Spiritual
- Community
- Family
- Law enforcement
- Court programs – Healing to Wellness for adults, juveniles and families
Treatment

- MAT
- NAT
- Cultural
- Spiritual
- Maternal health
- Paternal health
- Hospitalization
- Psycho/Social health
- Tele-Health
Conclusion

- Interaction with state, federal and tribal courts
- Foster Trust
- Promote rehabilitation, collaboration and restorative justice
- Follow the principles for the disease model and public health principles
- Develop a client-centered justice system.
BRINGING THE GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE

ELSA ZAWEDDE
Doctor of Juridical Science Candidate, Master of Laws,
University of Illinois College of Law

BECCA VALEK
Bachelor of Arts in Public Health Candidate, University
of Illinois Chicago

PROFESSOR ROBIN FRETWELL WILSON
Director, Institute of Government and Public Affairs,
University of Illinois System
& Mildred Van Voorhis Jones Chair in Law
University of Illinois College of Law

© 2021
CYCLE OF POVERTY AND ADDICTION

Citizen Scientist Journaling Project
Photo by Lloyd DeGrane
https://www.familylawprogram.com/citizen-scientist-journaling-project

Robin Wilson, Institute of Government and Public Affairs
5X MORE ON POVERTY THAN THE MILITARY

*As a percentage of Gross Domestic Product

Robin Wilson, Institute of Government and Public Affairs
Medical
- Medical Care
- Emergency Rooms

Benefits Depot & Benefits Bus
- Mobile Legal Clinics
- Lake County Opioid Initiative
- Access to Justice Kiosks
- Drug & Problem Courts

Law
- Legal Aid
- Pro Bono Legal Assistance

Robin Wilson, Institute of Government and Public Affairs
Frequently Requested Services

Updated: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 12:16 PM

The State of Illinois and its various departments provide valuable assistance to residents of the 28th District on a daily you have a state government question or concern, please contact one my offices for help.

Listed below are eight of the most frequently requested services that my offices receive. Click each section for additional information.

EXISTING MODELS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES

Constituent Services: Overview and Resources

January 5, 2017 – November 27, 2018

Robin Wilson, Institute of Government and Public Affairs
UTILIZING THE KIOSK MODEL

Robin Wilson, Institute of Government and Public Affairs
MOBILIZING RESOURCES

Robin Wilson, Institute of Government and Public Affairs
Citizen Scientist Journaling On COVID-19:

Documenting The Impact Of The Pandemic & Offering Solutions

https://www.familylawprogram.com/citizen-scientist-journaling-project
“The scariest part of this pandemic is just knowing. But that’s what fear is. Not knowing. It’s the levels of uncertainty and constant struggle with faith in the government and the citizens to make the right choices to get back to how things were.” – Marquis Sewell

“I was also overwhelmed. I have been dreading this loss of services for him because it means that we have to start looking at services in further away areas. It’s one of the most frustrating parts of living in a rural community, the lack of access to even basic services.” – Tori O’Dell

“From there in only got worse because of Covid everyone in my sister’s household got laid-off. The landlord wanted to evict her she couldn’t support the household and unemployment was a nightmare to access it took months before she got her first check.” – Julio Cesar Colon
QUESTIONS?

zawedde2@illinois.edu
rvalek2@uic.edu
wils@uillinois.edu