



**FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

January 8, 2024

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Virtual (Zoom)

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Stephanie Hulsey (Cochair), Hon. Amy M. Pellman (Cochair), Hon. Charles F. Adams, Hon. Sue Alexander (Ret.), Hon. Brooke A. Blecher, Hon. Tari L. Cody, Hon. Ana L. España, Hon. Katherine Fogarty, Hon. Susan M. Gill, Hon. Jennifer L. Giuliani, Ms. Julia Hanagan, Ms. Leslie Heimov, Mx. Cory Hernandez, Ms. Rose Klein, Mr. Joseph Koller, Hon. Mary Kreber-Varipapa, Mr. Jonathan Laba, Ms. Sharon M. Lawrence, Hon. Frank J. Menetrez, Hon. Laura H. Miller, Ms. Sherry Peterson, Ms. Melissa J. Poulos, Hon. B. Scott Thomsen, Ms. Susan Thrall, Hon. Rubén A. Villalobos, and Hon. Monica F. Wiley.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Craig E. Arthur, Hon. Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Hon. Brett Bianco, Ms. Mary Majich Davis, Ms. Risé A. Donlon, Hon. Suzanne Gazzaniga, Ms. Diane Iglesias, Ms. Selis Koker, Mr. Joe Navarro, Hon. Cheri Pham, Chief Brian J. Richart, and Hon. Lawrence P. Riff.

**Others Present:** Ms. Charli Depner, Ms. Tracy Kenny, Ms. Shelly LaBotte, Ms. Anna Maves, Ms. Ella Miles-Urdan, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Sarah Saria, Ms. Christy Simons, Ms. Marymichael Smrdeli, and Mr. Greg Tanaka.

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**OPEN MEETING**

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and took roll call.

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**ACTION ITEM (ITEM 1)**

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**Item 1**

**Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts: Access to Visitation Grant: Program Funding Allocation for Federal Grant Fiscal Years 2024-25 and 2026-27**

*Presenter: Shelly La Botte*

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee reviewed and considered approval of recommendations to the Judicial Council for the Access to Visitation Grant Program funding allocation and distribution of approximately \$655,000 statewide for federal grant fiscal years 2024–25 through 2026–27. Subject to the availability of federal funds, the funding allocations will be directed to eight superior courts, representing 14 counties, to support and facilitate noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children through supervised visitation and exchange services, parent education, and group counseling services for family law cases. Family Code section 3204(b)(2) requires the Judicial Council to determine the final number and amount of grants to be awarded to the superior courts.

**Action:**

The committee decided to recommend approval of 8 of the 9 applications received for Access to Visitation Grants for funding to the JC and TCBC Committees for the following counties: Humboldt, Orange, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Shasta, Tulare, and Yuba. The committee decided to deny the grant application of San Joaquin County because the proposed grant-related services were outside the state and federal scope of services and goals of the Access to Visitation grant program.

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**A D J O U R N M E N T**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on April 8, 2024.