



COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE COURTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

January 24, 2024
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Charles Smiley III, Vice Chair; Brian Bloom; Aaron M. Buck; Crystal Davis; Debra Dugan; Mark Gale; Hon. Susan Jakubowski; Hon. Karla Kerlin; Veronica Lewis; Rebecca Marcus; Katie Mayeda; Melanie Rhode; and Brandon Reilly

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Lawrence G. Brown, Chair; Scott D. Brown; Hon. Kathleen Kelly; Hon. Mary Kreber Varipapa; Hon. Sam Lavorato Jr.; Hon. Stephen V. Manley; Kimberly McKinney; Eileen C. Moore; and Rachel Solov

Others Present: Deanna Adams, Emily Chirk, Dana Cruz, Hon. Charles Ervin, Jeremy Merrick, Ella Miles-Urban, Cathy Wachter, Don Will, and Carrie Zoller

OPEN MEETING

Welcome and Call to Order

The vice-chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m., and Cathy Wachter took roll via Zoom for Government.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 6, 2023, Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 1-3)

Item 1

Presentation on the Judicial Council's Homeless Court Project Toolkit

Due to time constraints, this item has been continued to another committee meeting (date TBD).

Item 2

Presentation on 2024 Implementation Plans for CalAIM's Justice-Involved Initiative

This item has been continued to another committee meeting (date TBD).

Item 3

Overview of the January Budget Impact to Collaborative Courts

The January budget did not have a big impact on collaborative programs. The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program is federal funding to implement a state gun crisis intervention and consists of several types of programs, including collaborative courts. First included in the 2023 annual agenda, this was to provide the committee with an opportunity to weigh in on how the funding will be allocated to courts. Now the federal government has given the money to the state; funding will be coming sometime this year. Staff will present on the funding once it becomes available. The anticipated date will be some time either in late spring or early summer.

One of the budget change proposals for the 2024-25 Budget, which would have given funding to the courts, if approved, was to have a line item to pay for IST evaluators. IST evaluators are those that are appointed by the courts at competency to stand trial proceedings. This has been a big challenge for courts with the increase for competency evaluations, without any dedicated funding. This budget change proposal is not moving forward.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

C L O S E D S E S S I O N

Item 1

Closed under rule 10.75(d)(10)

Legislative Update

The committee discussed pending legislation.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S / A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:52 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on February 28, 2024.