

**Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee**

**Annual Agenda—2016 (Draft)**

**Approved by E&P: \_\_\_\_\_**

**I. ADVISORY BODY INFORMATION**

<b>Chair:</b>	Hon. Richard Vlavianos (chair), Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin Hon. Rogelio Flores (vice-chair), Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara
<b>Staff:</b>	Ms. Nancy Taylor, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, and Ms. Francine Byrne, Criminal Justice Services
<p><b>Advisory Body’s Charge:</b> Rule 10.56 of the California Rules of Court charges the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee to “make recommendations to the Judicial Council on criteria for identifying and evaluating collaborative justice courts and for improving the processing of cases in these courts, which include drug courts, domestic violence courts, youth courts, and other collaborative justice courts. Those recommendations include ‘best practices’ guidelines and methods for collecting data to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of collaborative justice courts.”</p> <p>Additional Duties included under Rule 10.56:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assess and measure success and effectiveness of local collaborative justice courts;</li><li>2. Identify and disseminate to trial courts locally generated best practices;</li><li>3. Recommend minimum judicial education standards and educational activities to support those standards to the Governing Committee of the Center for Judiciary Education and Research;</li><li>4. Advise the council of potential funding sources;</li><li>5. Make recommendations regarding grant funding programs that are administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts for drug courts and other treatment courts; and</li><li>6. Recommend appropriate outreach activities needed to support collaborative justice courts.</li></ol>	
<p><b>Advisory Body’s Membership:</b></p> <p>The committee currently has 23 members (eight judicial officers, two court administrators, one district attorney, one criminal defense attorney, one law enforcement officer, one treatment court coordinator, one probation officer, one treatment provider, one treatment court graduate, one representative from the mental health field, one social services representative, one non-profit community organization representative, and three public members).</p>	

## ADVISORY BODY PROJECTS

#	Project <sup>1</sup>	Priority <sup>2</sup>	Specifications	Completion Date/Status	Describe End Product/ Outcome of Activity
1.	<p>Make recommendations to, and carry out the directives of the Judicial Council regarding allocations and administration of the Collaborative Justice Substance Abuse Focus Grant, a legislatively mandated grant, distributing funds from the State budget that are earmarked for collaborative and drug court projects and are available to support local collaborative justice and drug courts throughout California, as well as supplementing dependency drug courts with federal funding from the Court Improvement Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report to the Judicial Council on grant activities from fiscal year 2015-16.</li> </ul> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> December 31, 2016</p>	1	<p>Judicial Council Direction: <i>Strategic Plan:</i> Goal IV: Quality of Justice and Service to the Public</p> <p><i>Operational Plan:</i> Objective 1. Foster excellence in public service to ensure that all court users receive satisfactory services and outcomes.</p> <p>Origin of Project: Legislative mandate reviewed annually by Judicial Council. The Substance Abuse Focus Grant was initiated in FY 2000-01. Current year funding has been established through the Budget Act of 2014 (Stats. 2014, ch. 21; § 45.55.020, item 0250-101-0001).</p> <p>Resources: External legislatively earmarked funding for drug court implementation provides needed</p>	On-going	Allocation of grant funds to local courts

<sup>1</sup> All proposed projects for the year must be included on the Annual Agenda. If a project implements policy or is a program, identify it as *implementation* or a *program* in the project description and attach the Judicial Council authorization/assignment or prior approved Annual Agenda to this Annual Agenda.

<sup>2</sup> For non-rules and forms projects, select priority level 1 (must be done) or 2 (should be done). For rules and forms proposals, select one of the following priority levels: 1(a) Urgently needed to conform to the law; 1(b) Urgently needed to respond to a recent change in the law; 1(c) Adoption or amendment of rules or forms by a specified date required by statute or council decision; 1(d) Provides significant cost savings and efficiencies, generates significant revenue, or avoids a significant loss of revenue; 1(e) Urgently needed to <sup>remedy</sup> a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public; 1(f) Otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk; 2(a) Useful, but not necessary, to implement statutory changes; 2(b) Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend to the Judicial Council grant allocations to local courts based on allocation method approved by the Judicial Council in FY14-15. <i>Completion Date:</i> December 31, 2016</li> <li>• Review biannual reports regarding funding distribution, invoicing, and deliverables reports from local courts. <i>Completion Date:</i> October 31, 2016</li> <li>• Recommend methods of allocation and grants administration for next annual funding cycle using Judicial Council approved allocation methodology <i>Completion Date:</i> December 31, 2016</li> </ul>		<p>resources for committee activities for this project.</p> <p>To ensure that there is no duplication of effort and no new workload or fiscal burdens placed on trial courts or the Branch by these projects, the following offices and advisory bodies will be consulted: Fiscal Services Office, Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executives Advisory Committees, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Key Objective Supported: 4</p>		

**II. STATUS OF 2015 PROJECTS:**

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1	Make recommendations to, and carry out the directives of, the Judicial Council regarding allocations and administration of the Collaborative Justice Substance Abuse Focus Grant, a legislatively mandated grant, distributing funds from the State budget that are earmarked for collaborative and drug court projects, and are available to local collaborative justice and drug courts throughout California.	<b>Status: Complete, December 31, 2015.</b> On recommendation of the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee, the Judicial Council allocated funding to local collaborative courts located in 50 jurisdictions. Courts received \$1.16 million of Substance Abuse Focus Grants with an additional \$75,000 in supplemental grants to 17 Dependency Drug Courts allocated through federal Court Improvement Plan funding.

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