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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 14, 2016

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Judicial Council - 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Richard Vlavianos, Chair, Hon. Rogelio T. Flores, Vice-Chair, Ms. Jo Ann Allen, Hon. Lawrence Brown, Mr. Scott Brown (phone), Ms. Deborah Cima, Hon. Sam Lavorato, Jr., Hon. Elizabeth Lee, Hon. Stephen V. Manley, Hon. Eileen C. Moore, Ms. Sharon Reilly, and Ms. Kulvindar "Rani" Singh.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Mr. Steve Binder, Mr. David Brooks, Ms. Wendy Broughton, Mr. Paul Shapiro, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Mack A. Jenkins, Hon. Richard Loftus, Jr., Ms. Jennifer Pabustan-Claar, Ms. Sharon Owsley, Undersheriff Randolph Peshon, Ms. Maria Rocha, Hon. Dylan Sullivan and Dr. Kathleen West.

Others Present: Ms. Kelly Cowger, Ms. Francine Byrne, Dr. Chelsie Bright, Hon. Charles Ervin, Ms. Tara Lundstrom, Ms. Marlies Perez, Ms. Sharon Reilly, Ms. Angelica Souza, Ms. Nancy Taylor, Ms. Charina Zalzos, and Ms. Carrie Zoller.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m., and took roll call.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-11)

Item 1

Hon. Richard Vlavianos, judge of the San Joaquin Superior Court welcomed everyone. There were no comments received from the public prior to this meeting.

Item 2

DUI Courts and DUI Court Program

Judge Vlavianos mentioned that California is a target state for DUI court expansion from NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration). The Multitrack new model has received a lot of attention and funding dollars. There will be a funding training around March or April of 2017 for up to five counties as part of the California strategic highway safety plan.

Kelly Cowger, Section Chief of the DUI/Criminal Justice of the Department of Health Care Services, gave an overview of DUI programs in the state. The Department of Health Care Services has the sole authority to license DUI programs in the state of California. They currently have 260 programs statewide and within

these programs they are licensed to do first offenders, multiple offenders being 18 months and 32 programs that do the 30-month program. The program identified five strategies: 1) Improve collaboration amongst stake holders; 2) Improving data collection and sharing of data; 3) Ensure DUI services comply with relevant statutes and regulations; 4) To provide curriculum and assessment objectives and best practices and; 5) to improve public safety to ongoing training and evaluation. Ms. Cowger also shared that the California Association of Driving under the Influence Treatment Program will have a Forum on Nov.10-11, 2016.

Item 3

Medicaid Waiver Program

Ms. Marlies Perez, Division Chief of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) – Substance Use Disorder Compliance Division, gave an overview of the DMC-ODS Pilot Program. The DMC-ODS Pilot Program is authorized and financed under the authority of the state's Medi-Cal 2020 waiver. Currently, 14 counties have received the waiver in California. The last phase of the program will be to include tribal partners to develop system like counties' system for tribal beneficiaries. Ms. Perez also mentioned that there are webinars and other sources of information available to learn about the waiver.

Item 4

Veterans' Subcommittee Report

Hon. Eileen C. Moore, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, discussed with the committee some important items that will benefit veterans. The California Courts public website will add this information on the Veteran's Court website.

Item 5

Funding Updates

Innovations Program Grant (2017-2020)

- Maureen Dumas, Judicial Council staff, provided an overview of this grant. 25 million dollars was approved for programs and services that promote innovative and efficient access to justice. This includes the development of new programs as well as the adoption of existing best practices from other courts. Deadline to apply for this grant in hard copy and electronic copy is *October 31st* by 5 p.m.
- Martha Wright, Judicial Council staff, gave an overview of the federal grants that are available and related to collaborative justice courts including USDOJ BJA Annual drug court grant, USDOJ OJJDP, SAMHSA CSAT. Also there is new state funding available: Innovations Grant and the Prop 47 grant, as well as formula discretionary funding grants like the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG), and OJJDP Title II. The funding opportunity funding committee BSCC ESCs is forming for JAG and OJJDP Title II.
- Nadine Blaschak-Brown, Judicial Council staff, gave an update on the Substance Abuse Focus Grant. The contracts for the fiscal year 2016-2017 have been disseminated to all the courts and we have been receiving the signed contracts; the contracts for the Dependency Drug Court Augmentation Grant will be sent later today.

Item 6

California Association of Collaborative Courts Report – Statewide Conference

Judge Manley, judge of the Santa Clara Superior Court, and Deb Cima, Treatment Court Coordinator from the San Bernardino Superior Court, gave an update on the upcoming California Association of Collaborative Courts Conference. The conference will be held on October 20-21, 2016 in Irvine, CA. Topics include Prop 47, impacts of PTSD, DWI treatment court, drugged driving, service diverse populations in drug court, TBI and Co-Occurring disorders. Ms. Cima announced the upcoming California Drug Court Coordinators Working Group on February 17, 2017 in Sacramento.

Item 7

Juvenile Subcommittee Report

- Judge Lee presented Phil Breitenbucher, director of the Children and Family Futures. He mentioned seven basic ingredients for a successful program to make a drug court work. Some of the issues that parents face include mental health problems, depression, less than high school diploma, inadequate housing, meth abusers, crack cocaine, opioid use disorder, previous child welfare involvement, etc. He recommended the counties to apply for federal funding: Administration for Children and Families (forecasted 500k plus for five years). The Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Agency will be releasing a solicitation for family drug court grant for a 300,000 range for 3 years. The Child Welfare League of America published that family drug court is the most effective program for parents who are part of the child welfare system affected by substance abuse.
- Jo Ann Allen thanked the Judicial Council Center for Families, Children and the Courts staff and gave an update on the annual California Youth Court Summit, which was held on June 23 – 25, 2016 at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Enrollment at the Youth Court Summit has tripled since it first began back in 2006 with attendance reaching over 300. The summit was acknowledged by the administrative director at the Judicial Council meeting in July. The next California Youth Court Summit will be held at the University of Redlands on June 22 – 24, 2017. The next Youth Court Regional Roundtable will be held on November 16, in Monterey, CA.
- Chris Cleary, Judicial Council staff gave an update on the Chief's Justice Keeping Kids in School Initiative. In 2017-18 the initiative will publish and distribute benchguides and cards for California juvenile court judges on all of the issues including education, the impact of trauma on learning behavior, attendance, chronic absence, expulsion/suspension, etc. Also trainings on those issues for the judges will be available through the Judicial Council. Additionally, in 2017 they will increase communication support for teams and interested individuals via social media present, a weekly e-mail blast, funding opportunities, dedicated website, etc.
- Dr. Amy Bacharach, Judicial Council staff, mentioned that the trafficking toolkit is being edited and it will go out to review and distributed among the committee before being published. The girls' court evaluation consists of the review of 80-100 files in a Star court in LA. She is also getting a comparison group among the participants for data collection and evaluation. This is the second major study done in the country; the first study for girls' court and human trafficking study was done in Hawaii. Juvenile collaborative Justice Court model briefing will be also available in the toolkit.

- Dr. Chelsie Bright, Judicial Council staff, gave an update on a juvenile delinquency system data that will be accessible to judicial officers and stakeholders. Disaggregated data will be available at the county level and with trend analysis. Also, interactive platform to look at comparisons at the state level and find statistics easily.

Item 8

Legislative Report

Sharon Reilly, Judicial Council staff, gave updates of new legislation including: AB1672, 24/7 sobriety program; AB1962, AB590, AB955, AB1046, SB1295, marijuana initiative, and SB1052.

Item 9

Mental Health Projects Update

Nancy Taylor, lead staff to the committee, mentioned that after the sunset of the Mental Health Issues Implementation task force the recommendations were distributed among some Judicial Council advisory bodies. As a result, a new position for a judge with mental health experience to join this committee was approved. Also, a Mental Health subcommittee was approved. The new members to join are: Judge Manley, Judge Brown, Judge Lavorato and Rani Singh. Nancy will ask for any additional committee members to join on the next committee call.

Item 10

Proposition 47 Research

Francine Byrne, Judicial Council staff, shared the impact of Proposition 47 on the criminal justice system based on the survey results conducted in partnership with the Center for Court Innovation and the California Association of Collaborative Courts. The survey was released in spring 2016 and it had a 74% response rate. Survey results indicate that the court response to Proposition 47 varied, a substantial majority (59%) made changes to the legal eligibility criteria by either expanding the criteria to include higher severity charge participants (28%), such as those with weapons charges, felony-level drug sales, misdemeanor DUI, or domestic violence charges; or to include lower-severity misdemeanor charges (31%) . Thirty one percent of the courts that responded indicated that they made no changes to eligibility criteria. In addition to the survey results, Ms. Byrne cited statistics that indicated that the incarcerated population and arrests have declined since Proposition 47 was enacted.

Item 11

Child Support/DMV Holds Project

Dr. Chelsie Bright gave a summary on Code for America – a non-profit organization that connects technology partners up with local government and state agencies to work to solve problems to integrate new or improved technology. The Judicial Council has been actively involved with counties to let them know about program opportunities. Approximately 10,000-child support related DMV holds in California every year are put in place. State DCSS is helping to map out the process at state and local levels to create a systematic process to obtain info and share it with individuals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on January 12, 2017.