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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 20, 2017

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

455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Richard Vlavianos, Hon. Rogelio T. Flores, Vice-Chair, Mr. Steve Binder, Mr. Scott D. Brown, Hon. Lawrence G. Brown, Mr. Richard Cota, Mr. Mark Gale, Hon. Kathleen Kelly, Hon. Sam Lavorato, Jr., Hon. Elizabeth Lee, Hon. Stephen V. Manley, Ms. Sharon Owsley, Undersheriff Randolph Peshon, Ms. Kulvinder "Rani" Singh, and Dr. Kathleen West.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Ms. Jo Ann Allen, Mr. David Brooks, Ms. Deborah Cima, Ms. Sharon Di Pirro-Beard, Mr. Chad Finke, Hon. Eileen C. Moore, Ms. Maria Rocha, Mr. Paul Shapiro, and Hon. Dylan Sullivan.

Others Present: Hon. Charles Ervin, Ms. Francine Byrne, Ms. Chelsie Bright, Ms. Jenie Chang, Ms. Charlene Depner, Ms. Tayryn Edwards, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Bonnie Hough, Mr. Octavio Jimenez, Ms. Tara Lundstrom, Ms. Danielle McCurry, Ms. Sharon Reilly, Mr. Michael Roosevelt, Ms. Angelica Souza, Ms. Donna Strobel, Ms. Nancy Taylor, 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. There were no public comments received prior to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS I-X)

Nancy Taylor, staff to the committee, announced her retirement at the end of December 2017.

Item I

Presiding Judges Meeting Report

Hon. Charles Ervin, Assisting Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Sierra County

Hon. Stephen V. Manley, Judge, Superior Court of Santa Clara County

Hon. Rogelio R. Flores, Judge, Superior Court of Santa Barbara County

Item II

Education Programs Updates

Michael Roosevelt, Senior Analyst from the Judicial Council Criminal Justice Services Office provided an overview of several trainings and webinars that were held recently, including a webinar series on Adult Drug Court Standards and a Veterans' Mentor Bootcamp. He also mentioned the upcoming Beyond the Bench conference to be held in San Diego, highlighting some workshops with topics relevant to the committee.

Action: The Beyond the Bench Conference Registration link and information will be sent to committee.

Item III

Policy Subcommittee Legislative Report

Sharon Reilly, Attorney from the Judicial Council Office of Governmental Affairs and Tara Lundstrom, Attorney from the Judicial Council Criminal Justice Services gave an overview on bills that were recently approved that impact collaborative courts.

Item IV

Juvenile Subcommittee Report

Hon. Elizabeth Lee, Judge of the Superior Court of San Mateo County gave a summary of the latest projects the subcommittee has been working on.

Chelsie Bright, Supervising Research Analyst, Judicial Council CFCC updated the committee on the publication of the Human Trafficking Toolkit and its implementation and developments on the STAR court evaluation.

Donna Strobel provided a brief summary of the 2017 Youth Court Summit, which was held in June, and also two Youth Court Regional Roundtables that were held in September and November.

Audrey Fancy, Supervising Attorney, provided an update on juvenile competency legislation that has been discussed by the Joint Juvenile Competency Issues Working Group, which was formed in 2014 with members from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee, and the Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force. This working group drafted legislation to amend Welfare and Institutions Code section 709, which the Judicial Council voted to sponsor in 2015. Assemblyman Obernolte introduced this as [AB 2695](#). On May 27, 2016, the legislation was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee in the suspense file. In 2017 Assemblyman Obernolte reintroduced the bill as [AB 689](#), on May 27, 2017 that bill was held in the suspense file.

However, Assemblyman Stone introduced [AB 935](#), a bill that also addresses competency and which ultimately incorporated the text developed by the working group. It is anticipated that Assemblymember Stone will introduce a similar bill in 2018 with changes designed to address the Governor's [veto message](#). Judge Elizabeth Lee spoke about the Human Trafficking toolkit that was completed. She thanked Dr. Amy Bacharach, Donna Strobel, and other staff who worked on this project.

Action: Research to be done with UCLA on information to be collected from Probation data regarding girls who participated in the STAR program and girls who did not. More human trafficking courts will be opening in Fresno, San Diego, and Sacramento.

Item V

Mental Health Subcommittee Report

Hon. Stephen V. Manley, Judge of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County gave a summary of the subcommittee latest plans.

Jenie Chang, Attorney from the Judicial Council CFCC gave a brief overview of the work of the subcommittee, including work on competency and the Stepping Up Initiative. Subcommittee members are working collaboratively with the Family and Juvenile Law Committee to develop and provide information on the psychotropic medications for juveniles and mental health treatment options.

Action: There will be a webinar on psychotropic medications for judges, as well the development of a manual, bench cards, or other materials. The subcommittee will be exploring the idea to centralize information in a website or a listserve for resources that contain best practices, promising practices, or other relevant information on mental health courts for judges to access this data.

Item VI

Collaborative Justice Funding

Marcela Eggleton, Supervising Analyst of the Judicial Council Special Projects gave an overview of the Innovation Grant and how it was distributed to the courts.

Bonnie Hough, Managing Attorney of the Judicial Council's Center for Families, Children and the Courts made a presentation on revisions to Code of Civil Procedure section 384 involving class action lawsuits. This statute provides that any unpaid or uncashed funds (known as cy pres) will be distributed as follows: 25% to the Judicial Council for distribution to the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot projects and Collaborative Courts grants; 25% to the Equal Access Fund to be distributed to legal aid agencies; 50% to be distributed to non-profit organizations to support projects that will benefit the class or similarly situated persons, or which address the underlying cause of action; child advocacy programs; or nonprofit organizations providing civil legal services to the indigent. It is uncertain how much money will be received under this new statute. As further information becomes available about the amount collected, staff will provide information for the committee to consider regarding allocations.

Nancy Taylor, Principal Manager of CFCC reminded the committee that the Substance Abuse Focus Grant funding provides a distribution infrastructure that can support the distribution of additional funding if it becomes available.

Action: The committee agreed that increasing the SAFG funds would be beneficial to all participating counties.

Item VII

Website Demo

Chelsie Bright gave an overview on the Veterans website and the alpha site developed with OpenCities. Staff will continue to experiment and test with the site with users to find better solutions for sharing collaborative court information and resources online to ensure a user-friendly experience.

Action: Chelsie will send link to the committee for any suggestions and ideas to make it user friendly and continue to improve the website user experience. <http://jcc.prelive.opencities.com/Home>

Item VIII

Risk/Needs Assessment

Francine Byrne, Manager introduced the presenters.

Scott Brown, Special Projects Manager from the Superior Court of San Diego County, gave a brief presentation on risk-need assessment and how it can improve justice; he also mentioned recidivism and the factors that lead up to it (prior criminal/violence history, drug involvement, and other factors).

Tara Lundstrom gave an overview on new Judicial Administration standard 4.35 to improve guidelines recommended by the Judicial Council.

Jane Pfeiffer, Senior Program Associate, Center for Children and Family Futures presented on the proper use of risk assessments in Dependency Drug Courts (DDC) and provided an overview on important differences in the use of the tools in DDCs and adult courts.

Item IX

Effective Treatment Segment

Kathleen West, MPH, Dr PH, UCLA Department of Social Welfare and USC Department of Preventive Medicine presented on Evidence Based Practices (EBP) in Treatment. Dr. West documented the scope of the problem of drug use in the United States, including increases in Opioid use and deaths. She outlined the steps in using an evidence based approach to addiction and emphasized specific EBPs, such as the use of Medically Assisted Treatment and conducting comprehensive assessments.

Item X

Homeless Court Study

Chelsie Bright and Holly Babe Faust updated the committee on the homeless court study currently underway. The report will provide an overview of current models across the state, along with information on the costs and benefits of homeless courts.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on February 28, 2018.