



Judicial Council of California

Collaborative Justice Courts
Advisory Committee

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COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE COURTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

August 23, 2023

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Lawrence G. Brown, Chair; Brian Bloom; Scott D. Brown; Aaron M. Buck; Crystal Davis; Debra Dugan; Mark Gale; Hon. Karla Kerlin; Hon. Sam Lavorato Jr.; Hon. Stephen V. Manley; Hon. Eileen C. Moore; Randy Peshon; Brandon Reilly; Hon. Charles Smiley III; and Rachel Solov.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Dr. Tony Hobson; Hon. Kathleen Kelly; Hon. Mary Kreber Varipapa; Veronica Lewis; Rebecca Marcus; Katie Mayeda; Kimberly McKinney; and Dr. Kathleen West

Others Present: Deanna Adams, Emily Chirk, Hon. Charles Ervin, Jeremy Merrick, Sharon Reilly, Cathy Wachter, Shannon Wallace, and Carrie Zoller

OPEN MEETING

Welcome and Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m., and Cathy Wachter took roll via Zoom for Government.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the July 26, 2023, Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 1-2)

Item 1

Update on 2023-24 Substance Abuse Focus Grants Methodology and Allocations

Carrie thanked everyone who came together and met separately to come up with a new funding methodology for the Substance Abuse Focus Grant. This new methodology is on the agenda for approval at the Judicial Council September 19 meeting. After approval, we will be doing the allocations by circulating orders to get the money and contracts out to the courts before the next Judicial Council meeting, which is in December.

Item 2

Update on Incompetent to Stand Trial Project

Deanna discussed how Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Solutions came from the 2022-23 State Budget. Some resources received include support for: Improve the Quality for Alienist Evaluations – in partnership with the Judicial Council, provides funding to support the focus of statewide training of evaluators to improve the quality of IST determinations and decisions regarding the need for medications. A few partners include Groundswell (a national organization comprised of psychiatrists and psychologists, many from universities who work with different states to train evaluators), Department of State Hospitals, and evaluators. Project staff will work with trial courts to see their needs for upcoming trainings and come back to the committee for feedback and guidance.

Key project components include evaluator training, judicial resources, and evaluator pipeline.

Anticipated Timeline: Fiscal year 2023-24 judicial and evaluator surveys, Evaluator Directory, new trainings start on November 15 and 16, 2023. In 2024, more surveys, resource and pipeline development, and tentative trainings set for March 2024. In 2025-26, surveys, refine and enhance resources, and trainings.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 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.

Action: No action required.

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 1:05 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on September 27, 2023.