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COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE COURTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VETERANS IN THE COURT AND MILITARY FAMILIES SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Friday, March 5, 2021

12.15 pm- 1.15 pm

Conference Call

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Eileen Moore (Chair), Mr. Steve Binder, Ms. Deb Cima, Ms. Nancy Taylor, and Ms Linda Benoit

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Mary Kreber Varipapa, Hon. Sam Lavorato, Hon. Stephen Manley, Mr. Michael Elliott, Ms Kacie Patton, Ms Mary Vergona, and Dr Kathleen West.

Others Present: Michael Roosevelt, Francine Byrne, Jenny Clarke, Carrie Zoller and Tareq Nazamy

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12.15 pm and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from December 3rd, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Discussion Items (I T E M S 1 - 3)

Item 1

Expanding Veterans Treatment Courts and Services to Latinx Veterans

- The subcommittee welcomed Mr. Anthony Noriega of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) who discussed the work of his organization with veterans and their belief that there remain barriers to Latinx veterans in the Courts.
- The subcommittee discussed the need for more data with regards to race and veterans and relying on anecdotal evidence from BIPOC veterans in this area. A Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) study of 7931 veterans who entered a VTC from 2011 to 2015 showed 65.7% were white, 26% were black and 8.3% other <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5776060/>

- The subcommittee noted that other Collaborative court programs do collect data on race and the case should be made that it is necessary here too. This amendment would have to be brought to the legislature.
- The subcommittee discussed issues that may prohibit BIPOC Veterans seeking VTC's as a resource. A discussion on Equality and Diversity is already part of the 2021 CACC conference.
- The subcommittee confirmed the form MIL 100 was adopted on January 1st 2021 and does not currently capture information on race.

Item 2

Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Strategic Plan

- **CACC Conference**
 - o The conference has been pushed back to September 2nd – 4th to hopefully allow for an in-person conference. A decision will be made in May as to the need for virtual components of the conference.
 - o There is a Veterans track at the conference and significant time blocks given to veteran's issues and discussions.
 - o There will be workshops on the 339 study and MIL 100.
- **Strategic Plan**
 - o All goals will be met by the conference date in September
 - o Continuing outreach to judicial officers and justice partners with information and training opportunities.
 - o Maintaining a list of Veterans Treatment Courts in conjunction with the Judicial Council
 - o VTC summit was postponed because of COVID-19 but items that were to be addressed at the summit are on the agenda at the conference.
 - o The website is live and continually updated. All information about the conference and training are on the website as well as being sent out by email to target groups.
 - o Working with Judicial Council staff to create a Listserv

Item 3

Educating CalVet staff

- This will be addressed at the next meeting

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.