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## COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE COURTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### VETERANS IN THE COURT AND MILITARY FAMILIES SUBCOMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Friday, June 11, 2021

12.15 pm- 1.15 pm

Conference Call

**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Eileen Moore (Chair), Hon. Mary Kreber Varipapa Mr. Steve Binder, Ms. Deb Cima, Ms., and Dr Kathleen West

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Sam Lavorato, Hon. Stephen Manley, Mr. Michael Elliott, Ms Kacie Patton, Ms Linda Benoit

**Others Present:** Michael Roosevelt, Francine Byrne, Jenny Clarke, Carrie Zoller and Tareq Nazamy, Nancy Taylor (CACC), Sharon Reilly

#### OPEN MEETING

##### Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12.17 pm and took roll call.

##### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 5th, 2021 were unanimously approved.

#### Discussion Items ( I T E M S 1 - 2 )

##### Item 1

##### Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Strategic Plan

###### - Strategic Plan

- All goals will be met by the conference date in September. The goals that remain outstanding are the Collaborative Association of Collaborative Court conference, and those that are ongoing e.g. maintaining and updating the CACC website.
- The subcommittee noted what a great resource the CACC website was and want to ensure the link goes out to all California Judges, highlighting the resources available.

###### - CACC Conference

- The subcommittee were given an update on the Veterans track programs that will be available during the 2021 conference, being held in Monterey on September 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>.

These include information on law, policy and court procedure sessions, wellness activities, and treatment and services.

- A separate email will be sent to interested parties specifically identifying Veterans programs.

## Item 2

### Inviting Dr. Jack Tsai and Dr. Andrea Finlay to September's subcommittee meeting

- The Chair was made aware of a research article written by Dr. Jack Tsai, Dr. Finlay and others. The article, [\*Diversion of Veterans with Criminal Justice Involvement to Treatment Courts: Participant Characteristics and Outcomes\*](#), is of great relevance to our subcommittee and to the work of many of its members.
- The subcommittee discussed the concerns of the previous guest, Mr. Anthony Noriega of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) who discussed his concerns that there remain barriers to LatinX veterans in the Courts, but the subcommittee could not comment on this point as there were few race and ethnicity statistics to reference.
- The subcommittee agreed to invite Dr. Tsai and Dr. Finlay to the next subcommittee meeting. The Chair asked the subcommittee to consider questions they would like to pose and forward them to JCC staff to be sent to the guests ahead of the next meeting

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## ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 12.55pm

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## CLOSED SESSION

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### Item 1

**Closed under rule 10.75(d)(10) Closed sessions**

**Pending Legislation**

**SB763: Sentencing: members of military: trauma**

Action: Information Only

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## ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business in the closed meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1.12 pm.

Minutes approved by the subcommittee on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.