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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

August 19, 2014
12:00 - 12:30 pm
Teleconference

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Robert Dondero, Chair; Hon. Theodore Weathers, Vice-Chair; Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab; Hon. Mary Thornton House; Hon. Mark A. Juhas; Hon. Rebecca S. Riley; Hon. Ronald B. Robie; and Hon. Arthur A. Wick

Advisory Body Members Absent: Mr. Michael Roddy and Ms. Tammy Grimm

Others Present: Dr. Diane E. Cowdrey; Hon. Marla Anderson; Ms. Kathryn Brooks; Mr. Gavin Lane; Mr. Barry Harding; Ms. Suzette LaCivita; Mr. Eugene Kim, and Ms. Wynne Nielsen

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm, and the CJER Executive Secretary took roll call.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1

Review and Close Out of the 2012 – 2014 Education Plan – (Action Required)

Description of Item Discussed

a) The Governing Committee reviewed the recently concluded two year education plan in preparation for presentation to the Judicial Council later this year, including a review of a cover sheet which summarizes the delivery of the various educational products, including live statewide, regional, and local programs, broadcasts, online courses, webinars, and publications. The final plan and summary were reviewed and approved, and there being no further discussion, the 2012 – 2014 Education Plan will be presented to the Judicial Council at a future date.

- Justice Robert L. Dondero, Chair, CJER Governing Committee

- Dr. Diane E. Cowdrey, Director, Center for Judiciary Education and Research

Action: a motion was made to close out the 2012 -2014 Education Plan; all approved; and the Plan was closed.

Item 2

Survey Results from Evaluation of CJER Programs and Products – (Action Required)

Description of Item Discussed

A review and discussion of the survey results from the recent “Evaluation of CJER Programs and Products” report was led by Dr. Cowdrey. The survey asked judges what their preferences were regarding various aspects of the education services CJER provides to them, including information on the length of live courses; how frequently online publications and resources were used, etc. Online publications were highly ranked as being frequently used. Survey respondent narrative comments also reflected a high regard for judicial education and that networking at live programs is important to the judges. Dr. Cowdrey said that CJER attorneys are working with Curriculum Committees to respond to comments and suggestions from the survey which will be used to enhance judicial education. In sum, the survey revealed that virtually all judges use judicial education resources, need CJER’s services, and appreciated the importance of live education.

- Dr. Diane E. Cowdrey, Director, Center for Judiciary Education and Research

Action: a motion was made to present the survey, “Evaluation of CJER Programs and Products” to the Judicial Council in September; and to also send the survey to the trial court Presiding Judges; all approved and the motion was adopted.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36.