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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

November 15, 2016

12:15 - 1:45 p.m.

Web Ex

**Advisory Body
Members Present:**

Hon. Theodore M. Weathers, Hon. Mary Thornton House, Mr. Alex Calvo, Ms. Mary Majich Davis, Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab, Hon. Janet Gaard, Hon. Mark A. Juhas, Hon. Jackson Lucky, Hon. Darrell S. Mavis, Hon. Rebecca S. Riley, Dr. Cindy Van Schooten, Hon. Arthur A. Wick, Hon. Elizabeth Macias, Hon. Michael Groch, Dr. Diane E. Cowdrey, Mr. Gavin Lane, Ms. Karene Alvarado, Ms. Rhonda Sharbono, Ms. Susan Carroll

**Advisory Body
Members Absent:**

Hon. Richard Huffman, Mr. Martin Hoshino, Mr. Kevin Lane, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Hon. Patricia M. Lucas

Others Present:

Mary Ann Koory, , Eugene Kim, Adetunji Oludne, Jason Mayo, Wynne Nielsen, Kristine Van Dorsten, Lynn Muscat

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the August 22, 2016, Governing Committee of the Center for Judicial Education and Research meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEMS 1)

Item 11 Closeout of 2014-16 Education Plan

Review of the draft 2016-2018 Education Plan (Judge Weathers, Curriculum Committee Chairs and Governing Committee liaisons)

Judge Weathers explained that the final numbers on the 2014-2016 Education Plan have been tabulated and the first page shows the completion rate of each set of programs and products. The overall completion rate for the plan (excluding publications) was 75%. Last year, the overall completion rate was 71%.

Looking at the live, face-to-face programs, the plan called for 152 separate statewide courses – these range from the Judicial College to a two-day felony sentencing course to a week-long Court Clerk Training Institute. He noted that CJER held 137 of these, which is a 90% completion rate. This is something to be very proud of.

Regional courses did not have as high of a completion rate. Some were cancelled due to low enrollment, and CJER learned that it's better to schedule two separate regional courses rather than three. Compared to last year, the rate of completion for regional court staff courses improved from 32% completed to 50% completed in this plan.

In terms of distance education, the completion rates were comparable to last year's, although slightly lower. The number of webinars scheduled in this plan increased from 34 to 64, although many were cancelled during the year. The Criminal Law Curriculum Committee requested that many of these be cancelled early in the plan cycle.

Updates to publications and online courses was completed at a 60% rate, primarily because there were staff shortages during the past education plan. CJER was short at least one attorney during most of the education plan, and once they were fully staffed with attorneys, they found that there not sufficient staff to do the editing work. Currently, there is a temporary editor to help close the gap.

The CJER Governing Committee is submitting this report to the Executive and Planning Committee in the next month.

Judge House commented that she was happy to see so much compliance and improvement in completion rate.

Dr. Cowdrey explained that the bottom of the first page showed the various reasons for cancellations and lack of finding was not highest; that in many cases it was faculty unavailability

Dr. Van Schooten questioned if there was any take away to use in this current plan on how to find more faculty? She also noted that she would be happy to assist in recruiting faculty in future.

Dr. Cowdrey addressed this question by saying that in the current plan the committees reduced the number of regional courses. There is no problem finding faculty for statewide events so in some cases the committees decided in a change of delivery for content.

Judge Weathers commented that in last plan, there was difficulty finding faculty for probate programs, and the Governing Committee helped provide suggestions.

Dr. Cowdrey noted that the Governing Committee could add a topic for another meeting on recruiting faculty for judicial and staff side.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.