



DATA ANALYTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

September 25, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs, Chair; Hon. Thomas Kuhnle, Vice-Chair; Hon. Tara M. Desautels; Mr. Brandon Henson; Mr. Sharif Elmallah; Ms. Nocona Soboleski; Mr. David Yamasaki; Dr. Bryan Borys; Mr. Darren Dang; Mr. Christopher Roman; Mr. Travis Trapp

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Lawrence R. Riff; Mr. Darrel E. Parker; Mr. Jake Chatters

Others Present: Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin; Ms. Kristin Greenaway; Mr. Nicholas Armstrong; Mr. Mustafa Sagir; Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic; Ms. Alaina Neuburger

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and Mr. Nicholas Armstrong took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the May 3, 2024, Data Analytics Advisory Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1

Clusters: Introduction: Project Re-direct from FMS/TCBAC

Presenter(s): Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Supervising Research Analyst

Ms. Greenaway discussed the four-cluster system for trial courts, which groups courts based on size. The discussion covered the history of the system, the metrics used for clustering, and its application in the RAS model and Workload Formula. Authorized Judicial Positions (AJP) is used as the clustering metric because of its stability compared to other measures and that it is also highly correlated with metrics such as Assessed Judicial Need, RAS FTE Need, filings, and population.

The committee suggested implementing a policy to include periodic review of the cluster assignments to avoid the need for formal ARP submissions when/if changes occur. The group emphasized the importance of educating stakeholders and documenting how other relevant metrics produce similar outcomes. The committee also suggested using a more filings-driven metric may provide greater consistency with other workload model components.

Action:

None

Item 2**RAS: Work Year Value (WYV) Review**

Presenter(s): Mr. Nicholas Armstrong, Senior Research Analyst
Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Supervising Research Analyst

Mr. Armstrong discussed the history, calculation, and potential need to change inputs in the Work Year Value (WYV) calculation—an important component of the RAS model in estimating FTE need. The data presented relied on leave information from a handful of courts and did not include data from the Time Study as that data was not yet available. The Time Study data has been used previously to establish a WYV.

The committee emphasized that a larger sample size is necessary to calculate a WYV and that a policy should be established outlining the methodology for determining the WYV. The committee emphasized that parameters should be clearly defined to avoid variations in how individual courts calculate leave data. Also, the committee suggested that CEAC might be an avenue for reaching out to the courts to request leave data. The discussion also highlighted the importance of understanding the nuances of different leave categories and how individual court policies can impact leave.

Action:

None

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEMS 1–3)

Item 1**RAS: Time Study Update**

Presenter(s): Mr. Nicholas Armstrong, Senior Research Analyst

Mr. Armstrong provided an update on the RAS time study conducted in August 2024, which is now in the data analysis phase. Participation rates were highlighted, with 15 courts achieving an average weekly participation rate of 90% or higher, and 13 courts exceeding 95%. The group discussed the potential benefit of including focus groups with court leadership to provide broader context for the data. Additionally, it was suggested that courts should have the option to opt in to share their caseweights, allowing for comparisons with other courts.

Item 2**Data Summit: Judicial Officers**

Presenter(s): Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Chief Data and Analytics Officer

Ms. Rose-Goodwin gave an update on the upcoming Data Summit for Judicial Officers scheduled for October 23-25. Registration will open soon, with the agenda to be shared prior to the event. This event is for judicial officers only. It was suggested by the group that a notification of topics be sent out in advance, allowing court staff to prepare for any questions they may receive.

Item 3**Legislatively-mandated Reports**

Presenter(s): Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Supervising Research Analyst

Ms. Greenaway discussed two legislatively mandated reports that will be submitted in November: 1) the 77001.5 Standards and Measures report, which mostly references other existing reports, and 2) the Judicial Needs Assessment (JNA), which is reported every two years highlighting judicial needs in the trial courts. A suggestion on a separate legislative report (SB 154 report on Trial Court Operational Metrics due in February) was brought up specifying the committee to revisit the definition of "backlog" since a final definition has not yet been agreed upon. Additionally, the need for an itemized work plan for the committee was discussed, with the intention of making it shareable to all committee members.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m..

Approved by the advisory body on enter date.