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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

April 8, 2021
12:15-1:15 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: *Hon. Abby Abinanti, Co-chair*, Hon. Erin Alexander, Hon. Gail Dekreon, Hon. Leonard Edwards (Ret.), Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Kristina Kalka, Hon. Lawrence King, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Ms. Merri Lopez-Keifer, Hon. Delia Sharpe, Hon. Cindy Smith, Hon. Sunshine Sykes, Hon. Mark Vezzola, Hon. Christine Williams.

Advisory Body Members Absent: *Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, Cochair*, Hon. Richard Blake, Hon. April Attebury, Hon. Hilary Chittick, Hon. Leona Colegrove, Hon. Gregory Elvine-Kreis, Hon. Patricia Guerrero, Ms. Heather Hostler, Commissioner Jayne Lee, Hon. Gilbert Ochoa, Hon. Michael Sachs, Ms. Christina Snider, Hon. Robert Trentacosta, Hon. Juan Ulloa, Hon. Claudette White, Hon. Joseph Wiseman.

Others Present: Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Kimberly Cluff, Ms. Charline Depner, Ms. Ann Gilmour, Ms. Andi Liebenbaum, Ms. Amanda Morris, Mr. Tom Lidot, Ms. Leah Lujan.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The co-chairs called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Forum approved the February 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Judge Lawrence King, seconded by Judge Sunshine Sykes.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Info 1

Co-Chairs Report

The Forum approved the February 11, 2021 meeting minutes

Forum members were updated on the status of the 2021 annual agenda by Ann Gilmour.

Info 2

Upcoming Tribal Justice Collaborative Events

Presenters: Tom Lidot (Tlingit), Tribal Liaison for the Tribal Justice Collaborative of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Tom Lidot, tribal liaison for the Tribal Justice Collaborative of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute extended an invitation to Forum members to the Central California Judges Dinner (held virtually). The Invitation to register for the event will be shared with the Judicial Council to send to Forum members. Tom also introduced his new team member Leah Lujan, tribal liaison for central California, to the Forum members.

Info 3

Annual Agenda – Truth and Healing Project Discussion

Presenter: Cochair, All

Forum members discussed the Truth and Healing Project, an item on the annual agenda, and upcoming projects/events associated with the project.

It was mentioned that all California State courts, and particularly trial courts are supposed to have a local committee on bias and the Truth and Healing Project can dovetail with those committees. A new subcommittee was proposed to move this project forward.

C L O S E D S E S S I O N I T E M (I T E M 1)

Item 1

Legislation

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Pending approval by the advisory body on _____.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda¹—2021

Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: March 11, 2021

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Richard Vlavianos, Chair, Judge, Superior Court of San Joaquin County Hon. Lawrence G. Brown, Vice-Chair, Judge, Superior Court of Sacramento County
Lead Staff:	Ms. Francine Byrne, Principal Manager, Criminal Justice Services Ms. Carrie Zoller, Supervising Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts
<p>Committee’s Charge/Membership:</p> <p>Rule 10.56 of the California Rules of Court charges the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee (CJCAC) to make recommendations to the Judicial Council on criteria for identifying and evaluating collaborative justice courts and for improving the processing of cases in these courts, which include drug courts, mental health courts, domestic violence courts, youth courts, and other collaborative justice courts. Those recommendations include ‘best practices’ guidelines and methods for collecting data to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of collaborative justice courts.</p> <p>Additional duties included under rule 10.56(b):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assess and measure success and effectiveness of local collaborative justice courts;2. Identify and disseminate to trial courts locally generated best practices;3. Recommend minimum judicial education standards and educational activities to support those standards to the Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee;4. Advise the council of potential funding sources;5. Make recommendations regarding grant funding programs that are administered by the Judicial Council staff for drug courts and other treatment courts; and6. Recommend appropriate outreach activities needed to support collaborative justice courts. <p>Rule 10.56(c) sets forth the membership position of the committee. The committee currently has 23 members (nine judicial officers, two court administrators, one district attorney, one criminal defense attorney, one law enforcement officer, one treatment court</p>	

¹ The annual agenda outlines the work a committee will focus on in the coming year and identifies areas of collaboration with other advisory bodies and the Judicial Council staff resources.

coordinator, one probation officer, one treatment provider, one treatment court graduate, one representative from the mental health field, one social services representative, one non-profit community organization representative, and two public members). The current committee [roster](#) is available on the committee's web page.

Subcommittees/Working Groups²:

1. Juvenile Subcommittee
2. Mental Health Subcommittee
3. Veterans in the Courts and Military Families Subcommittee
4. Driving Under the Influence Subcommittee (proposed)

Meetings Planned for 2021³ (Advisory body and all subcommittees and working groups)

1. Full in-person committee meeting in fall 2021, if possible
2. Teleconferences every other month
3. Subcommittee meetings as needed

Check here if exception to policy is granted by Executive Office or rule of court.

² California Rules of Court, rule 10.30 (c) allows an advisory body to form subgroups, composed entirely of current members of the advisory body, to carry out the body's duties, subject to available resources, with the approval of its oversight committee.

³ Refer to [Operating Standards for Judicial Council Advisory Bodies](#) for governance on in-person meetings.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

#	New or One-Time Projects ⁴	
1.	Project Title: Data Collection and Information Management System Needs Assessment for Adult Collaborative Justice Courts (New)	Priority⁵ 1
		Strategic Plan Goal⁶ III, VI
<p>Project Summary⁷: CJCAC members will provide subject matter expertise in the development of a statewide collaborative justice court data and information management needs assessment. Funded through a federal grant, the assessment will identify common data elements and outcome measures that are currently being collected and will lay the foundation for future projects aimed at standardizing collaborative justice courts data throughout the state. Project staff will write an internal CJCAC report summarizing findings from needs assessment, documenting current processes, and the most significant data-related needs.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Report will be developed by December 2021.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: This work will be supported by a federal Department of Justice/ Bureau of Justice Assistance grant.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: None.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: None.</p>		

⁴ All proposed projects for the year must be included on the Annual Agenda. If a project implements policy or is a program, identify it as *implementation* or a *program* in the project description and attach the Judicial Council authorization/assignment or prior approved Annual Agenda to this Annual Agenda.

⁵ For non-rules and forms projects, select priority level 1 (must be done) or 2 (should be done). For rules and forms proposals, select one of the following priority levels: 1(a) Urgently needed to conform to the law; 1(b) Urgently needed to respond to a recent change in the law; 1(c) Adoption or amendment of rules or forms by a specified date required by statute or council decision; 1(d) Provides significant cost savings and efficiencies, generates significant revenue, or avoids a significant loss of revenue; 1(e) Urgently needed to remedy a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public; 1(f) Otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk; 2(a) Useful, but not necessary, to implement statutory changes; 2(b) Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives.

⁶ Indicate which goal number of [The Strategic Plan for California's Judicial Branch](#) the project most closely aligns.

⁷ A key objective is a strategic aim, purpose, or "end of action" to be achieved for the coming year.

#	New or One-Time Projects⁴	
2.	Project Title: Communication Plan and Virtual Workspace Development for Collaborative Justice Courts (New)	Priority⁵ 1 Strategic Plan Goal⁶ III, VI
<p>Project Summary⁷: In order to foster communication between CJCAC, the Judicial Council, and local collaborative justice courts, a communication plan and virtual workspace will be developed. This project will be informed by successful and well-received responses to interactive webinars and increased communication protocols and promising practices developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Fall 2021.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: This work will be supported by a federal Department of Justice grant.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Judicial Council Information Technology.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: None.</p>		
3.	Project Title: Review California Rules of Court, Rule 10.56 to Ensure the CJCAC Charge Adequately Serves Collaborative Court Model Programs and Participants that Struggle with Behavioral Health Issues.(New)	Priority⁵ 1 Strategic Plan Goal⁶ IV
<p>Project Summary⁷: California Rules of Court, rule 10.56 establishing the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee was originally adopted in 2000. Numerous program and policy changes have occurred since then, including the implementation of a variety of diversion programs that incorporate many collaborative justice elements. This project involves assessing and potentially recommending revisions to the committee charge to ensure that the courts and the public are appropriately supported by the committee.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: If the committee determines that changes are warranted, the draft rule to be submitted in the 2021 rules cycle.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p>		

#	New or One-Time Projects⁴	
	<p><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> None.</p> <p><i>AC Collaboration:</i> Rules Committee.</p>	
4.	<p>Project Title: Helping Juvenile Collaborative Courts Respond to the Mental Health Needs of the COVID-19 Pandemic (New)</p>	<p>Priority⁵ 1</p>
	<p>Strategic Plan Goal⁶ IV</p> <p><i>Project Summary⁷:</i> To help juvenile courts better meet changing and growing mental health needs, develop a comprehensive resource guide that will address areas from prefiling/restorative justice resources, though collaborative court juvenile mental health courts, to traditional delinquency proceedings, that will incorporate resources for family centered processes, and access to trauma services.</p> <p><i>Status/Timeline:</i> Fall 2021.</p> <p><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> None.</p> <p><i>AC Collaboration:</i> None.</p>	
5.	<p>Project Title: STAR Court Evaluation</p>	<p>Priority⁵ 1</p>
	<p>Strategic Plan Goal⁶ IV</p> <p><i>Project Summary⁷:</i> Project will examine the efficacy of applied collaborative court principles in juvenile court by completing a study on innovative, emerging court types addressing human trafficking cases in juvenile court. The Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience (STAR) Court in Los Angeles, one of the first juvenile collaborative courts in the state designed to address the needs of commercially sexually exploited children, will be evaluated. The committee will provide guidance identifying issues of relevance and review the report. The projects fulfill the committee charge and Judicial Council partnerships with policymaking bodies, including the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the Child Welfare Council’s Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Action Team Committee.</p>	

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	<p>Status/Timeline: STAR Court Evaluation draft completion date: June 2021. STAR Court Evaluation distribution date: December 2021.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources The project, including staff costs, is partially funded by external funding for collaborative courts and mental health. No additional fiscal impact to Judicial Council staffing is anticipated.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Violence Against Women Project, trial courts, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, and the Child Welfare Council's CSEC Action Team Committee.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and Violence Against Women Education Project.</p>	
6.	Project Title: Establish Driving Under the Influence Subcommittee (New)	Priority⁵ 2
	<p>Strategic Plan Goal⁶ IV</p> <p>Project Summary⁷: Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Courts have proven to be effective in reducing recidivism among the highest risk DUI drivers. This project will involve implementation of a DUI subcommittee of CJCAC members to identify promising DUI court practices and models; develop relationships at the county, state and national level to encourage the widespread implementation of DUI courts; and leverage existing resources and partnerships to develop educational programming in the area. The creation of the subcommittee will allow the CJCAC to more easily access training and technical assistance resources available through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the California Office of Traffic Safety.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: The subcommittee will be established by April 15, 2021, and will be ongoing.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and California Office of Traffic Safety.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: TBD.</p>	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities⁴	
1.	Project Title: Parolee Reentry Court Grant Allocations	Priority⁵ 1
		Strategic Plan Goal⁶ IV
<p>Project Summary⁷: Continue the work of the Parolee Reentry Court program that distributes approximately \$1.1 million from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) through the Judicial Council to six parolee reentry courts. Funding for the project is reevaluated annually by CDCR. This project will involve the identification of potential longer term, ongoing funding to assist parolee reentry courts in program planning in future years.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Current funding will expire June 30, 2021.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Approximately \$1.1 million is allocated to the courts and judicial council to implement the program. Resources include council staff from Branch Accounting and Procurement.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: None.</p>		
2.	Project Title: Substance Abuse Focus Grant Allocations	Priority⁵ 1
		Strategic Plan Goal⁶ IV
<p>Project Summary⁷: Make recommendations to, and carry out the directives of the Judicial Council regarding allocations and administration of the Collaborative Justice Substance Abuse Focus Grant (SAFG), a legislatively mandated grant program, distributing funds from the State budget that are earmarked for collaborative and drug court projects and are available to support local collaborative justice and drug courts throughout California, as well as supplementing dependency drug courts with federal funding from the Court Improvement Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to the Judicial Council on grant activities. • Recommend to the Judicial Council grant allocations to local courts based on the Judicial Council approved allocation methodology; • Review biannual reports regarding funding distribution, invoicing, and deliverables reports from local courts; 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend methods of allocation and grants administration for next annual funding cycle; and • Identify methods to increase funding through the SAFG program. <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Funded through external earmarked funding for collaborative and drug courts. Resources include council staff from the Judicial Council’s Branch Accounting and Procurement.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts, collaborative court coordinators, and California Association of Youth Courts.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: None.</p>	
3.	<p>Project Title: Assist Local Courts to Obtain Funding and In-Kind Assistance, such as Federal or State Grants for Local Collaborative Court Projects</p>	<p>Priority⁵ 1</p> <hr/> <p>Strategic Plan Goal⁶ VII</p>
	<p>Project Summary⁷: Distribute information on grants and other funding opportunities and assist local courts, upon their request, to obtain funding and other assistance for local collaborative court projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify funding and support efforts to increase funding for courts in collaboration with partners that may include, but are not limited to, the California State Legislature, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Juvenile Court Improvement Program, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance to support existing and planned collaborative courts; • Assist local courts in identifying appropriate federal grant opportunities and preparing applications for funding of collaborative courts through the federal funding cycle; and • Share findings from collaborative court outcome and cost studies as well as compiled reports and studies from local collaborative courts with collaborative court coordinators in quarterly meetings to assist local courts in seeking local, federal, and private funding. <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p>	

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	<p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local collaborative courts, California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Association of Youth Courts, National Center for State Courts, and Center for Court Innovation.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: None.</p>	
4.	Project Title: Veterans and Military Families: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices	Priority⁵ 1
	<p>Strategic Plan Goal⁶ IV</p> <p>Project Summary⁷: Identify priority policy issues and best practices regarding Veterans and Military Families in areas such as legislation tracking, continued implementation of the MIL-100 form, and continued support for the Veterans Treatment Court Strategic plan developed in coordination with the Center for Court Innovation and the California Association of Collaborative Courts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support development and implementation of a statewide strategic plan that will improve court responses for veterans and military families; • Continue work and support toward implementing legislation regarding court involved veterans and military families; • Leverage education programs to disseminate training materials, resources, and education job aids to assist judges, court staff, and veterans’ stakeholders to better serve justice involved veterans and military families; • Update and review Veterans Treatment Courts roster to ensure accuracy of information; • Coordinate with system partners including, American Bar Association, the State Bar, Department of Veterans Affairs, California Department of Veterans Affairs, local veterans’ agencies, veterans’ advocacy groups, veterans’ groups and homeless groups to follow trends and developments regarding court involved veterans’ and military families, and to seek opportunities to collaborate in providing education and resources to court staff and partners; and • Research and provide training and information on the website related to best practices for serving special veteran populations such as improving treatment and case processing outcomes for women veterans and military families in our courts, information on helping veterans who do not receive VA benefits due being less than honorably discharged from the military because of their sexual orientation, and ways to help address the unique challenges faced by older veterans. <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p>	

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	<p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Staff partially funded through external earmarked funding for collaborative and drug courts. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts and California Association of Collaborative Courts, and Center for Court Innovation.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Advisory Committee.</p>	
5.	Project Title: Juvenile Collaborative Justice Courts: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices	Priority⁵ 1
	<p>Strategic Plan Goal⁶ IV</p> <p>Project Summary⁷: Identify priority policy issues and best practices regarding juvenile collaborative justice courts in areas such as juvenile mental health courts, truancy, youth courts, trafficking, girls’ court, and delinquency and dependency drug court. Continue to assist in efforts to address juvenile competency through legislation and implementation of policy changes in this area. Continue work in support of youth and peer courts, including dissemination of the recently published Youth Court Toolkit, holding the annual Youth Summit in partnership with the California Association of Youth Courts, and hold youth court roundtables to provide local assistance to courts seeking to implement or improve their peer court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide subject matter expertise and guidance by developing and maintaining updates of briefing papers on evidence-based practices on assessments, juvenile collaborative courts, and human trafficking; • Create webinars and other online education that will assist judicial officers, court staff, attorneys, and others working in juvenile collaborative courts; • Support local efforts to provide appropriate mental health screenings and medication assessments; • Continue to provide subject matter expertise on educational and training programs that focus on substance use disorders and enhanced educational support in delinquency and dependency cases; • Assist in branch coordination efforts to address permanency for children in foster care by providing subject matter expertise and guidance to promote and expand the use of Dependency Drug Courts as a best practice model; • Provide education and technical assistance in the area of the needs of homeless youth; and • Hold a youth court track at the biennial Beyond the Bench conference for youth and adults. 	

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	<p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Funded through external earmarked funding for collaborative and drug courts. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts and California Association of Collaborative Courts, and California Association of Youth Courts.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: CJER Advisory Committee.</p>	
6.	Project Title: Mental Health: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices	Priority⁵ 1
	<p>Strategic Plan Goal⁶ IV</p> <p>Project Summary⁷: Identify priority policy issues and best for improving court responses to individuals with mental illness in the court system through legislation tracking, continued support for education, research, and the improved dissemination of information as outlined below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track, review and comment on proposed legislation that impacts mental health in adult criminal, family law, dependency, and juvenile justice cases; Identify emerging mental health legislation, policies, and best practices in areas such as competency restoration, conservatorship and Lanterman-Petris-Short Act cases to advocate for improvements, as appropriate. • Track, review and comment, as appropriate, on all proposed rules and regulations of State departments and agencies that relate to mentally ill individuals in the courts. • Continue to support education, research, and the improved dissemination of information including increasing the accessibility and relevancy of mental health resources on the California Courts website. • Assist in identifying emerging issues and needs for litigants with mental health issues, such as accommodation needs, issues related to incompetence to stand trial, informed consent and confidentiality, and serving veterans and military families. • Identify opportunities for collaboration with mental health stakeholders, programs, and initiatives (e.g., Stepping Up Initiative, Words to Deeds conference, Forensic Mental Health Association of California). • Continue to implement relevant and outstanding recommendations from the Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force as assigned by the Judicial Council in response to the report submitted at the December 11, 2015 Judicial Council meeting. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in researching, identifying, and developing strategies to address needs for litigants with mental health issues including Traumatic Brain Injury, cognitive delays, dementia, and other intellectual deficiencies, as appropriate. <p><i>Status/Timeline:</i> Ongoing.</p> <p><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i> This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> Local courts and California Association of Collaborative Courts and California Association of Youth Courts.</p> <p><i>AC Collaboration:</i> None.</p>	
7.	<p>Project Title: Conduct Multidisciplinary Education to Support Effective Practices and Beneficial Outcomes in Collaborative Justice Courts; Identify and Distribute Information on New or Pending Policy Changes</p>	<p>Priority⁵ 2</p> <hr/> <p>Strategic Plan Goal⁶ V</p>
	<p><i>Project Summary⁷:</i> Develop and execute educational and training programs that supports the development of effective practices and beneficial outcomes in collaborative courts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with justice system partners on training activities. Partners may include the California Association of Collaborative Courts, the Council of State Governments, County Behavioral Health Director Association, Council of Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, National Drug Court Institute Justice for Vets, the California Association of Youth Courts, the Department of Veterans Affairs, California Judges Association, and the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, and ABA Judicial Committee on Human Trafficking. Work with the CJER Advisory Committee to make recommendations for and assist in implementation of judicial and multidisciplinary education curricula in the area of collaborative justice. This includes providing guidance to committee staff regarding preparation of collaborative justice related educational toolkits and job aids and identification of faculty. Distribute information on effective practices through regular webinars, and hosting list-servs for collaborative court and mental health professionals. <p><i>Status/Timeline:</i> Ongoing.</p>	

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	<p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts, State Bar, Department of Veterans Affairs, California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Association of Youth Courts, Homeless Court Network, National Drug Court Institute, Center for Court Innovation, and National Center for State Courts</p> <p>AC Collaboration: CJER Advisory Committee and curriculum committees in criminal law, family and juvenile law, and probate and mental health law.</p>	
8.	<p>Project Title: Act as Resource to Identify Challenges and Opportunities Related to Developing Court Responses for Individuals with Behavioral Health Issues</p>	<p>Priority⁵ 2</p> <hr/> <p>Strategic Plan Goal⁶ IV</p>
	<p>Project Summary⁷: Upon request, the committee will act as a resource to ensure that the unique needs and challenges of arrested individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues are considered when pretrial diversion programs are implemented and when court responses to the homelessness and mental health crises are developed and provide input to policy makers. Activities may include identifying potential trainings or faculty to educate judicial officers on these issues and creating resources to assist judicial officers in identifying and accessing services for individuals, where appropriate.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Project will continue throughout 2021.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: None.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Chief Justice’s Work Group on Homelessness.</p>	

III. LIST OF 2020 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	COVID-19 response: Developed and hosted two interactive virtual summits enabling courts to discuss challenges and develop innovative responses during the COVID-19 pandemic shut down and resultant budget cuts. Eighty-six registrants representing 24 counties participated in these events.
2.	COVID-19 response: Created web space to provide COVID-19 specific resources for collaborative courts and other stakeholders the address challenges facing court involved individuals with behavioral health issues during the pandemic.
3.	Homeless and Community Courts: Published the Homeless and Community Court Blueprint , which is intended to assist local jurisdictions interested in starting or expanding a homeless or community court program by providing an overview of the different court types and highlighting examples of effective approaches.
4.	Veterans Treatment Courts: Hosted virtual summit to review the Veterans Treatment Court strategic plan and develop implementation process. Submitted final report to Legislature on Veterans Treatment Court Assessment . The report documented processes and outcome of Veterans Treatment Courts throughout California.
5.	Training for Mental Health Diversion: Developed regional summits for county teams to assist in implementation of mental health diversion program set forth in AB 1810. One training was conducted in person in January, while two additional trainings were conducted virtually. Approximately 175 people representing 28 counties participated in these trainings. Trainings were conducted in partnership with the Council of State Government, Council of Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health, and the County Behavioral Health Directors Association.
6.	Information on funding: Created the Mental Health Services Act Information Sheet: A Guide for Courts to Access Funding and the MHSA Funding Webinar to help courts better understand how to access Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding.
7.	Youth Court Roundtable: With the California Association of Collaborative courts, cosponsored two youth court roundtables on innovative practices for holding remote youth court sessions.
8.	Girls' Court Research: Published the Girls' Court and CSEC Court Model Briefing which provides an overview of girls' courts and courts designed to meet the needs of commercially sexually exploited children of all genders.