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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REVENUE & EXPENDITURE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

December 14, 2015
10:08 a.m. to 3:22 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Laurie M. Earl (Co-Chair), Hon. Barry P. Goode, Hon. James E. Herman, Hon. Cynthia Ming-mei Lee, Hon. Paul M. Marigonda, and Hon. Winifred Younge Smith

Executive Officers: Ms. Sherri R. Carter (Co-Chair), Mr. Richard d. Feldstein, Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Mr. José Octavio Guillén, Mr. Michael D. Planet, Mr. Brian Taylor, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Brian L. McCabe.

Others Present: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Hon. Marcia Slough, Hon. Daniel Buckley, Hon. Harold Hopp, Jody Patel, Curt Soderlund, Zlatko Theodorovic, Lucy Fogarty, Colin Simpson, Catrayel Wood, and Steven Chang.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. and roll was taken.

Approval of Minutes

The November 12, 2015 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No written comments were received.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Motion #1 – Encumbrance Report (Item 1)

Action: A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to request that JCC staff provide the encumbrance report that is due March 31, 2016 by February 1, 2016 instead to the Revenue and Expenditure Subcommittee. The encumbrance report would provide information as of December 31, 2015.

Motion #2 – Guiding Principles for Deliberating Allocation Reductions

Action: A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to adopt the same criteria and principles that were used at the subcommittee's March 10-11, 2015 meeting to help guide them in their decision-making process during their deliberations as follows:

- whether programs/projects are mandated
- the number of courts served
- value to the courts and the branch according to the survey results
- the appropriateness of the IMF as the fund source
- the impact program and project funding reductions would have on individual courts and the judicial branch.

Motion #3 – Recommendation #1 of Item 2 Related to TCTF Allocations for 2016–2017

Action: A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to adopt the following 2016–2017 allocations for programs funded by statutorily-designated revenues, statutorily-appropriated at a specific amount, or have no impact on TCTF fund balance:

| Program | Appropriation Schedule | 2016-17 Allocation |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program | Judicial Council (Program 0140010) | \$500,000 |
| Equal Access Fund | Judicial Council (Program 0140010) | \$194,000 |
| Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel Collections | Judicial Council (Program 0140010) | \$260,000 |
| Phoenix Financial Services | Judicial Council (Program 0140010) | \$107,000 |
| Phoenix Human Resources Services | Judicial Council (Program 0140010) | \$1,349,000 |
| Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program | Trial Court Operations (Program 0140019) | \$7,793,000 |
| Civil, Small Claims, Probate and Mental Health (V3) CMS | Trial Court Operations (Program 0140019) | \$564,000 |
| California Courts Technology Center | Trial Court Operations (Program 0140019) | \$1,472,000 |
| Interim Case Management System | Trial Court Operations (Program 0140019) | \$842,000 |
| CAC Dependency Counsel Collections Reimbursement | Support for Operation of the Trial Courts (Program 0150010) | \$526,865 |
| Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel | Program 0150011 | \$114,700,000 |
| Total | | \$128,307,865 |

Motion #4 – Recommendation #2 of Item 2 Related to TCTF Allocations for 2016–2017

Action: A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to adopt the following 2016–2017 allocations but revisit them at the subcommittee's subsequent meeting in light of the Governor's Proposed Budget for 2016–2017 and any other updated information:

| Program | Appropriation Schedule | 2016-17 Allocation |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenue and Collections Program | Judicial Council (Program 0140010) | \$625,000 |
| Children in Dependency Case Training | Trial Court Operations (Program 0140019) | \$113,000 |
| Jury Reimbursements | Support for Operation of the Trial Courts (Program 0150010) | \$14,500,000 |
| Criminal Justice Realignment Funding | Support for Operation of the Trial Courts (Program 0150010) | \$9,223,000 |
| Self-Help Center Reimbursements | Support for Operation of the Trial Courts (Program 0150010) | \$2,500,000 |
| Replacement Screening Stations Reimbursements | Support for Operation of the Trial Courts (Program 0150010) | \$2,286,000 |
| Elder Abuse Reimbursements | Support for Operation of the Trial Courts (Program 0150010) | \$332,000 |
| Total | | \$29,579,000 |

Motion #5 – Recommendation #3 of Item 2 Related to TCTF Allocations for 2016–2017

Action: A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to adopt the following:

- For the jury reimbursement program, direct JCC Finance staff to make, if eligible 2016–2017 jury costs exceed the total 2016–2017 allocation, a year-end allocation adjustment so that each court receives the same share of the approved allocation based on their share of the statewide allowable jury expenditures.

Other Actions Tentatively Approved

- Explore options for reducing the premiums for judges' participation in the Judicial Performance Defense Insurance program.
- Brian Taylor will work with the JCC Legal Services Office to review the IMF-funded programs that provide legal services for trial courts (Litigation Management Program, Regional Office Assistance Group, and the Trial Court Transactional Assistance Program).
- Request the JCC IT office to bring back updated options for reducing, if not eliminating, the cost spikes in the LAN/WAN program, including a leasing/financing option(s) and to address the projected future costs of the Statewide Policy/Planning Program, particularly in light of previous years' expenditure levels.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on February 4, 2016.