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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FUNDING METHODOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

April 12, 2017

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

JCC Walnut Room, 2580 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833

Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Co-Chair), Hon. Mark Ashton Cope, and Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs.
Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Co-Chair), Ms. Sherri R. Carter, Mr. Jake Chatters, Mr. W. Samuel Hamrick, Jr., Mr. Jeffrey E. Lewis, Mr. Michael D. Planet, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, and Ms. Tania Ugrin-Capobianco.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Judges:
Executive Officers:

Others Present: Hon. Morris Jacobson, Mr. Chad Fine, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Brandy Sanborn, Ms. Leah Rose Goodwin, and Ms. Suzanne Blihovde.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Members introduced themselves, and roll was called.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the May 10, 2016 Funding Methodology Committee Meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Info 1 - Workload-Based Allocation Funding Methodology (WAFM) 2018-2019 Rollout

Review of the recommendation to extend WAFM past the five-year implementation timeframe.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; and Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee.

Info 2 - Status of the Resource Allocation Study (RAS)

Review of the RAS proposed case weights.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Manager, Judicial Council Court Operations Services.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1 – 3)

Item 1 – Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) Workload Priorities for 2017-2018 (Discussion Item)

Review the 2016-2017 work plan for FMS and discuss next steps.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; and Ms. Suzanne Blihovde, Senior Budget Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services.

Action: The Funding Methodology Subcommittee discussed this item and put together a plan for possible action items for the next meeting.

Item 2 – WAFM Adjustment Request Process and WAFM Adjustment Timeline (Discussion Item)

Consider changes to the current Judicial Council approved Workload-Based Allocation and Funding Methodology (WAFM) Adjustment Request Process regarding unaccounted for factors being unique to applicant court(s) or having broader applications, and consider formalizing the current practice to not adjust the WAFM formula after April 1 for implementation on July 1 of the upcoming fiscal year for changes not related to the Workload-Based Allocation and Funding Methodology (WAFM) Adjustment Request Process.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; and Ms. Suzanne Blihovde, Senior Budget Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services.

Action: The Funding Methodology Subcommittee discussed this item and put together a plan for possible action items for the next meeting.

Item 3 – Civil Assessments Budget Change Proposal (Discussion Item)

Update on the 2018-2019 Budget Change Proposal concept for stabilizing Civil Assessment revenues and Maintenance of Effort buyout and discuss next steps.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; and Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Judicial Council Budget Services.

Action: The Funding Methodology Subcommittee discussed this item and put together a plan for possible action items for the next meeting.

Item 4 – Scenarios Presented to Small Courts Concerning Impact of Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on WAFM calculations (Discussion Item)

Discussion on the BLS related scenarios requested by the small courts in January 2017.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; and Ms. Suzanne Blihovde, Senior Budget Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services.

Action: The Funding Methodology Subcommittee discussed this item and put together a plan for possible action items for the next meeting.

Item 5 – WAFM Spreadsheet Displays (Discussion Item)

Discussion to consider simplifying changes to the current WAFM spreadsheets that are provided to the Judicial Council and trial courts.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Co-Chair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; and Ms. Suzanne Blihovde, Senior Budget Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services.

Action: The Funding Methodology Subcommittee discussed this item and put together a plan for possible action items for the next meeting.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on May 8, 2017.