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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FUNDING METHODOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

March 26, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Conference Call: 1-877-820-7831, Listen only code: 1884843

Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Co-Chair), Hon. Mark Ashton Cope, Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs and Hon. Paul M. Marigonda.

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Co-Chair), Ms. Sherri R. Carter, Ms. Kimberly Flener, Mr. Jeffrey E. Lewis, Mr. Michael D. Planet, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, and Ms. Tania Ugrin-Capobianco.

Advisory Body Members Absent:

Others Present: Hon. Wynne S. Carvill, Mr. John Wordlaw (phone), Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Lucy Fogarty, Ms. Brandy Sanborn, Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Mr. James Baird, Mr. Chad Finke, and Mr. Colin Simpson.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and roll was called.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Funding Methodology Subcommittee meeting.

ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Item 1 – Allocation of the \$47.8 million in Governor’s Proposed Budget (Action Required)

Determine allocation methodology for the proposed \$47.8 million intended to equalize funding among courts by bringing all trial courts up to the statewide average funding level.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Cochair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Cochair, Funding Methodology Subcommittee; and Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Supervising Research Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: The Funding Methodology Subcommittee unanimously approved option 1, which states would bring all courts to 78.3% of need or above and establishes a new statewide average funding level of 80.8%. The following steps are taken:

- *Bring courts below 76.9% of need to 76.9% (to bring courts to 76.9% it takes \$35.9 million of the \$47.8 million);*
- *To determine the allocation of the remaining \$11.9 million, total the allocation of all courts below the new statewide average and add the remaining \$11.9 million to be allocated and divide by total need of those courts below the average. This creates a percentage floor of 78.3%;*
- *There are two courts that were below the statewide average but above 78.3% (floor average): Los Angeles (78.4%) and Sacramento (78.5%); under this scenario, these courts do not get any of the \$47.8 million.*

Item 2 – Funding Methodology Subcommittee Work Plan (Action Required)

Prioritize and take possible action on the Funding Methodology Subcommittee Work Plan items.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin and Ms. Rebecca Fleming

Action 1: The subcommittee voted unanimously to make the following changes to the work plan:

Re-prioritize the work plan to move the following items to 2019-20:

- 2. Address new judgeship staffing complement funding when necessary.*
- 7. Evaluate impact of JCC and other provided services.*

Consider item 6 of the work plan to be complete after consideration of the report regarding special circumstances case funding.

Action 2: The subcommittee voted unanimously to allocate fund for self-help using the current methodology, modified by updated census figures, to be placed on the agenda for the Funding Methodology Subcommittee in May 2018 for final recommendation to the Judicial Council in July. This recommendation is contingent on additional self-help funding being provided in the Budget Act of 2018.

Action 3: The subcommittee voted unanimously to have staff prepare an analysis regarding alternatives to the existing court clusters that would be based on workload. The analysis would be reviewed by the Funding Methodology Subcommittee and referred to the Workload Assessment Advisory Committee for consideration.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on May 21, 2018.