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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

July 31, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 400 Sacramento, CA 95833

Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Daniel J. Buckley, Hon. Mark A. Cope, Hon. James E. Herman, Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs, Hon. Charles Margines, Hon. Paul M. Marigonda, and Hon. Brian L. McCabe (phone).
Executive Officers: Ms. Sherri Carter, Ms. Nancy Eberhardt, Mr. Chad Finke, Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Ms. Kimberly Flener, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. Michael D. Planet (phone), Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Ms. Linda Romero-Soles, Ms. Tania Ugrin-Capobianco, and Mr. David Yamasaki.
Judicial Council Staff Advisory Members: Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic

Advisory Body Members Absent: Judges: Hon. Jeffrey B. Barton, Hon. Andrew S. Blum, and Hon. Patricia M. Lucas.
Executive Officers: Mr. Brian Taylor

Others Present: Advisory Members: Mr. John Wordlaw
Ms. Lucy Fogarty, Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Ms. Brandy Sanborn, Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Mr. Catrayel Wood, Ms. Melissa Ng.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the July 31, 2018, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-5)

Item 1

Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) Work Plan (Action Required)

Consideration of recommendations of the FMS regarding updates to the work plan.

Presenter(s): Ms. Lucy Fogarty, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously approved the recommendation to approve the FMS recommendations with a change to amend item g to read, "Review

court-appointed dependency council allocations and determine allocation methodology for 2019-20 as it relates to the small courts only.”

Item 2

Allocation of \$75 Million in New Funding (Action Required)

Consideration of recommendations of the FMS regarding an allocation methodology for the \$75 million in new funding in the Budget Act of 2018.

Presenter(s): Ms. Lucy Fogarty

Action: The Trial Court Budget Committee unanimously approved the following recommendation, with an amendment to items iii:

Option 2 (Proportionate Share)

Option 2 would allocate funds in the following manner:

- i. Bring all Cluster 1 courts up to 100% of funding need based on WAFM.
- ii. Allocate a 1.96% increase for court-provided non-sheriff security.
- iii. Allocate the remainder of the \$75 million of *discretionary funds* to all courts, save for the Cluster 1 courts, proportionally based on their 2018-19 base allocation following the Judicial Council actions taken on July 20, 2018. *There continues to be a commitment to WAFM allocations in future years.*

Item 3

Allocation Methodology for 2019-20 Self-Help Funding (Action Required)

Consideration of recommendations of the FMS regarding an allocation methodology for all self-help funding beginning in 2019-20.

Presenter(s): Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Supervising Research Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously approved the following recommendations:

1. *Adopt a three-year population update schedule using rolling 3-year average census data from the California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Population Estimates for Cities and Counties and the State. The next update, and potential change in self-help allocations, would be made in 2021-22.*
2. *For information purposes only, Judicial Council Budget Services staff will provide annual updates of three-year average census data from the California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Population Estimates for Cities and Counties and the State. The next informational update would be for 2019-20.*
3. *Maintain the current baseline allocation of \$34,000 per courts and revisit in 2021 after the November 30, 2020 report to the Legislature.*

Item 4

Allocation Methodology for Interpreter Program Shortfall (Action Required)

Consideration of recommendations of the FMS regarding a methodology for allocating a structural shortfall in Court Interpreter Program beginning in 2018-19.

Presenter(s): Mr. Catrayel Wood, Senior Budget Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee has referred to Judicial Council Budget Services staff to prepare a report setting forth alternative recommendations that may resolve the shortfall issue if there is no Budget Change Proposal, including a one-time Trial Court Trust Fund augmentation and review of the 2018-19 BCP dollars up to \$4 million for the Language Access Plan, to submit back to the committee for a telephonic meeting for recommendation to the Judicial Council at its September business meeting. The vote was as follows:

- Yes: 18
- No: 1
- Abstain: 0

Item 5

2017-18 Preliminary One-Time Reduction for Fund Balances Above the 1% Cap (Action Required)

Review of preliminary submissions of 2017-18 one-time reductions for fund balances.

Presenter(s): Ms. Melissa Ng, Senior Budget Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously approved the recommendation of the 2017-18 preliminary one-time allocation reduction of \$658,398 to eight courts that are projecting the portion of their ending fund balance that is subject to the 1 percent cap to exceed the cap by \$658,398 as required by statute.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on October 18, 2018.