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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUNDING METHODOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 18, 2018

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

JCC Boardroom, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Daniel J. Buckley (Cochair), Hon. Andrew S. Blum, Hon. Mark Ashton Cope, and Hon. B. Scott Thomsen

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Cochair), Ms. Sherri R. Carter, Mr. Michael D. Planet, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Ms. Tania Ugrin-Capobianco, and Mr. David Yamasaki

Advisory Body Members Absent:

Others Present: Mr. John Wordlaw, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Lucy Fogarty, Ms. Brandy Sanborn, Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Ms. Melissa Ng, Mr. Catravel Wood, and Ms. Audrey Fancy

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the July 12, 2018, Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hon. Becky Dugan from Riverside Superior Court appeared in person and commented on Item 5: Allocation of \$2.92 Million in the Budget Act of 2018 for Two Judgeships in Riverside Superior Court and thanked the FMS and the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee for following through with this bill and allocating the money following the legislative mandate.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-7)

Item 1 –Base Funding Floor Inflationary Review (Action Required)

Discussion regarding whether the base funding floor, currently set at \$750,000, should be increased.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Leah Rose-Goodwin, Manager, Budget Services

Action: The FMS voted unanimously to approve the recommendation with modification to the language, to approve an inflationary adjustment to the base funding floor, increasing it to \$800,000 for 2019-20.; the base funding floor will be reviewed annually if requested by a court that is eligible for the base funding floor.

Item 2 – Civil Assessments and the Workload-Based Allocation and Funding Methodology (WAFM) (Action Required)

Discussion regarding how civil assessment revenues should be factored into WAFM.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Lucy Fogarty, Deputy Director, Budget Services

Action: No action was taken.

Item 3 – Facilities Costs Review (Action Required)

Discussion regarding how unfunded costs for facilities should be factored into WAFM.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Lucy Fogarty, Deputy Director, Budget Services

Action: The FMS voted unanimously to establish an ad hoc subcommittee to explore how court-funded leases and debt service costs should be factored into WAFM. This subcommittee would include members of the Court Facilities Advisory Committee and the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee, as appropriate.

Item 4 - Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel Allocation Methodology for Small Courts for 2019-20 (Action Required)

Discussion regarding the two-year Bureau of Labor Statistics increase to 1.0 for all small courts that is due to sunset on June 30, 2019.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Brandy Sanborn, Manager, Budget Services

Audrey Fancy, Supervising Attorney, Center for Families Children, and the Courts

Action: The FMS voted unanimously to approve Recommendation III, to adopt the changes as permanent beginning July 1, 2019.

Item 5 - Allocation of \$2.92 Million in the Budget Act of 2018 for Two Judgeships in Riverside Superior Court (Action Required)

Discussion regarding how the funds for the judgeships should be allocated.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Melissa Ng, Senior Budget Analyst, Budget Services

Action: The FMS voted unanimously to approve Alternative 1, to allocate \$1.896 million to Riverside County Superior Court.

Item 6 - Interpreter Shortfall and Allocation Funding Methodology (Action Required)

Discussion regarding establishing an ad hoc subcommittee to explore options for addressing potential shortfalls in interpreter funding in future years and consideration of an allocation methodology.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Catrayel Wood, Senior Budget Analyst, Budget Services

Action: The FMS voted unanimously to approve the recommendation to establish an ad hoc subcommittee to explore shortfall and allocation methodologies.

Item 7 - Funding Methodology Subcommittee Work Plan (Action Required)

Discussion regarding updates to the subcommittee's work plan.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Lucy Fogarty, Deputy Director, Budget Services

Action: The FMS voted unanimously to approve the updates to the FMS Work Plan as presented. In addition, the FMS made the following additional changes:

1. Mark item 5 regarding court-appointed dependency allocations as complete.
2. Insert "whether and/or" after "Evaluate" in item 6 regarding unfunded costs for facilities.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEMS 1)

Info 1 – Graduated Funding Floors

Update regarding the graduated funding floors.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Leah Rose-Goodwin, Manager, Budget Services

Action: *No Action Taken*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on February 28, 2019.