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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 14, 2021
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

<http://jcc.granicus.com/player/event/1436>

Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Jill C. Fannin, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Erick L. Larsh, Hon. Deborah A. Ryan, Hon. Michael A. Sachs, Hon. Kevin M. Seibert, and Hon. Theodore C. Zayner.

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Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Daniel J. Buckley, Hon. Kimberly Gaab, Hon. Scott B. Thomsen, and Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice Chair).

Others Present: Mr. John Wordlaw, Ms. Fran Mueller, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Brandy Olivera, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Kelly Meehleib, Mr. Douglas Denton, Mr. Rob Oyung, and Mr. Cory Jasperson.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair welcomed the members, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m., and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved minutes of the August 5, 2021 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) virtual meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1 - Federally Funded Dependency Representation Program (FFDRP): Funding Allocation Methodology for General Fund Supplement to Address Shortfall (Action Required)

Consideration of a Funding Methodology Subcommittee recommendation on an allocation methodology for up to \$30 million in support of court-appointed counsel in dependency cases.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Audrey Fancy, Principal Managing Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendation:

1. Approve the allocation and distribution methodology for 2021-22 which funds all providers with FFDRP contracts for the full amount of the shortfall between their contract and total billing in one lump sum payment, provided that they submit invoices for each month of the contract or demonstrate extenuating circumstances preventing them from invoicing;
2. Revise this approach for future years to make the payments on a quarterly basis;
3. Approve a proportional allocation approach with each provider receiving their share of the \$30 million based on their contract share of total FFDRP funding up to their full contract amount if the shortfall exceeds \$30 million; and
4. Direct CFCC staff to monitor FFDRP invoicing to ensure that this allocation methodology is maximizing the drawdown of Federal Title IV-E funds.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Info 1 - \$30 Million One-Time Court Interpreter Employee Incentive Grant Funding

Discussion of the 2021-22 one-time funding included in SB 170.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Douglas Denton, Principal Manager, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Action: No action taken.

Info 2 - \$37 Million in Ongoing Funding for Court Reporters in Family Law and Civil Cases and for Increased Transcript Rates

Discussion of the 2021-22 ongoing funding included in SB 170.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Rob Oyung, Chief Operating Officer, Judicial Council
Mr. Cory Jasperson, Director, Judicial Council Governmental Affairs

Action: No action taken.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on November 16, 2021.