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Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FUNDING METHODOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 30, 2024
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

<https://jcc.granicus.com/player/event/3869>

Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Cochair), Hon. J. Eric Bradshaw, Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, and Hon. Patricia L. Kelly.
Executive Officers: Mr. Chad Finke (Cochair), Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Mr. Shawn C. Landry, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. David W. Slayton, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. David C. Kalemkarian.

Others Present: Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Donna Newman, Ms. Thera Hearne, Ms. Rose Lane, and Ms. Oksana Tuk.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair welcomed the members, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The subcommittee approved minutes from the September 11, 2024, Funding Methodology Subcommittee meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1 – Trial Court Trust Fund Court Interpreters Program for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of court interpreter allocations and expenditures for 2024–25.

Action: *The Funding Methodology Subcommittee unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations for consideration by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee, and then the Judicial Council as outlined below:*

1. *Continue discussions to determine an approach to address the \$4.6 million shortfall in fiscal year 2023–24, which could include allocating a portion of the remaining \$35 million Court Interpreter Program*

(CIP) fund balance from the Trial Court Trust Fund in fiscal year 2024–25 to courts that exceeded their allocation;

2. Approve the remaining \$35 million CIP fund balance from the TCTF to be allocated to courts mid-year to address any CIP shortfalls for fiscal years 2024–25 and 2025–26;

3. Direct Judicial Council staff to continue to monitor CIP funding and program expenditures, provide regular updates to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee to report any changes, and work with the trial courts to develop a funding request for additional CIP resources beginning in fiscal year 2026–27; and

4. Direct Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts' staff to work in collaboration with the Court Executives Advisory Committee to further refine the CIP policy to address the statewide operational impacts of rising CIP expenditures.

Item 2 – Workload Formula Allocation Methodologies for Potential Budget Reductions and Funding Restoration (Action Required)

Consideration of workload formula options for allocation methodologies for potential future budget reductions and restoration of funding.

Action: *The Funding Methodology Subcommittee unanimously voted to defer action to allow sufficient time for further deliberation. Judicial Council staff will meet with the cochairs and subcommittee member, Mr. David W. Slayton, to obtain input for additional methodology options for consideration at the next Funding Methodology Subcommittee meeting.*

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1 – Court Reporter Funding Mid-Year Survey for 2024–25

Informational update on the mid-year survey for one-time redistribution of unspent court reporter funding for 2024–25.

Action: *No action taken*

Info 2 – Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Updates

Informational update on the mid-year survey for one-time redistribution of unspent CARE Act funding for 2024–25 and potential allocation adjustments.

Action: *No action taken*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on December 17, 2024.