# MEMORANDUM

**Date**
March 10, 2021

**To**
Members of the Collaborative Justice Courts
Advisory Committee

**From**
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**Action Requested**
Consider and vote

**Deadline**
March 11, 2021

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**Subject**
Draft changes to Rules of Court, Rule 10.56
for Invitation to Comment

California Rules of Court, Rule 10.56 establishing the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee was originally adopted in 2000. Numerous program and policy changes have occurred since then, including the implementation of a variety of diversion programs that incorporate many collaborative justice elements, but do not necessarily meet the definition of collaborative justice courts. The attached draft change to Rule 10.56 is intended to provide a more accurate description of the work of the advisory committee that focuses on collaborative programs that impact adults and youth in the court and justice system who have mental health issues, substance use disorders or co-occurring disorders. The language in the draft rule incorporates feedback provided by the committee at its February 24, 2021 meeting. In a vote by email, we will seek your input on whether you support or oppose putting forth an Invitation to Comment for the public to comment on the proposed changes to Rule 10.56.

Rule 10.56 of the California Rules of Court is amended effective _____, to read:

1   **Rule 10.56.  Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee**
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3   **(a)   Area of focus**
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5   The committee makes recommendations to the Judicial Council on criteria for
6   ~~identifying and~~ evaluating and improving ~~collaborative justice courts and~~ programs
7   that incorporate judicial supervision, and collaboration among justice system
8   partners, or rehabilitative services. These programs seek to improve outcomes for
9   court and justice system involved adults and youth and those at risk of becoming
10  justice system involved, including individuals with mental health issues, substance
11  use disorders or co-occurring disorders. Collaborative programs include
12  collaborative justice courts, diversion programs, and similar programs. ~~for~~
13  ~~improving the processing of cases in these courts, which include drug courts,~~
14  ~~domestic violence courts, youth courts, and other collaborative justice courts.~~
15  ~~Those recommendations include "best practices" guidelines and methods for~~
16  ~~collecting data to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of collaborative justice~~
17  ~~courts.~~
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19  **(b)   Additional duties**
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21  In addition to the duties described in rule 10.34, the committee must:
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23  (1)   Make recommendations to the council on best practices and guidelines for
24        collaborative programs;
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26  (2)   Assess and measure the success ~~and effectiveness~~ of ~~local~~ collaborative
27        ~~justice courts~~ programs, including methods for collecting data to evaluate the
28        effectiveness of these programs;
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30  (3)   Identify and disseminate to trial courts locally generated and nationally
31        recognized best practices for collaborative programs, and training and
32        program implementation activities to support collaborative programs;
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34  (4)   Recommend minimum judicial education standards on collaborative
35        programs and educational activities to support those standards to the
36        ~~Governing Committee of the~~ Center for Judicial Education and Research
37        Advisory Committee;
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39  (5)   Advise the council of potential funding sources, including those that may
40        advance collaborative programs;
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1         (6)    Make <u>allocation</u> recommendations regarding grant funding programs that are
2              administered by <u>the</u> Judicial Council ~~staff for~~ <u>that support</u> ~~drug courts and~~
3              ~~other treatment courts~~ <u>collaborative programs</u>; and
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5         (7)    Recommend appropriate outreach activities needed to support collaborative
6              ~~justice courts~~ <u>programs.</u>
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8 **(c)**   ***