



COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE COURTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

May 24, 2023
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Lawrence G. Brown, Chair; Brian Bloom; Scott D. Brown; Aaron M. Buck; Crystal Davis; Debra Dugan; Mark Gale; Hon. Kathleen Kelly; Hon. Karla Kerlin; Hon. Mary Kreber Varipapa; Hon. Stephen V. Manley; Katie Mayeda; Kimberly McKinney; Randy Peshon; Hon. Charles Smiley III; and Rachel Solov

Advisory Body Members Absent: Dr. Tony Hobson; Hon. Sam Lavorato Jr.; Veronica Lewis; Rebecca Marcus; Hon. Eileen C. Moore; Brandon Reilly; and Dr. Kathleen West

Others Present: Deanna Adams, Hon. Charles Ervin, Nicole Figueroa, Jeremy Merrick, Sharon Reilly, Aviva Simon, Cathy Wachter, Carrie Zoller

OPEN MEETING

Welcome and Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m., and Cathy Wachter took roll via Zoom for Government.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 26, 2023, Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1

2023-24 Substance Abuse Focus Grants and Dependency Drug Court Augmentation Methodology: May 16 Meeting Summary

Don explained that at the May 16 meeting, he presented in-depth information on the need to change the Substance Abuse Focus Grant (SAFG) methodology and gave ideas on how to do a reallocation. At the request of the committee, Judicial Council (JC) staff looked at how courts would be affected by a reallocation and the research showed a number of the courts would have a reduction in funds as more courts were overestimating the number of people that they would serve, and fewer courts were underestimating. Currently, the deliverables don't ask for the total number of people served, so it is difficult to know how accurate this analysis is. However, a question about the number of people served can be included this year.

Don explained that the smaller ad hoc group suggested looking more deeply into the allocation methodology so that it could propose changing the methodology for this upcoming year rather than doing a mid-fiscal year adjustment. The committee supported this idea to seek approval from the JC to change the funding methodology for this upcoming fiscal year.

Judge Manley discussed the background of the Substance Abuse Focus Grant and believes the methodology should be changed to reflect a base amount that we currently have for each county, and then the additional funding would enhance our current policy. For instance, if the court wanted to add a service or another treatment locality, or pay a portion of a coordinator's salary, they would have to document the funding used from this grant source for this specific enhancement.

Action: There is a follow-up meeting on June 6, and any interested committee member can attend.

Item 2

Discuss Upcoming In-Person Meeting

Original dates for an in-person meeting in San Francisco did not work for many members' calendars. October 18, 19, or 20 dates were discussed. Cathy will send out a Doodle poll with these date options.

Action: Discuss outcome of Doodle poll at the next committee meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 1

Closed under rule 10.75(d)(10)

Legislative Update

The committee discussed pending legislation.

Action: No action required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ADJOURNMENT

There being no further meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on July 26, 2023.