



**COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE COURTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION**

July 26, 2023

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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**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; Veronica Lewis; Hon. Stephen V. Manley; Katie Mayeda; Kimberly McKinney; Hon. Eileen C. Moore; Randy Peshon; and Brandon Reilly

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Dr. Tony Hobson; Hon. Mary Kreber Varipapa; Hon. Sam Lavorato Jr.; Rebecca Marcus; Hon. Charles Smiley III; Rachel Solov; and Dr. Kathleen West

**Others Present:** Emily Chirk, Charlene Depner, Hon. Charles Ervin, Cassandra McTaggart, Jeremy Merrick, Sharon Reilly, Cathy Wachter, Don Will, and Carrie Zoller

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**OPEN MEETING**

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**Welcome and Call to Order**

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m., and Cathy Wachter took roll via Zoom for Government.

**Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the May 24, 2023, Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee meeting.

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**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)**

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**Item 1**

**2023-24 Substance Abuse Focus Grants Methodology and Allocations**

Don Will discussed the history of the three previous meetings of the smaller working group regarding a revised methodology of the Substance Abuse Focus Grants. The working group identified a methodology option to propose (other than the current one that is based off of caseloads).

Don and staff ran multiple methodologies, the small working group members thoroughly reviewed these methodologies and chose one using the metric of the proportion of the county population (aged 18-24).

All courts either with a collaborative justice program or planning a collaborative justice program would be eligible for the funding, as they are now. Eligible courts would be allocated funding through a base amount and then an augmentation based on the population metric. Small courts receive a base of \$20,000.

Allocations are adjusted so that no court can receive more than a 5% decrease from the FY 2022-23 Substance Abuse Focus Grant in year one. The methodology would specify retaining the cap on decreases (5%) until all courts arrive at the new methodology baselines. Courts can elect to take less than the formula gives them. Courts provide a simple online application and a budget with detail on how they will spend the funding. Staff will monitor the budgets.

The committee recommends the Judicial Council: 1) Approve the revised population-based proportion of the county population (aged 18-24) methodology for allocation, and 2) Allocate the fiscal year 2023-24 funds to courts using the new population-based proportion of the county population (aged 18-24) methodology.

***Action: The committee approved the above recommendation, and it will be presented at the next Judicial Council meeting on September 18, 2023.***

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#### **A D J O U R N M E N T**

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There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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#### **C L O S E D   S E S S I O N**

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##### **Item 1**

**Closed under rule 10.75(d)(10)**

##### ***Legislative Update***

The committee discussed pending legislation.

***Action: No action required.***

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#### **A N N O U N C E M E N T S / A D J O U R N M E N T**

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There being no further meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on August 23, 2023.