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COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE COURTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE VETERANS IN THE COURT AND MILITARY FAMILIES SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2020

12.15 pm- 1.15 pm

Conference Call

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Eileen Moore (Chair), Hon. Mary Kreber Varipapa, Mr. Steve Binder, Ms. Deb Cima, Ms. Nancy Taylor, Ms. Cherie Garofalo and Ms Linda Benoit

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Sam Lavorato, Hon. Stephen Manley, Mr. Michael Elliott, Ms Kacie Patton, Ms Mary Vergona, and Dr Kathleen West

Others Present: Michael Roosevelt, Francine Byrne, Jenny Clarke, Jeremy Merrick, Carrie Zoller and Tareq Nazamy

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12.15 pm and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June 11th, 2020 will be set for approval at the next meeting.

Discussion Items (I T E M S 1 - 4)

Item 1

CalVet Trailblazer Award Recognition of Justice Moore

- The committee congratulated Justice Eileen C. Moore on receiving the CalVet Trailblazer Award which recognizes outstanding California women veterans for their leadership and significant contributions to their military and veteran communities.

Item 2

Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Strategic Plan

- **VTC Plan Update**
 - o Almost all goals have been met, but the onset of COVID-19 meant there was no conference held. Dates and a venue have been secured for August 2021.

- The Veterans Resources website has been completed and is live. The new webpage is designed for Veterans, their families, legal professionals, and practitioners.
- Work continues around role specific training and justice system leadership training and will be addressed throughout the year as well as at the 2021 conference.
- The committee also discussed other areas that could be included on the webpage.

- **California Association of Collaborative Courts (CACC) Veterans Website page**
 - Ms Nancy Taylor of CACC gave the committee an in-depth tour of the new webpage. The webpage is designed to be interlinked internally and externally by subject area. The page includes general resources as well as more specific resources for legal professionals and practitioners.
 - JC staff will ensure the link to the webpage is visible on the JCC Veterans webpage.

Item 3

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Collaborative Courts Data Project

- The Judicial Council has received funding for a 3-year data collection and implementation project. The grant will support 1) statewide collaborative court data needs assessment, 2) common data definitions and performance measures; 3) Information hub for courts; 4) assist rural courts with case management and 5) enable the Judicial Council to provide technical assistance throughout the project

Item 4

Updates from committee members

- **VTC Report – interpretation of ‘nexus’ (between military service, diagnosed disorder and crime)**
 - The committee discussed the issue of Courts having different definitions of the nexus. Language has been added to the Veterans Treatment Courts report explaining the nexus and how it has been interpreted differently.

- **P1001.80 Diversion Statute**
 - The committee discussed the issue of some Judges requesting more proof that the statute requires. Staff will coordinate with other committees where this issue overlaps and consider a new Rule of Court to address this. This issue will also be discussed at the main CJCAC committee meeting

- **Committee meeting Dates for 2021**
 - JC staff will send calendar invitations for committee meeting dates in 2021

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Approved by the advisory body on March 5th 2021.