

**Advisory Body Name**  
**Annual Agenda—2015**

**Approved by E&P/RUPRO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. ADVISORY BODY INFORMATION**

<b>Chair:</b>	Hon. Richard Vlavianos (chair), Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin Hon. Rogelio Flores (vice-chair), Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara
<b>Staff:</b>	Ms. Nancy Taylor, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, and Ms. Francine Byrne, Criminal Justice Services
<p><b>Advisory Body’s Charge:</b> Rule 10.56 of the California Rules of Court charges the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee to “make recommendations to the Judicial Council on criteria for identifying and evaluating collaborative justice courts and for improving the processing of cases in these courts, which include drug courts, domestic violence courts, youth courts, and other collaborative justice courts. Those recommendations include ‘best practices’ guidelines and methods for collecting data to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of collaborative justice courts.”</p> <p>Additional Duties included under Rule 10.56:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assess and measure success and effectiveness of local collaborative justice courts;</li><li>2. Identify and disseminate to trial courts locally generated best practices;</li><li>3. Recommend minimum judicial education standards and educational activities to support those standards to the Governing Committee of the Center for Judiciary Education and Research;</li><li>4. Advise the council of potential funding sources;</li><li>5. Make recommendations regarding grant funding programs that are administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts for drug courts and other treatment courts; and</li><li>6. Recommend appropriate outreach activities needed to support collaborative justice courts.</li></ol>	
<p><b>Advisory Body’s Membership:</b> The committee currently has 23 members (eight judicial officers , two court administrators, one district attorney, one criminal defense attorney, one law enforcement officer, one treatment court coordinator, one probation officer, one treatment provider, one treatment court graduate, one representative from the mental health field, one social services representative, one non-profit community organization representative, and three public members).</p>	

**Subgroups/Working Groups: <sup>1</sup>**

Veterans Courts and Military Families Subcommittee

Juvenile Collaborative Justice Courts Subcommittee

**Advisory Body's Key Objectives for 2015:**

1. Support local court efforts to increase effectiveness and efficiency of case processing for high risk/high needs cases by identifying and disseminating local court practices that apply collaborative justice to a broad range of high risk/high needs case types;
2. Support local court efforts to assess evidence based practices in local collaborative justice courts as core functions in court operations that address high risk/high needs cases through statewide evaluations of mental health courts and reentry courts;
3. Provide collaborative justice related expertise and support collaboration among justice system partners at the state and local levels through inter-branch efforts in areas such as parolee reentry courts, veterans courts and military families, and juvenile collaborative justice courts;
4. Identify potential funding and advise the Judicial Council regarding funding to sustain local collaborative justice courts during challenging times, including realigned drug court funding, recidivism reduction funding, federal funding for collaborative courts, and funding through the Mental Health Services Act;
5. Identify non-criminal issues that impact case outcomes in criminal and other collaborative courts, such as child support, child custody, juvenile court issues, and access to treatment and rehabilitative services through the Affordable Care Act and realigned treatment programs; and
6. Recommend and provide multi-disciplinary education that addresses the changing role of collaborative justice and application of collaborative justice principles across a broad range of case types, including elder law, family law, and mental health law.

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<sup>1</sup> California Rules of Court, rule 10.30 (c) allows an advisory body to form subgroups, composed entirely of current members of the advisory body, to carry out the body's duties, subject to available resources, with the approval of its oversight committee.

## II. ADVISORY BODY PROJECTS

#	Project <sup>2</sup>	Priority <sup>3</sup>	Specifications	Completion Date/Status	Describe End Product/ Outcome of Activity
	<p>Make recommendations to, and carry out the directives of the Judicial Council regarding allocations and administration of the Collaborative Justice Substance Abuse Focus Grant, a legislatively mandated grant, distributing funds from the State budget that are earmarked for collaborative and drug court projects, and are available to support local collaborative justice and drug courts throughout California.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report to the Judicial Council on grant activities from fiscal year 2014-15.</li> </ul> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend to the Judicial Council grant allocations to local courts based on allocation method approved by the Judicial Council in</li> </ul>	1	<p>Judicial Council Direction: <i>Strategic Plan:</i> Goal IV: Quality of Justice and Service to the Public</p> <p><i>Operational Plan:</i> Objective 1. Foster excellence in public service to ensure that all court users receive satisfactory services and outcomes.</p> <p>Origin of Project: Legislative mandate reviewed annually by Judicial Council. The Substance Abuse Focus Grant was initiated in FY 2000-01. Current year funding has been established through the Budget Act of 2014 (Stats. 2014, ch. 25; § 45.55.020, item 0250-101-0001).</p> <p>Resources: External legislatively earmarked funding for drug court implementation provides needed resources for committee activities</p>	On-going	Allocation of grant funds to local courts

<sup>2</sup> All proposed projects for the year must be included on the Annual Agenda. If a project implements policy or is a program, identify it as *implementation* or a *program* in the project description and attach the Judicial Council authorization/assignment or prior approved Annual Agenda to this Annual Agenda.

<sup>3</sup> For non-rules and forms projects, select priority level 1 (must be done) or 2 (should be done). For rules and forms proposals, select one of the following priority levels: 1(a) Urgently needed to conform to the law; 1(b) Urgently needed to respond to a recent change in the law; 1(c) Adoption or amendment of rules or forms by a specified date required by statute or council decision; 1(d) Provides significant cost savings and efficiencies, generates significant revenue, or avoids a significant loss of revenue; 1(e) Urgently needed to <sup>remedy</sup> a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public; 1(f) Otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk; 2(a) Useful, but not necessary, to implement statutory changes; 2(b) Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives.

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	<p>FY14-15.</p> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review biannual reports regarding funding distribution, invoicing, and deliverables reports from local courts.</li> </ul> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> October 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend methods of allocation and grants administration for next annual funding cycle using Judicial Council approved allocation methodology</li> </ul> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> December 31, 2015</p>		<p>for this project.</p> <p>To ensure that there is no duplication of effort and no new workload or fiscal burdens placed on trial courts or the Branch by these projects, the following offices and advisory bodies will be consulted: Fiscal Services Office, Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executives Advisory Committees, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Key Objective Supported: 4</p>		
	<p>Assist local courts, upon their request, to obtain funding and other assistance such as developing intern and mentor programs for local collaborative court projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying funding in collaboration with the California Department of</li> </ul>	1	<p>Judicial Council Direction: <i>Strategic Plan:</i> Goal III: Modernization of Management and Administration</p> <p><i>Operational Plan:</i> Objective 2. Evaluate and improve management techniques, allocation of funds, internal operations, and services; support the sharing of effective management practices branch wide.</p>	On-going	Local courts will be provided access to a variety of funding sources, including those, such as reentry and recidivism reduction grants that are allocated through the Judicial Council.

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	<p>Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Bureau of Justice Assistance to support existing and planned collaborative courts.</p> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> September 30, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist local courts in identifying appropriate federal grant opportunities and preparing applications for funding of collaborative courts through the federal funding cycle.</li> </ul> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> September 30, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share outcomes of drug and reentry court cost studies as well as compiled reports and studies from local collaborative courts with collaborative court coordinators in quarterly meetings to assist local courts in seeking local, federal, and private funding.</li> </ul> <p><i>Completion Date:</i></p>		<p><i>Strategic Plan:</i> Goal I: Access, Fairness, &amp; Diversity</p> <p><i>Operational Plan:</i> Objective 2. Identify and eliminate barriers to court access at all levels of service; ensure interactions with the court are understandable, convenient, and perceived as fair.</p> <p><i>Strategic Plan:</i> Goal IV: Quality of Justice and Service to the Public</p> <p><i>Operational Plan:</i> Objective 1. Foster excellence in public service to ensure that all court users receive satisfactory services and outcomes.</p> <p><i>Strategic Plan:</i> Goal V: Education for Branchwide Professional Excellence</p> <p><i>Operational Plan:</i> Objective 1. Provide relevant and accessible education and professional development opportunities for all judicial officers (including court-appointed temporary judges) and court staff.</p> <p>Origin of Project: Requested by local courts and justice system partners, including the California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Association of Youth Courts, and</p>		

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	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share effective practices, at the request of local courts, among courts that use intern programs involving law schools or graduate schools for human services professionals or mentor programs involving program graduates or support persons, such as veterans, to improve outcomes for collaborative court participants.</li> </ul> <p><i>Completion date:</i> December 31, 2015</p>		<p>Homeless Court Network; approved by the Executive &amp; Planning Committee for the committee's 2014 Annual Agenda; recommended by committee members to fulfill the following mandates: SB 318; AB109, the Budget Act; and Mental Health Services Act, President's Office of National Drug Control Policy reporting duties; California Endowment and Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance funding.</p> <p>Resources: External funding for projects through the Mental Health Services Act, the California Endowment, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation provides all resources required for committee activities.</p> <p>Key Objective Supported: 1 and 2</p>		
	<p>Collaborate with Center for Judiciary Education and Research (CJER) and the CJER Governing Committee to make recommendations for</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Judicial Council Direction: <i>Strategic Plan:</i> Goal III: Modernization of management and administration</p> <p><i>Operational Plan:</i></p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Summary of recommendations, multidisciplinary education programs, and educational materials will be</p>

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	<p>judicial and multidisciplinary education curricula in the area of collaborative justice; to assist in implementing the recommendations, at the request of the CJER Governing Committee or relevant education curriculum committees; to provide guidance to committee staff about preparation of educational toolkits and job aids, development and review of content, and identification of faculty for delivery of multidisciplinary programs for local collaborative court teams that address effective practices and cost efficient collaborative justice models for high risk/high needs cases, focusing on cases involving veterans and military families, truancy, reentry, human trafficking, and mental health as well as the impact on collaborative courts of policy changes such as Proposition 47, Diversion options, the Affordable</p>		<p>Objective 2. Evaluate and improve management techniques, allocation of funds, internal operations, and services; support the sharing of effective management practices branch wide.</p> <p>Origin of Project: Approved by the Executive &amp; Planning Committee for the committee's 2014 Annual Agenda; recommended by committee members to fulfill the following mandates: Mental Health Services Act, Proposition 47, and the Budget Act</p> <p>Resources: External funding through the Mental Health Services Act, the California Endowment, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation provides needed resources for these committee activities.</p> <p>To ensure that there is no duplication of effort and no new workload or fiscal burdens placed on trial courts or the Branch by these projects, the following</p>		<p>submitted to the Judicial Council by June 30, 2016.</p>

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	<p>Care Act and realignment of funding for treatment and services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confer with relevant CJER judicial education planning committees in criminal law and mental health, and juvenile and family law to address mental health, reentry, human trafficking, veterans issues, and truancy.</li> </ul> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> June 30, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confer with the CJER Governing Committee and relevant judicial education planning committees, and provide guidance to committee staff regarding training activities developed in collaboration with justice system partners, including but not limited to the California Association of Collaborative Courts (CACC), National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP),</li> </ul>		<p>offices and advisory bodies will be consulted: Center for Judiciary Education and Research, Office of Governmental Affairs, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, Criminal Law Advisory Committee, and Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executives Advisory Committees.</p> <p>Key Objectives Supported: 1, 5</p>		



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	<p>the California Association of Youth Courts, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Bar Association offered at quarterly meetings and trainings for collaborative court coordinators and court teams that identify emerging models, such as veterans and military families, reentry courts, truancy courts, and human trafficking.</p> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> December 31, 2015</p>				
	<p>Identify methods to assist local courts, at their request, in improving case outcomes and implementing policy changes including Proposition 47, Diversion, juvenile competency, child support, veterans issues, sealing of records, and human trafficking through the broad application of evidence-based collaborative justice principles and</p>	1	<p>Judicial Council Direction: <i>Strategic Plan:</i> Goal IV: Quality of Justice and Service to the Public</p> <p><i>Operational Plan:</i> Objective 1. Foster excellence in public service to ensure that all court users receive satisfactory services and outcomes.</p> <p>Origin of Project: Approved by the Executive &amp; Planning Committee for the</p>	On-going	<p>Summary of local court approaches to identifying case outcomes and evidence based approaches to be submitted to the Judicial Council by June 30, 2016.</p>

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	<p>practices across a variety of case types including local adult and juvenile reentry courts, homeless and veterans courts, elder courts, adult and juvenile mental health courts, courts that address human trafficking, dependency and delinquency drug courts, youth and truancy courts, and DUI courts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide guidance and act as subject matter experts for the dissemination of resource guide for judges on elder abuse developed in partnership with University of California, Irvine, Medical School.</li> </ul> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide guidance and act as subject matter experts to advise committee staff regarding a reentry court cost study and approaches for improving outcomes, by addressing family reunification, child</li> </ul>		<p>committee's 2014 Annual Agenda; recommended by committee members to fulfill the following mandates: SB318; AB109, the Budget Act; Proposition 47; and Mental Health Services Act.</p> <p>Resources: External funding from the California Endowment, the Archstone Foundation, and the California Endowment was obtained to support all committee activities for these projects.</p> <p>To ensure that there is no duplication of effort and no new workload or fiscal burdens placed on trial courts or the Branch by these projects, the following offices and advisory bodies will be consulted: Office of Communications, Center for Judiciary Education Research, Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee, Criminal Law Advisory Committee, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, and Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force.</p> <p>Key Objective Supported: 1, 2, 3, 5</p>		

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	<p>support, housing, and mental health.</p> <p><i>Completion Date:</i> December 31, 2015</p>				
	<p>Identify policy changes and inform courts and judicial officers of the impacts of changing policies in areas such as Proposition 47, realigned funding and services, and the Affordable Care Act that impact core collaborative justice areas of criminal, juvenile, family and probate, mental health, and drug and alcohol related cases and provide new treatment services and funding opportunities.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Judicial Council Direction: <i>Strategic Plan:</i> Goal III: Modernization of management and administration</p> <p><i>Operational Plan:</i> Objective 2. Evaluate and improve management techniques, allocation of funds, internal operations, and services; support the sharing of effective management practices branch wide.</p> <p>Origin of Project: Recommended by committee members to fulfill the following mandates: Mental Health Services Act; Proposition 47; and the Budget Act</p> <p>Resources: External funding through the Mental Health Services Act, the California Endowment, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation provides all resources needed by</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Summary of identified policies, assistance provided and recommendations to help local courts provided to the Judicial Council by June 30, 2016.</p>

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			<p>the committee for these activities.</p> <p>To ensure that there is no duplication of effort and no new workload or fiscal burdens placed on trial courts or the Branch by these projects, the following offices and advisory bodies will be consulted: Center for Judiciary Education and Research, Office of Governmental Affairs, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, Criminal Law Advisory Committee, and Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executives Advisory Committees.</p> <p>Key Objectives Supported: 1, 5</p>		