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

### MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

February 10, 2020

12:15 pm- 1:15pm

Conference Call

**Advisory Body Members Present:** Justice Moore, Judge Lavorato, Cherie Garofalo, Deb Cima, Dr. Kathleen West, Crystal Valencia, Steve Binder and Linda Benoit.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Judge Kreber Varipapa, Judge Manley, Kacie Patton and Michael Elliott.

**Others Present:** Shelly La Botte, Carrie Zoller, Tareq Nazamy, Michael Roosevelt and Jeremy Merrick.

#### OPEN MEETING

##### Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and took roll call.

##### Approval of Minutes

There were no previous minutes to approve.

#### Discussion and Action Items ( I T E M S 1 – 4 )

##### Item 1

##### Brief Review of the Annual Agenda

The committee discussed the Annual Agenda, reviewed at the Strategic Plan and ongoing projects. The Veterans Study which is identifying the needs of Veterans in the Criminal Justice system is expected to be completed by June 2020. The committee will review and discuss the findings and next steps once the report is published.

The committee will continue to promote collaboration and partnerships around mental health, homelessness and other veterans issues.

**Action:** ongoing items

## **Item 2**

### **VTC Planning and Coordination Discussion**

The CACC received a grant to hold two conferences and one summit. The first conference held in October 2019. The next will be a 1-day Summit on May 26<sup>th</sup> which is California focused regarding Veteran Treatment Courts and Veterans and Military families the day before the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP).

There will also be the CACC regular 2-day conference held in Monterey with one of those days specifically aimed at Veterans.

The CACC will also add a tab on their website for Veterans Treatment Courts and military families. There is now a full plan in place and discussion continues around the roles of the Judicial Council and the California Association of Collaborative Courts (CACC).

#### **Action:**

1. JCC to help with diversion workshop for CACC conference in Monterey
2. Provide relevant Veterans Court information for CACC website

## **Item 3**

### **Veterans and Implicit Bias Education Discussion**

Discussion on Veterans specific training to Attorneys about implicit bias. State Bar is developing regulations under B&P Code § 6070.5. Continuing education curriculum; training on implicit bias and bias-reducing strategies. Subcommittee would like to explore whether veterans and military families can be included in bias training and regulation.

#### **Action:**

1. JCC to follow up with State Bar regarding legislation on implicit bias and veterans. Staff will provide an update to members before the next subcommittee meeting

## **Item 4**

### **Supervised Visitations for Veterans Discussion**

The committee discussed supervised visitation orders for veterans and grant funding opportunities for agencies serving veterans. These grant funds can be used to help veterans cover the costs associated to supervision orders.

There was also discussion around the qualifications required in being a monitor during such visitation and how interns and volunteers through Veterans support or education groups could help with training and reducing costs.

**Action:**

1. JCC to assist in looking at which grants could apply to Veterans and their families. Look at who can apply for those grants i.e. the vendors for the court, non-profit organizations, or state agencies like the JCC

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

Approved by the advisory body on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.