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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

August 5, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Kimberly Gaab, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, and Hon. Deborah A. Ryan.

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice Chair), Ms. Kim Bartleson, Ms. Sherri Carter, Ms. Nancy Eberhardt, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Shawn Landry, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. Neal Taniguchi, Mr. Brian Taylor, Ms. Kim Turner, and Mr. David Yamasaki.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Daniel J. Buckley, Hon. Mark A. Cope, Hon. Jill C. Fannin, Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs, and Hon. B. Scott Thomsen.

Others Present: Mr. John Wordlaw, Ms. Fran Mueller, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Brandy Olivera, Ms. Oksana Tuk, Mr. Catrayel Wood, and Hon. D. Zeke Ziedler.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair welcomed the members, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved minutes of the May 6, 2021 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) virtual meeting and May 24, 2021 Action by Email between the meetings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1 - 4)

Item 1 - \$60 Million One-Time COVID-Driven Caseload Backlog Funding (Action Required)

Consideration of the 2021-22 one-time allocations to address backlogs and workload delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Oksana Tuk, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Manager, Judicial Council Business Management Services

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the data-driven methodology for the \$60 million one-time COVID-driven caseload backlog allocation; allocate 100 percent of the funding in a single distribution in October 2021 based on filings and clearance rate data available through March 2021 (included as option B in the materials) to allow courts time to plan and spend accordingly; have Judicial Council staff update the charts provided in the materials when presented to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) to enhance the clearance rate information; and in the event additional backlog funding is available, discuss how to include complex cases (e.g., asbestos and complex civil) in the clearance rate data.

Item 2 - \$140 Million Pretrial Funding (Action Required)

Consideration of a recommendation for utilizing increased reimbursement authority to cover the increased contract amount with the Department of Child Support Services to support the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Don Will, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Ms. Anna Maves, Supervising Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the 2021-22 Pretrial Release allocations as outlined in Attachment C for consideration by the Budget Committee.

Item 3 - \$4.45 Million AB 1058 Reimbursement Authority Increase (Action Required)

Consideration of a recommendation for utilizing increased reimbursement authority to cover the increased contract amount with the Department of Child Support Services to support the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner (CSC) and Family Law Facilitator (FLF) Program.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Don Will, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Ms. Anna Maves, Supervising Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the allocation of additional funding to the CSC program for 2021-22 as outlined in option 2 as well as a technical adjustment to a small number of courts' base allocation as outlined in Attachment A1; and a methodology for the additional funding to the FLF program for 2021-22 that takes the statewide average population into consideration, provides funding to those courts below the average population amount, and then allocates the remaining funding to all courts. Each recommendation will be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration.

Item 4 - Annual Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) Work Plan Update (Action Required)

Consideration of an FMS recommendation to update items on the annual work plan.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Catrayel Wood, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to adopt the work plan with an amendment that number 2 read as follows: "Develop an ongoing, workload-based methodology for allocation of Court Interpreter Funding, including but not limited to video remote interpreting and cross assignments, effective in 2022-23."

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEMS 1 - 3)

Info 1 - 2021 Budget Act

Discussion of the funding provided for trial courts in the 2021 Budget Act.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Fran Mueller, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: No action taken.

Info 2 - Trial Court Executive Summary Display

Review of the 2021-22 allocation summary for distribution to all 58 trial courts.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Oksana Tuk, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: No action taken.

Info 3 - Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf Expenditure Reporting

Quarterly report to the TCBAC on how funds were expended for projects and planned expenditures that are complete.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Catrayel Wood, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: No action taken.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Approved by the advisory body on October 14, 2021.