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Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

September 7, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Wendy G. Getty, Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Erick L. Larsh, and Hon. Michael A. Sachs.

Executive Officers: Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. James Kim, Mr. Shawn Landry, Mr. Brandon E. Riley, Mr. Chris Ruhl, and Mr. Neal Taniguchi.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice Chair), Hon. Jill C. Fannin, Hon. Kimberly Merrifield, Hon. Michael J. Reinhart, Hon. Kevin M. Seibert, Ms. Krista LeVier, and Mr. David Yamasaki.

Others Present: Hon. David Kalemkarian, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, and Ms. Rose Lane.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair welcomed the members, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved minutes from the July 6, 2023 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting and the August 7, 2023 Action by Email in between meetings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-4)

Item 1 – Model Self-Help Pilot Program Update (Action Required)

Consideration of the 2023-24 allocations for the ongoing \$191,400 Model Self-Help Pilot Program.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Melanie Snider, Supervising Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children and the Courts

Action: The TCBCAC voted to approve (with one abstention) the recommendation of allocating \$191,400 of ongoing funding, for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee.

Item 2 – 2023-24 State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) Allocation Adjustment for the Judicial Council Center for Judicial Education and Research (Action Required)

Consideration of a recommendation from the Revenue and Expenditure Subcommittee (R&E) to increase the 2023-24 IMF allocation for Center for Judicial Education and Research by \$150,000 related to conducting additional new judge orientation sessions to address an increased number of judicial officer appointments.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Karene Alvarado, Director, Judicial Council Center for Judicial Education and Research

Action: The TCBCAC unanimously voted to approve the recommendation to increase the approved 2023-24 allocation for the Judicial Education Program by \$150,000 to conduct additional new judge orientation sessions as required by California Rule of Court 10.462.

Item 3 – 2023-24 State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) Allocation Adjustment for the Judicial Council Information Technology Office (Action Required)

Consideration of a recommendation from R&E Subcommittee to increase the 2023-24 IMF allocation by \$721,490 for Information Technology Office to renew an Interbranch Agreement with the Madera Court to complete a digitization project.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Heather Pettit, Director, Judicial Council Information Technology

Action: The TCBCAC unanimously voted to approve the recommendation to increase the 2023-24 IMF allocation for the Judicial Council Information Technology office by \$721,490 to provide Madera Court with funding to complete its digitization project.

Item 4 – 2023-24 Trial Court Trust Fund Allocation Adjustment for Center for Families, Children and the Courts, Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program Grant Allocations (Action Required)

Consideration of a recommendation from R&E Subcommittee to increase the 2023-24 TCTF allocation for Center for Families, Children and the Courts Sargent Shriver Civil Council Program by \$3.567 million to fund additional grant allocations from existing program fund reserves, approved by the Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Laura Brown, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children and the Courts

Action: The TCBCAC unanimously voted to approve the recommendation to increase the 2023-24 TCTF allocation by \$3.567 million from existing Shriver program reserves to fund the Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee approved grants totaling \$15.832 million in 2023-24.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on November 2, 2023.