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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 22, 2018
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Lorna A. Alksne, Hon. Charles R. Brehmer, Hon. Kirk H. Nakamura, Hon. Lawrence P. Riff, Hon. Jennifer K. Rockwell, Hon. Garrett L. Wong, Ms. Sheri Carter, Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. James Kim, Mr. Michael Planet, Ms. Bonnie Sloan

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Joyce Hinrichs, Ms. Arlene D. Junior, Ms. Kim Turner

Others Present: Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Ms. Savet Hong, Ms. Khulan Erdenebaatar, Ms. Anna Maves, Ms. Charlene Depner, Mr. Don Will, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m., and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 19, 2018, Workload Assessment Advisory Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1 Proposed Methodology for Assembly Bill 1058

Review the final report of the joint subcommittee established to renew the funding methodology for the AB 1058 program.

Action:

Judge Alksne provided a brief background on the AB 1058 program while Ms. Anna Maves followed with a report on the funding methodology recommendations of the Joint AB 1058 Subcommittee. The committee unanimously supported the new recommendation to be adopted.

Item 2 Proposed Methodology for Assessing the Need for Court Reporters in Family Law per the 2018 Budget Act and In Civil Cases per Jameson v. Desta

Action:

Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin gave a presentation of the issue. The committee reviewed and approved the following two recommendations:

- 1. Starting with the 2019-20 workload estimates, approve applying the 1.25 to 1 ratio of court reporters to judicial officers needed in family law cases to quantify the workload estimate for court reporters in family law.*
- 2. Starting with 2019-20, approve a 1.25 to 1 ratio for court reporters in civil unlimited and probate cases, discounted by 50% to account for the smaller pool of eligible litigants, efficiencies realized through pooling, and efficiencies offset by the need to have reporters available in multiple locations simultaneously. Re-evaluate this workload model annually to see whether additional data can be used to increase the precision of the estimate.*

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEMS 1 – 2)

Info 1 WAAC Annual Agenda

Receive an overview of the 2018 annual agenda; discuss pending items that should be added to the 2019 plan; suggest any new items for the 2019 plan. The annual agenda must be approved by the committee in late 2018.

Action:

Ms. Rose-Goodwin provided a summary of the items completed in 2018 and items that have yet to be completed. Proposed 2019 projects were discussed and the committee was asked to provide input separately following the meeting on any additional agenda items for 2019.

Info 2 Report to the Legislature: 2018 Judicial Needs Assessment

The Judicial Council must report to the Legislature on or before November 1 of even-numbered years on the Need for New Judgeships in Superior Courts. The 2018 study will be reissued once the new judicial workload study caseweights have been finalized in the fall of 2019.

Action:

Ms. Khulan Erdenebaatar gave a presentation on the 2018 preliminary Judicial Needs Assessment. A new assessment will be run once the caseweights from the judicial workload study are updated. The report will be posted in compliance with the legislative mandate but will be caveated so that it's clear that a new assessment will be forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on enter date February 26, 2019.