

**CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE**  
**RURAL TASK FORCE COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Notes and Action Summary**  
Thursday, June 6, 2019 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Teleconference

**Committee Members**

Ugochi Anabere Nicholson  
Ilene Jacobs  
William Herbert Whitaker  
James Meeker

**Staff**

Doan Nguyen  
Christal Bundang

**Public**

Salena Copeland  
Lisa Pruitt

**I. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted and quorum was not established.

**II. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT**

**A. Call for Public Comment**

Lisa Pruitt introduced her UC Davis School of Law research assistants and described their current projects. Diana Flores-researching organizations that provide legal services in California; Amelia Evard-rural housing and disaster policy briefs; and Alison Corn-formatting policy briefs for State Bar and the new Self-Represented Litigant portal on the Judicial Council website.

**B. Report on recent California Commission on Access to Justice developments**

Selena Copeland reported that if CCAJ's budget request from the State's General Fund is approved, funding would begin July 1. Lisa Pruitt also shared that the next CCAJ meeting was moved to June 25 at the Disability Rights California.

**III. CONSENT**

**A. Approval of Action Summary from March 8, 2019 meeting**

Quorum was not established and this item was tabled to the next meeting.

**IV. BUSINESS**

**A. White Paper Working Group Update**

**i. Rural Attorney Shortages**

Lisa Pruitt and Zach Newman, LAAC staff member are addressing comments received on June 3 from State Bar Executive Staff and will present the final brief for approval at the next CCAJ meeting.

**ii. Disaster Legal Services in Rural Services Areas**

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**iii. Immigration in Rural Areas**

Selena Copeland and Zach Newman will work on this brief after the Rural Attorney Shortages and Disaster Legal Services in Rural Service Areas briefs are approved.

**iv. Housing Rural Homelessness and Housing Shortages**

Lisa Pruitt reported that this will be the third brief ready to submit for CCAJ review. Committee members were asked to help provide anecdotes and photos from legal aid partners to supplement the brief.

**v. Rural Technology**

Zach Newman is working to conform this brief to the other policy briefs.

**B. Schedule of Future Meeting**

Staff will send out a meeting invitation for July 26, 2019 at 12:00pm.

**V. ADJOURN**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.