

**California Commission on Access to Justice
Rural Task Force Committee Meeting
Friday, March 8, 2019
Notes and Action Summary**

Present

John Adkins
Salena Copeland
James Meeker
Hon. Ronald Robie
Herb Whitaker

Staff

Hellen Hong
Doan Nguyen
Tiffany Woon

Public

Zach Newman
Lisa Pruitt

I. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was not established.

II. Co-Chairs Report

- A. Call for Public Comment
- B. Oral Report

Lisa Pruitt recapped comments from the most recent Commission on Access to Justice meeting. Feedback from Catherine Blakemore highlighted the lack of pro bono perspective in the Disaster Legal services in Rural Services Areas paper. Salena will reach out to programs with disaster work for more information on pro bono services.

III. Business

- A. White Paper Working Group Update
 - i. Rural Attorney Shortages

Paper should be ready to be proposed for formal approval at the next Commission on Access to Justice meeting.

ii. Disaster Legal Services in Rural Services Areas

Paper needs more edits. Salena Copeland will send the most recent version to staff by 3/12. Staff will then circulate to the group for additional feedback. Staff will collect feedback and provide updated copy to Lisa Pruitt by 3/25.

iii. Immigration in Rural Areas

Salena Copeland reported that this paper is on hold and that California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation has offered to help with the paper and that staff will provide immigration data.

iv. Housing Rural Homelessness and Housing Shortages

Salena Copeland reported that Zach Newman has been working on this paper and drafts have been circulated within the smaller housing group but not the larger Rural Task Force.

v. Rural Technology

Staff reported that an initial draft will be forwarded to Salena Copeland at the end of the month for feedback.

B. Schedule of Future Meeting

Staff will send out a meeting invitation for Friday, May 3, 2019

IV. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.