

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

The State Bar of California – 180 Howard Street – San Francisco, CA 94105

Executive Committee Meeting Notes and Action Summary

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Committee

Judge Mark Juhas
Catherine Blakemore
Janis Hirohama
Judge Lisa Jaskol
Justice Ron Robie

Staff

Catherine Borgeson
Brady Dewar
Donna Hershkowitz
Elizabeth Hom

BOT Liaisons

Debbie Manning
Joanna Mendoza

Public

Salena Copeland
Jack London

I. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT

A. Call for Public Comment

Vice Chair Catherine Blakemore inquired if there was any member of the public wishing to make a public comment. No member of the public came forward.

B. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established.

II. CONSENT

A. Approval of Draft Notes and Action Summary for July 10, 2019 Meeting

The Committee unanimously approved (Jaskol moved, Robie seconded) the Notes and Action Summary for the July 10, 2019 meeting by roll call vote.

III. STATE BAR UPDATE

A. Report on State Bar Developments

Program Supervisor Elizabeth Hom reported that 64 applications were received for the \$15M formula tranche of the EAF Homelessness Prevention funds.. Staff anticipates that the RFP for the \$5M tranche will be released in September.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. CCAJ Transition from State Bar

i. Review and approve CCAJ Articles of Incorporation and ByLaws

Vice Chair Catherine Blakemore reported that the Bar Dues bill includes provisions by which CCAJ will receive funding for two years from the State Bar

Affinity and Insurance Program revenues. Catherine reported that there are continuing discussions regarding an ongoing relationship with the State Bar. Jack London presented the draft Articles of Incorporation and draft Bylaws, and there was discussion. The Committee approved by roll call vote (Robie, Hirohama seconded) the Articles of Incorporation for filing, and the Bylaws subject to correction of non-substantive errors.

B. 2019 Work Plan

i. Update on Rural Taskforce Policy Briefs

Staff reported that two policy briefs, “California’s Attorney Deserts: Access to Justice Implications of the Rural Lawyer Shortage” and “Disasters in Rural California: The Impact on Access to Justice” have been published to the State Bar website. LAAC Executive Director Salena Copeland encouraged the Committee to strategize press releases/communications around these types of papers in the future. The Rural Task Force anticipates completing the housing policy brief next, and plans three briefs on the following topics: technology, immigration, and transportation.

ii. Update on Successful Business Planning for the Modern Law Practice Guide (Colorado adaptation)

Staff reported that the Guide is being edited currently, and anticipated it would be ready for Commission review in October.

iii. Update on Justice Gap Study

Program Supervisor Catherine Borgeson reported on Justice Gap Survey. The NORC Household survey-closed on July 15 with 3,500 responses. The grantee intake census to determine turn away rates. The Justice Gap Study will also study whether the cost of level education exasperates the justice gap. The State Bar is partnering with LAAC to survey law students and conduct focus groups at law schools. There was a soft launch of the survey with LAAC targeting students interning at legal aid organizations or at firms with pro bono commitment. A broader law student survey will be released in September through the State Bar.

C. CCAJ Committee Updates

Staff has outreached to the Language Access Committee, Modest Means Committee, Pro Bono Coordinating Committee, Right to Counsel Committee, and Rural Task Force to schedule meetings in advance of the October 1 full Commission meeting.

V. ADJOURN

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.