



The State Bar of California

Draft Minutes

California Paraprofessional Program Working Group (CPPWG)

July 13, 2020

12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Time meeting commenced:	12:03 p.m.
Time meeting adjourned:	1:59 p.m.
Chair Pro Tem:	Hon. Erica Yew
Members Present at Roll Call:	Sharon Bashan, Julia Brynson, Julianne Fellmeth, Steven Fleischman, Stephen Hamilton, Amos Hartston, Dana McRae, Elizabeth Olvera, Carolyn Shining, Fariba Soroosh, Ira Spiro, Hon. Erica Yew
Members Absent:	Chris Iglesias (Chair)
Committee Coordinator:	Linda Katz

Open Session

I. Chair's Report

A. Introductory Comments

Ms. Linda Katz reported that Mr. Chris Iglesias, Chair, will not be in attendance during the July 13, 2020 meeting and requested that the members in attendance move to appoint a Chair Pro Tem.

RESOLVED, that Hon. Erica Yew will serve as Chair Pro Tem for the July 13, 2020 meeting of the California Paraprofessional Program Working Group (CPPWG).

Moved by Fleischman, seconded by Hamilton.

Ayes (11) – Approved by unanimous consent.

Motion carries.

B. Public Comment

Mina Sirkin: Ms. Sirkin, a certified specialist in estate planning, trust, and probate law, indicated that elder abuse should be included in estates/conservatorship and not as it currently is under family law. She also expressed concern regarding the inclusion of

clearing title under housing and argued that it should, instead, be included and considered under elder abuse.

End of Public Comment

II. Business

A. Revised Project Plan and Next Steps

Ms. Katz shared a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the CPPWG's key activities to date, including an overview of the review process for the "wobbler" practice areas, comprising Veterans, Collateral Criminal, Estates and Trust, General Civil, Health, Housing, and Income Maintenance, and the outcome and decisions made with respect to each of those areas. In the presentation, Ms. Katz also provided an outline of practice areas previously identified by the CPPWG for ongoing consideration. These practice areas include Family, Children & Custody, Name and Gender Change, Consumer Debt, and Employment law. The presentation also highlighted the overlap of subtopics within the practice areas. Ms. Katz shared a revised project plan reflecting the new milestones and due dates, as proposed at the CPPWG's June 30, 2020 meeting.

Following the presentation and deliberation, the members of the CPPWG concluded that, given the overlap of subtopics, it would be more constructive to merge and further consider interrelated practice areas jointly. It was also concluded that each combined practice area be reviewed and evaluated by a subcommittee comprised of two to eight committee members. The members of the CPPWG further concluded to proceed with a more in-depth evaluation ("deep dive") to finalize subtopics and select *specific* allowable tasks associated with the Health, Housing, and Criminal Collateral Criminal practice areas.

RESOLVED, that Employment and Income Maintenance Practice areas are combined and, thereafter, subtopics and tasks associated with each practice area be further considered jointly, with the goal of generating recommendations regarding inclusion or exclusion of subtopics under each practice area for review by the full CPPWG at its next meeting.

Moved by Hartston, seconded by Brynelson.

Ayes (12) – Approved by unanimous consent.

Motion carries.

RESOLVED, that Family, Children and Custody practice areas, including Guardianship, are combined and, thereafter, subtopics and task associated with each practice area be considered jointly, with the goal of generating recommendations regarding inclusion or exclusion of subtopics and tasks under each practice area for review by the full CPPWG at its next meeting.

Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Bashan.

Ayes (12) – Approved by unanimous consent.

Motion carries.

RESOLVED, that General Civil and Consumer Debt practice areas are combined and, thereafter, subtopics and tasks associated with each practice area be considered jointly, with the goal of generating recommendations regarding inclusions or exclusion of subtopics and tasks under each practice area for review by the full CPPWG at its next meeting.

Moved by Hartson, seconded by Brynelson.

Ayes (11) – Bashan, Brynelson, Fellmeth, Fleischman, Hamilton, Hartston, McRae, Olvera, Soroosh, Spiro, and Yew

Nays (1) – Shining

Motion carries.

In closing, Hon. Erica Yew opened the floor for discussion regarding the number and formation of subcommittees needed to consider each of the aforementioned practice areas and invited the members of the CPPWG to join the subcommittee(s) of interest. As a result, six subcommittees were formed, each tasked with evaluating their respective practice area(s) and submitting their recommendation to the full CPPWG for review and consideration by the committee's August 2020 meeting. With respect to the Collateral Criminal practice area, the newly formed two-member subcommittee also agreed to do a “deep-dive” facilitated discussion at the committee’s August 2020 meeting.

ADJOURN

