



The State Bar of California

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) Executive Committee Meeting Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Thursday, November 1, 2022
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The Executive Committee meeting commenced in open session at 1:04 p.m.
Time Meeting Adjourned: 2:44 p.m.
Chair: Christian Schreiber
Committee Coordinator: Doan Nguyen
Members Present: Amin Al-Sarraf, Erica Connolly, Christian Schreiber
Members Absent: None

OPEN SESSION

1. **Roll Call**

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Schreiber. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

2. **Call for Public Comment**

Chair Schreiber called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there was person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. There were no members of the public who wished to speak on any agenda item.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3.

3.1 Approval of Meeting Summary and Action Items from September 1, 2022, Meeting

3.2 Approval of Meeting Summary and Action Items from September 28, 2022, Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee approves all meeting summary and action item drafts as posted.

Moved by Connolly, seconded by Al-Sarraf.

Ayes – (3) Al-Sarraf, Connolly, Schreiber
Noes – (0)
Abstain – (0)
Absent – (0)

Minutes adopted.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4.

4.1 Review 2023 Legal Services Trust Fund Commission Meeting dates

Presenter: Doan Nguyen, Program Director, Office of Access & Inclusion

Discussion only.

Program Director Nguyen presented the proposed 2023 meeting dates for the LSTFC: March 24, June 23, August 11, November 10, and December 13; and the Executive Committee: March 7, May 30, July 18, October 24, and November 13.

There was discussion regarding the proposed meeting dates and potential conflicts. Due to the Veterans' Day holiday, the committee decided to move the meeting to Thursday, November 9.

Some committee members had concerns regarding various dates, and it was recommended that the proposed schedule be left open for adjustments through the year.

4.2 Update on Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Funding Opportunity

Presenter: Doan Nguyen, Program Director, Office of Access & Inclusion

Discussion only.

Director Nguyen provided an update on the CARE Court funding opportunity, which involves a civil court process that provides participants with clinically appropriate, community-based services and supports that are culturally and linguistically competent. The CARE Court plans ensure that participants receive a broad range of necessary services, including short-term stabilization medications, wellness and recovery supports, and connection to other social services such as housing. The LSTFC and staff will facilitate the implementation and planning of the legal aid component, There will be \$250,000 to

distribute to grantees as planning grants for the projects which will start in October 2023. This first cohort of grantees will include seven counties, representing approximately 25 percent of California's total population. The statute currently does not allow funding for administration of this program. Director Nguyen and Chair Schreiber will continue to participate in planning meetings with the Governor's Office and will provide further updates at the March commission meeting.

4.3 Update on 2023-2025 Consumer Debt Grants Application Review Process

Presenter: Danielle MacRae, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

Discussion only.

Senior Program Analyst Danielle MacRae presented the update on 2023-2025 Consumer Debt Grants application review process. Of the total 30 applications, all applicants indicated serving underserved communities and 25 indicated serving in rural communities. The total amount requested by applicants is \$21.4 million, and there is around \$14.25 million to distribute. Senior Program Analyst MacRae also explained that some organizations are facing difficulties complying with the statutory language related to supplantation of current services. There is no action item regarding this specific topic; however, the committee agreed to not have conflicting views regarding the current approach of some organizations in which some existing programs are funded with this new grant opportunities.

4.4 Preview of November 16, 2022, Legal Services Trust Fund Commission Meeting Agenda

Presenter: Doan Nguyen, Program Director, Office of Access & Inclusion

Discussion only.

Director Nguyen presented the proposed agenda for the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission meeting on November 16, 2022. The committee did not have any questions or concerns regarding the agenda. Chair Schreiber requested to add an item for the ongoing need of recruiting for commissioners. Doan suggested to add the topic to the Chair's Report.

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