



The State Bar of California

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) CARE Court Grants Committee Meeting Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Tuesday, August 1, 2023
9:00–11:00 a.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The LSTFC CARE Court Grants Committee meeting commenced in open session at 9:00 a.m.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:17 a.m.

Chair: Christian Schreiber

Committee Coordinator: Christopher McConkey

Members Present: Catherine Blakemore, Efrain Escobedo, Eric Isken, Hon. Clifford Klein, Christian Schreiber

Members Absent: Venetta Campbell

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1. Call to Order

The LSTFC CARE Court Grants Committee was called to order by Chair Schreiber.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and quorum was established. Chair Schreiber asked if there was anyone who wished to make a public comment. Reverend Frank commented on a topic that was unrelated to any agenda item.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Open Session Minutes: June 27, 2023

Approval of June 27, 2023, Open Session Minutes

Moved by Isken, seconded by Blakemore.

Ayes – (5) Blakemore, Escobedo, Isken, Klein, Schreiber

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Campbell

Motion carried.

4. Discussion and Action Items

4.1 Recommend 2023–2024 Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Awards

Program Supervisor Christopher McConkey presented on the CARE Act. The CARE Act creates a new court program (CARE Court) where adults with severe mental health issues can access behavioral health care, stabilization medication, housing, and other community services. It also requires the LSTFC to fund qualified legal services projects (QLSPs) to represent respondents in CARE Act proceedings, matters related to CARE agreements, and CARE plans. In counties where QLSPs are unavailable to represent respondents, the LSTFC will administer funding to the public defender's office instead.

The State Bar received applications from three QLSPs. Two applied to serve San Francisco County only. One applied to serve Stanislaus County only but later withdrew its application. No support centers applied. Given the short timeline for review, the LSTFC authorized a commissioner-staff team to score applications in consultation with the Committee. The scoring team consisted of two Committee members and two State Bar staff members. The team arrived at a rounded, average score for each applicant:

Applicant	Score	Recommend	Amount
Scores of 56–80 (recommend for funding)			
Legal Assistance to the Elderly (LAE)	71	Yes	\$381,694
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco (JDC)	69	Yes	\$370,401

The scoring team recommended funding LAE and JDC at the full amounts they requested. Both applied to serve San Francisco County only. In assessing their requests, the scoring team considered the funding available to represent respondents there.

At this time, Chair Schreiber allowed another member of the public to comment. Claire Solot, Co-Founder of the Legal Services Funder's Network, commented on agenda item 4.1. Following discussion, the committee passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) CARE Court Grants Committee, acting on behalf of the LSTFC under its delegated authority, recommends the 2023–2024 CARE Court Grant recipients and amounts as described in State Bar staff's memo for agenda item 4.1, dated August 1, 2023.

Moved by Isken, seconded by Judge Klein.

Ayes – (5) Blakemore, Escobedo, Isken, Klein, Schreiber

Noes – (0)
Abstain – (0)
Absent – (1) Campbell

Motion carried.

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Schreiber adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURN