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MINUTES

October 25, 2018, 1:30 PM

State Treasurers' Board Room
1st Floor, Richard H. Austin Building
430 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48922

Commission Members Present:

Judge James M. Alexander, Judge Thomas Boyd, Judge Michelle Appel, Michael Bosanac, Eric R. DeLong, Todd A. Drysdale, Shauna Dunnings, Judge Beth Ann Gibson, Milton L. Mack, Richard Poling, Thomas C. Rombach, Shannon Schlegel, Valerie Ann Thornburg, and Patrick Williams

Commission Members Absent:

None.

I. Call to Order

Tom Boyd called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was corrected with the next meeting date. A motion was made by Richard Poling to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by Beth Gibson. The agenda was unanimously approved.

III. Public Comment

Members of the public were invited to address the Commission at this meeting, but no one commented.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Thomas Rombach to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 23, 2018, as presented. The motion was supported by Beth Gibson. The minutes were unanimously approved.

"If I had 20 days to solve a problem, I would take 19 days to define it." Albert Einstein

V. Welcome and Chair's Report

Chair Boyd introduced and welcomed Dr. Jessica Parks, Deputy Director of Trial Court Services within the State Court Administrative Office.

Chair Boyd discussed the Commission's current budget balance. He said that the contract change for Public Sector Consultants (PSC) has been fully executed, and additional expenses are expected to be comparatively minimal going forward.

Chair Boyd reminded the Commissioners of its two-year commitment, ending in September of 2019. He referred to the *People v. Cameron* case scheduled for arguments in the Michigan Supreme Court on November 19, 2018. He noted that Commissioners should be prepared for the outcome.

VI. Presentations

Dr. Jessica Parks provided a PowerPoint presentation that describes court structure and cost savings in addition to other useful information such as Mental Health Courts. The PowerPoint presentation is listed on the Web page of the State Court Administrative Office. Dr. Parks said that Mental Health Courts have existed in Michigan for nine years now. The courts employ the best qualified professionals and best widespread services in Michigan. Veteran Treatment Courts are fairly new in Michigan, and individual courts assist with that function.

Shauna Dunnings, Commissioner, and Court Administrator of the 30th Circuit Court in Ingham County spoke to the Commission about distribution of court revenues. She described six funds in the matrix. Chair Boyd also suggested revisiting the report that Ms. Dunnings distributed during the February 22, 2018 Commission meeting.

VII. Old Business

PSC Jim Durian and Scott Dzurka reported about continued work on the Roadmap and surveys they have conducted. They continue to implement quality control procedures to ensure high-quality data.

VIII. New Business

PSC Jim Durian and Scott Dzurka met with the Commission's two separate Workgroups this morning, Thursday, October 25, 2018 in two separate conference rooms. The Values and Principles Workgroup is chaired by Judge Beth Ann Gibson. The Data and Information Gathering Workgroup is chaired by Milt Mack.

PSC combined information gathered from both workgroup discussions and reported several commonalities between the two during the public meeting in the afternoon. PSC said that each workgroup produced 36 to 40 different ideas. After identifying the most important ideas, two new workgroups were formed: The Ethical, Logical and Sustainable Court Funding Workgroup chaired by Todd Drysdale, and The Transformative Model for Michigan Courts Workgroup chaired by Shannon Schlegel.