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Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee

Meeting Date:	December 14, 2020
Location:	Zoom Call
Chair:	Sr. Judge Kirsten Thompson
Vice Chair:	Sr. Judge Dan Harris (not in attendance)
Committee Attendance:	Hon. Xiomara Torres, Sue Gerhardt, Linda Odermott, Jon Dennis, Brian Cox, Robin Wright, Ralph Gzik, Eddie Sherman
Advisory Group:	Christine Costantino, Katherine Denning, Kendra Matthews, Nik Chourey, Danny Lang, Terry Wright, Walter Fonseca, Ryan Jennings, Jered Brown, Aubrey Baldwin, Crystal Sullivan, Channa Newell
Staff present:	Helen Hirschbiel, Susan Grabe, Kellie Baumann

ACTION ITEMS

Meeting notes for 11/9 meeting approved.
Meeting notes for 11/23 meeting approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Introductions:

- New group members introduced themselves and provided information about their backgrounds and interest in the topic.

Supreme Court Meeting Update:

- Judge Thompson and Helen Hirschbiel provided the committee with updates regarding the December 1st Supreme Court Meeting.
- Judge Thompson mentioned that the Supreme Court would like the committee to provide more frequent updates on the committee's progress and one at the end of January.

Workgroup Meetings:

- The three workgroups of the committee (the Entry Workgroup on Admission & Education, the Regulation Workgroup, and the Stakeholder Workgroup) met in Breakout Rooms to discuss their respective work plans.

Workgroup Update:

- Each workgroup gave an update to the full committee after their discussions in the breakout rooms.

Entry Workgroup on Admission & Education - Linda Odermott

- Brian Cox and Aurora Levinson are working on a first draft for the family law and landlord tenant education pieces. They expect to have a draft ready for the full committee by the next meeting
- The Workgroup would like to collaborate with the Regulation Workgroup on character and fitness requirements re UPL or those who have been convicted of felonies and released.
- Judge Thompson encouraged Workgroup members to use Microsoft Teams to share documents and information.

Regulation Workgroup - Robin Wright

The Regulation Workgroup discussed landlord tenant and scope issues. The Workgroup appreciated the participation of advisory members knowledgeable about that topic.

- The Regulation Workgroup would like to have one more two hour session scheduled on January 4th from 12:00pm – 2:00pm to continue their discussions.
- Robin Wright reported that the Regulation Workgroup needs another couple meetings before meeting jointly with the Entry Workgroup and suggested meeting on the 25th.

Stakeholder Workgroup - Eddie Sherman

- The workgroup is working to identify the stakeholder groups within the legal community and the broader community. The workgroup discussed how to craft a message to inform and engage the different audiences and bridge any misunderstanding. The workgroup message is struggling with how to help people understand the importance of access to justice.
- The workgroup will coordinate with the other workgroups and their timelines.

January Outreach:

- Judge Thompson informed the committee that the Supreme Court would like an update by the end of January.
- Judge Thompson also broached the subject of outreach to stakeholder groups in January as well as in legal publications and newsletters, including the OSB Bulletin.

Future meetings:

- January 4th will be a 2 hour Regulation Workgroup meeting.
- January 11th will be a 2 hour Workgroup meeting.
- January 25th will be a 2 hour Workgroup meeting
- February 8th will be a 2 hour full committee meeting.
- February 22nd will be a 2 hour full committee meeting.

- March 8th will be a 2 hour full committee meeting.
- March 22nd will be a 2 hour full committee meeting.
- April 5th will be a 2 hour full committee meeting.
- April 19th will be a 2 hour full committee meeting.

Next steps:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 4th and will be a Regulation Workgroup meeting.

The following meeting, scheduled for January 11th will be for the full committee to work in Workgroups.