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Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee

Meeting Date:	January 11, 2021
Location:	Zoom Call
Chair:	Sr. Judge Kirsten Thompson
Vice Chair:	Sr. Judge Dan Harris (not in attendance)
Committee Attendance:	Sue Gerhardt, Linda Odermott, Jon Dennis, Brian Cox, Robin Wright, Eddie Sherman
Advisory Group:	Katherine Denning, Kendra Matthews, Nik Chourey, Danny Lang, Terry Wright, Walter Fonseca, Ryan Jennings, Jason Specht, Jered Brown, Aubrey Baldwin, Crystal Sullivan, Jack Lundeen
Staff present:	Helen Hierschbiel, Susan Grabe, Kellie Baumann

ACTION ITEMS

Meeting notes for 12/14 approved with slight alteration – delete “entry” from admissions workgroup name.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Review Work plan and Timelines

- The committee discussed the draft work plan and timeline from the Admissions workgroup.
 - Phase I - Admissions Framework Draft – Deadline November 23, 2020
 - Phase II – First Draft Admissions and Education Guidelines – Deadline February 8, 2021
 - Phase III – Comment Period on First Draft of Admissions and Education Guidelines – March – May, 2021
 - Phase IV – Amend First Draft/Second Draft of Admissions and Education Guidelines – Deadline June 8, 2021
 - Phase V – Comment Period on Second Draft of Admissions and Education Guidelines – July – August, 2021
 - Phase VI – Amend Second Draft/Third and Final Draft of Admissions and Education Guidelines – September, 2021
 - Phase VII - Final Draft Report and Recommendation to the Oregon Supreme Court – Deadline October, 2021
- The committee discussed the Admissions Work Plan and timeline. Staff will modify it to reflect the work of the entire Implementation Committee.
- Eddie Sherman updated the committee on the progress of the Stakeholder Workgroup and the development of a framework for stakeholder engagement as well as an Engagement Tracker.

- Helen Hirschbiel informed the group that the bar has developed internal talking points around the paraprofessional licensing that we can share.
- Judge Thompson suggested that developing a FAQ list to answer questions that come up may be helpful.
- Danny Lang suggested that the stakeholder group include educational institutions on their list of stakeholders for outreach.
- Judge Thompson led a discussion about the pros and cons of the best platform to ensure Advisory members and others have access to the materials as the committee and workgroups move forward.

Decision points for the full implementation committee

- **Scope of Practice** – What can you do and what can't you do
 - Both the Admissions and Regulatory Workgroups used the Futures Task Force Report as a starting point for discussion re scope of practice.
 - Issues discussed included
 - Prohibited areas of practice in
 - Family law and juvenile law matters in particular what aspects of the practice would be included on the prohibition list.
 - Landlord tenant matters. There were no prohibited areas identified for that area
 - Specialty courts and other courts, including muni, justice of the peace and tribal courts.
 - Eddie Sherman mentioned that there is an upcoming tribal court jurisdiction conference coming up on the 25th – 28th of this month. Eddie will reach out to see if he can provide the group an update on the work of the committee at their conference.
- **Character and fitness, Minimum qualifications, Approved course work, Waiver of education requirement, Admissions requirement, and Other issues** –
 - Judge Thompson asked the Admission and Regulation Workgroups to work together and consider these issues.
 - The Admissions and Regulation workgroup will meet jointly during this meeting to discuss these issues.
- **Other issues not addressed** were tabled until later

Introduction of new advisory member Jack Lundeen.

- New advisory member Jack Lundeen introduced himself to the group.

Review proposed OSB Bar Act Bill

- The committee reviewed the language of the legislative concept. Susan Grabe explained that the language was intended to provide a broad-based framework to allow the bar greater flexibility in drafting a set of recommendations for the court to consider. The phrase “substantial legal education” can be defined by the committee to include the education and/or experience required.

- Whatever recommendations that come from this group will be the substance of what moves forward.
- Helen Hierschbiel let the committee know that their feedback is helpful and appreciated.

Workgroup Breakout Rooms:

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

Future meetings:

- 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 25th and will be for the full committee to work in Workgroups.