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Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee Admissions Workgroup Breakout Session

Meeting Date:	January 25, 2020
Location:	Zoom Call
Committee Chair:	Sr. Judge Kirsten Thompson (not in attendance of this workgroup's breakout session)
Committee Vice Chair:	Sr. Judge Dan Harris
Committee Attendance:	Linda Odermott (Workgroup Chair), Brian Cox, Aurora Levinson, Jon Dennis
Advisory Group:	Kendra Matthews, Joan Marie Michaelson, Walter Fonseca, Jason Specht, Crystal Sullivan

- Judge Harris asked for a discussion to review the Workgroups past discussions and current draft documents including: draft Framework V1, Draft Landlord/Tenant Approved Coursework V1, Draft Domestic Relations Approved Coursework V2.
 - Workgroup discussed calling the list of approved coursework items task statements or knowledge statements and once those lists were complete, to use those task statements to draft the learning outcomes for the paralegal courses.
 - Dr. Lake noted the need to include education on diversity, equity and inclusion in the paralegal programs in order to address the systemic disparities ingrained in the legal system. Ms. Odermott noted that the purpose of this program was to increase access to justice by addressing equity as part of those discussions. She also noted that many believe that these licensed paraprofessionals will be better educated and prepared in advance of obtaining the limited license, so it would make sense that they also lead the way in diversity, equity and inclusion training. Ms. Baldwin noted that PCC already includes this education as part of their core curriculum. Dr. Lake discussed studies which find that only taking one Access to Justice class reinforces an individual's prejudices and stereotypes; need more training than just one class. The Workgroup decided to amend the education guidelines to include these trainings in the required coursework; as well as the CLES for waivers of the minimum education requirements and renewals to a minimum of 3 hours every renewal cycle. Educator advisors stated they could incorporate these trainings into their courses without issue.
 - Began to review draft course requirements in detail, with focus on next meeting to spend the bulk of the time wordsmithing the Draft Framework in anticipation of the February 22nd deadline for a 1st draft for public comment and submission of Report to Oregon Supreme Court.
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