

MINUTES

Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee

Meeting Date:	May 3, 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, Ralph Gzik
Advisory Group:	Christine Costantino, Kendra Matthews, Danny Lang, Walter Fonseca, Ryan Jennings, Jason Specht, Madeleine Campbell, Aubrey Baldwin, Crystal Sullivan, Terry Wright, Joan Marie Michelsen
Staff present:	Helen Hirschbiel, Susan Grabe, Matt Shields

ACTION ITEMS

Meeting notes for 4/19 approved with changes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Introduction and Welcome

- Judge Thompson gave a brief update on a few issues. Judge Harris was unavailable for the meeting, but reported via email that he intended to call a Stakeholders workgroup meeting in the coming days. The Regulation workgroup reported that they intended to meet on 5/11, with the hope of finishing the first draft.
- Members broke out into the 3 workgroup for the bulk of the meeting, then returned for the final 10 minutes and provided brief reports to the full committee.

Admissions Workgroup Report

- Linda Odermott reported on the status of the Admissions Workgroup.
- Initial draft is already available.
- Much of their meeting was a discussion of what the next draft framework would look like, once comments from outside stakeholders are included.
- Discussion of public comment deadlines. These were initially hoped to be completed by June, but it is unclear if that timeframe is still realistic

Regulatory Workgroup Report

- Robin Wright reported on the status of the Regulatory Workgroup.
- Discussion of the possibility of having two tiers of licensed paraprofessionals. LPs could be initially licensed to provide a small menu of services, perhaps including helping to fill out

court forms. This level of licensure would require less practical experience. Senior LPs would then be able to provide additional services to consumers once they had additional experience.

- Discussion of the current thinking on protective orders. Question of whether LPs should engage with protective orders at all. Current recommendation is that initially this should not be permitted. Difficult, complex and politically sensitive area. Perhaps the program could be expanded to include this service later.
- Questions regarding need for both Regulatory and Admissions workgroups to take a look at the two tier licensing option.

Stakeholders Workgroup Report

- Jon Dennis reported on the status of the Stakeholders Workgroup
- They held a very short meeting that consisted mostly of Chris Costantino reporting on her presentation to the OSB Family Law Section. She reported that the presentation went well. Family Law had numerous questions about the program. They expressed some concerns about LPs being involved in family law matters when children were at issue. Cases with children may be high risk per se.
- As the chair mentioned, the stakeholders group plans to meet again to discuss outreach to outside groups.

Future Meetings and Tentative Agenda

- May 17, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- June 7, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Workgroup Breakout Sessions
- June 21, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- July 5, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Workgroup Breakout Sessions
- July 7, 2021 1:00 pm - Judge Thompson Report to the Supreme Court
- July 19, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting