# **MINUTES**

# **Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee**

Meeting Date: June 21, 2021 Location: Zoom Call

**Chair:** Sr. Judge Kirsten Thompson

Vice Chair: Sr. Judge Dan Harris

**Committee Attendance:** Sue Gerhardt, Jon Dennis, Ralph Gzik

Advisory Group: Aubrey Baldwin, Kendra Matthews Connie Green,

Christine Costantino, Judge Torres, Danny Lang, Walter Fonseca, Madeleine Campbell, Crystal Sullivan, Joan Marie Michelsen,

Jason Specht

**Staff present:** Susan Grabe, Matt Shields, Nik Chourey

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Meeting notes for 6/7 approved with changes.

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### Introduction and Welcome

• Judge Thompson gave a brief update on a few issues. She is looking forward to meeting with the chairs of the respective workgroups to begin work on the report to the Oregon Supreme Court.

### **Upcoming Report to Oregon Supreme Court**

- Discussion of the structure of the report. Introduction, snapshot of each of the three workgroups, and then information on business and licensure issues from the Oregon State Bar
- Discussion of the likelihood of feedback. It is important to provide some level of detail in order to invite feedback.
- Discussion of need to formalize some of the decision points that the committee has previously informally agreed to. For the purposes of the immediate report, perhaps present things as the current thinking/consensus of the group rather than a formal decision.
- Discussion of public records issues. Discussion of malpractice issues.
- Discussion of status of admissions workgroup. Maxine spoke about the meeting on 6/7.
- Discussion of status of regulation. Ralph discussed the status of the current draft for Judge Thompson's report.
- Dan Harris on status of stakeholder outreach. J. Thompson: Need to establish timelines for stakeholder feedback. Discussion of webpage. Difficulty in finding task force information.

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 Discussion of specific subject matter experience amounts. DH: Utah requires 500 hours in family law and 100 in L/T. Washington had no such requirement. If only way to get experience is working with a law, that is potentially a roadblock. Value of court observation. Helpful but limited. Current recommendation for Oregon may be 500 for FL and 250 for L/T.

- Discussion of DHS proceedings This may be outside of scope in Oregon. Court appoint attorneys may not deal with Dom Rel part of these proceedings. Issue is we don't want LPs in Juvenile court, but perhaps the Dom Rel should remain in scope.
- Discussion of contempt proceedings General consensus that LPs participation here needs to be very limited.
- Discussion of military divorces.
- Extended discussion of FAPA. May remain outside of scope initially.

# **Future Meetings and Tentative Agenda**

- July 7, 2021 1:00 pm Judge Thompson Report to the Supreme Court
- July 19, 2021 12:00pm 2:00pm Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- August 9, 2021 12:00pm 2:00pm Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- September 13, 2021 12:00pm 2:00pm Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- October 11, 2021–12:00pm 2:00pm Full Implementation Committee Meeting