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Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee

Meeting Date:	August 9, 2021
Location:	Zoom Call
Chair:	Sr. Judge Kirsten Thompson
Vice Chair:	Sr. Judge Dan Harris
Committee Attendance:	Sue Gerhardt, Linda Odermott, Jon Dennis, Brian Cox, Robin Wright, Maxine Tuan
Advisory Group:	Christine Costantino, Katherine Denning, Danny Lang, Megan Livermore, Crystal Sullivan, Harry Perez-Metallus, Dr. Connie Green, Michael Ritchey
Staff present:	Helen Hirschbiel, Susan Grabe, Kellie Baumann

ACTION ITEMS

6/21 Meeting Notes and 7/19 Meeting Notes approved

INFORMATION ITEMS

Introduction and Welcome

- Introduction and brief background of new members Megan Livermore, Michael Ritchey, and Dr. Connie Green.
- Judge Thompson let the Committee know that Ralph Gzik has stepped down from the committee due to being on paternity leave.

General Discussion – Supreme Court Progress Report

- Judge Thompson recommended that the Committee review the Progress Report sent to the Supreme Court, specifically the next steps on page 14 of the Report.

Updates from Workgroups

- Admissions Workgroup
 - Linda Odermott gave an overview of the main areas of focus for the Admissions Workgroup. These include:
 - Bundle proposal discussion with education advisors,
 - Form driven practice tiered approach for document preparers, and
 - Vastly experienced paraprofessionals.
 - Linda asked about a status update for connecting with court facilitators
 - Sue Gerhardt will email contact information to Linda
 - Judge Thompson mentioned that the court facilitator representative is not always able to attend our meetings.

- Helen Hirschbiel mentioned that reaching out to court facilitators is also being done by the Stakeholders Workgroup. Helen also discussed including the Board of Bar Examiners Task Force and their work in this committee recommendations and keeping their work on our radar.
- Regulatory Workgroup
 - Robin Wright gave an overview of the main areas of focus for the Regulation Workgroup. These include looking at:
 - Changes for landlord-tenant regulation rules,
 - Specific statutes that relate to landlord-tenant (including Chapter 90, Chapter 91, and Chapter 109),
 - Do we want to make a change to statutes (like attorney fee statute) that would have a blanket impact to regulation, or do we want to go through every time a specific issue (like attorney fees) is mentioned and make changes to each individual statute, and
 - The impact on precedent in introducing LP regulation.
 - Helen explained that if the Committee recommends changes to statutes, the Bar will reach out to someone in Legislative Counsel's Office that will do the actual drafting according to the Committee's recommendations.
- Stakeholders Workgroup
 - Judge Harris gave an overview of the main areas of focus for the Stakeholder Workgroup. These include looking at:
 - Looking for feedback on how to improve the One Pager based on the California feedback. The Committee discussed proposed changes to the document.

Next Steps

- The Committee discussed the name "Licensed Paraprofessionals" and discussed adding the word "legal" to the title to prevent confusion. The Committee decided that they will ask the public for name suggestions when soliciting feedback.
- The Committee discussed How to Measure Success, including how to reduce the justice gap, how to reduce the number of self-represented litigants, and how to offer lower cost services as compared to lawyers.

Future Meetings and Tentative Agenda

- September 13, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- October 11, 2021– 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting