

MINUTES

Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee

Meeting Date:	December 20, 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, David Hayes
Advisory Group:	Danny Lang, Joan Marie Michelsen, Jason Specht, Megan Livermore, Aubrey Baldwin, Crystal Sullivan, Michael Ritchey, Glen Miller, Lori McCauley
Staff present:	Helen Hirschbiel, Susan Grabe, Matt Shields, Kellie Baumann

ACTION ITEMS

Insert any action items here.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Introduction and Welcome

- Judge Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Update on November BOG Meeting and December Supreme Court Meeting

- Judge Thompson gave a brief overview of the PLIC discussion at the November Board of Governor's Meeting and the PLIC presentation at the December Supreme Court Meeting. The Supreme Court would like to be informed on the comments that we have received thus far and any additional comments that we receive. They would also like to know what our outreach activities have been and who we have reached out to. We hope to receive formal feedback and questions from members of the Supreme Court by the end of January.
- The Committee will present either an updated report and/or an addendum that will help answer questions and feedback that we have received to the Board again at their February meeting. We will also provide the updated report to the Supreme Court.
- The Committee has reached out to Legislative Counsel's office to solicit their feedback on the best course of action to implement statutory changes regarding Paraprofessionals.
- The Committee discussed the various interviews, presentations, and discussions that they were having regarding the Committee's work through the media and various other organizations. Judge Thompson asked the Committee members to report back to the Committee regarding any feedback that they receive so that we can incorporate it into our final report.

Develop a plan for response to and incorporation of feedback into the report

- Judge Thompson suggested creating an Executive Summary into the beginning of our report

to address recurring themes in the questions and feedback that we have received.

- Megan Livermore let the Committee know that the PLF is creating a list of questions for the Committee regarding potentially covering Paraprofessionals and will provide that as soon as it is completed.
- Helen Hirschbiel discussed the feedback that we have received from the Board of Bar Examiners and the discussion of the admissions process.
- Helen Hirschbiel told the Committee that Mark Turner is working on drafting a new set of Rules of Professional Conduct for Paraprofessionals. Helen would like the Committee to look at the draft and provide feedback to ensure that the drafting accurately reflects the Committee's recommendations. Judge Thompson would love if the draft could be available in time for our next meeting sometime in January.
- The Committee discussed the economic issues involved seeking licensure as a Paraprofessional. Linda Odermott suggested creating an optional salary survey to send to practicing Paraprofessionals in other states (like Washington and Utah) to solicit real world examples of the costs involved in being a licensed Paraprofessional.

Next Steps

- The Committee discussed the idea of making an interview format addendum to our report to address feedback.
- The Committee discussed creating an addendum that includes the summary of public input that has been provided and the full list of public comments.
- The Committee also discussed creating a revised full Committee report to implement any updates that the Committee decides on to address concerns that have been raised.

Approval of Past Minutes

- 11/8 Meeting Notes approved.
- 11/10 Meeting Notes approved.

Future Meetings

- January 10, 2022 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm
- January 31, 2022 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm
- February 7, 2022 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm